ADVICE TO YOUNG MEN.

"BUSINESS IS NOT BY ANY MEANS THE CHIEF AIM IN LIFE.

The Youth Is Under No Obligation to Imitate Others or to Be an Echo to Fashion—Respect the Sanctity of the Soul and Beware of Impudence Friends.

Here are some extracts of William Warren's address before the Boston Lowell academy:

What will you do with your lives? We, who are older, who have lived longer and learned further, are usually easily enough with our counsel; but is it your ideal that must lead you now, and not the advice of others. Honor and truth we take for granted. "I would be virtuous," said an old philosopher, "merely for the sake of virtue, just as I would be upon horseback, though no one were to see me."

The book of commonplace precepts need not be opened here. Yet there is one word of counsel which now seems to me the most vital. Some one, I forget who, has said that the three words, "I see," indifferently, and turned again to the paper he had been perusing. The girl let her lips go and looked down at the gold band upon her unplowed hand.

At the next station I left the train and visited the store where Willie had bought the ring. One of the salesmen said, in answer to a question, "There isn't as much sentiment in the business as people suppose. It was time this happy couple arrive here they have gone beyond the blushing stage of heart disease, and they buy the ring in the most matter of fact way. Sometimes the man and woman come together, but usually the gentleman comes alone to get the ring.

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"What size of ring is usually required?" I asked. "In this part of the city," replied the practical salesman, "from six and a quarter to seven are the usual sizes, but they run smaller up town on Broadway."

Upon the counter he then placed two trays containing wedding rings. Some of them appeared too large for any finger but that of a giant; yet it happens sometimes that those are not large enough for a would-be purchaser. It is customary among the Germans for both the man and woman to buy a ring and make a mutual gift on the wedding day.

The price of a wedding ring on the Bowery ranges from eight to twenty-five dollars, the average being two or three dollars. In style, the old fashioned plain round circle is generally preferred, because it is as emasculate in the design as in the decaying man, and the sentimental fellow who would wear twin circlets for fear of its being spoiled.

When asked how long it usually took to purchase a wedding ring, the salesman laughed and answered that in his fourteen years' experience it had never taken a couple longer than half an hour to make a selection. Sometimes a gentleman orders a ring made that is too heavy for the slender finger that is to wear it, and then he comes back and we take off some of the gold. Frequently, too, people bring in rings to be melted and made over, but this we refuse to do."

"Why?" I asked. "Because we cannot possibly tell if we put back the same gold that they brought us," he answered. "Of course we send the scraps to be made new in the workman, but it is thrown into the same crucible as all the other gold, and who knows after that which was 'genuine' or the 'baby's spoon,' not so, exactly."—New York Advertiser.

Pregnant Wood.

Few of our native trees have odoriferous wood like the sandal wood of the islands in the Indian ocean; but a few of the conifers on the Pacific slope have sweet scented woods. The fine church at Mendocino, built by the civilized Indians of Alaska, is so fragrant as it increases with age that it is a delight to be near it. The wood of the great arbor vitae (Thuja gigantea) of which it is built. Libocedrus decurrens, found farther south, is known as "incense cedar" from its fragrance. The yellow cypress (Cupressus nootkatensis) and the Monterey cypress (Cupressus macrocarpa) have also scented woods. In the Atlantic states red cedar and arbor vitae have scented wood.—Merriam's Monthly.

Different Sizes of Feet.

"Did you ask what would be considered a small foot?" said a pretty shop girl in a big establishment, as, kneeling on her knee, she deftly fitted on a pair of india rubbers. "Well, I should call No. 3 a small size, and 3½ often. The average is about 3½ to large, although I have seen very nice looking feet that were 7's. I have one customer who is a very small number who wears 1's. Quite a contrast, isn't it? The smallest foot on a grown person I ever saw belongs to one of our customers; she wears 10's, child's size, but it isn't pretty a bit; it looks so tottering."—New York Tribune.

Cheaper in the End.

Boston—So you are not going to housekeeping when you get married?

Jo Bernier—No. We shall take board for a year.

"Isn't that rather an extravagant way to begin?"

"Not at all. I desire my wife to study economy of my liability. Then we will start housekeeping, and I will make her an allowance of as much a week as we paid for board."

"What do you think will be the result?"

"Well, by the time we are old enough to have about a million."—New York Weekly.

Covering Not His Aim.

Blue—You spoil all your time with that checker girl. Why did you those cards so scarcely, you when I told you I could never make you income.

Gee—Well, I knew I could undertake that job myself.—New York Epoch.

BUYING WEDDING RINGS.

Most Year's People Are Very Matter of Fact When Choosing the Band.

Just think of it! Our jewelry stores on the Bowery claim to sell over 400 wedding rings a year. And yet we hear the cry that "men are not marrying." If one out of the many items that supply these golden fetters of matrimony can dispose of such a number within a year, what must the sale amount to when all those that are supplied by other firms are added?

Surely somebody's getting married.

Down on the Bowery, near Grand street, there hangs a golden hoop large enough to marry all the brides on that side of town. It is hung above a jewelry store, and can be seen as well from the elevated road as from the sidewalk. It was from the window of a down train that I first caught sight of it. A young country looking couple that sat near by also noticed the glad emblem of wedlock, and I heard the girl whisper, "Oh, Willie, there's where we go to-day." But Willie didn't look until the car had passed, the more than he raised his eyebrows a little and said, "I see," indifferently, and turned again to the paper he had been perusing. The girl let her lips go and looked down at the gold band upon her unplowed hand.

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HOMEMADE CANDY.

One May Be Sure of Getting Delicious and Perfectly Healthful Sweets.

Where one has time enough and the utensils, one may generally make a successful candy, one has experience the main difficulty in the way of making French candies is lessen. It is not difficult to always have good candy if one is careful to follow rules. Use a new marble mortarpan, if you do not possess a regular sugar boiler of copper lined with tin, for these expensive utensils are the better cup is serves the purpose just as well.

Put two pounds of sugar and two cups of boiling water in the saucepan with a scrap of cream of tartar the size of half a pea. Stir it till it dissolves and then let it alone, but watch it. Let it boil two minutes after it begins to look like it. To do this till we a drop spoon, without dissolving the sugar, stick the tip of a spoon and dip it into a cup of ice water. If it dissolves in the water the sugar has not boiled enough. If it stays in the bottom it has boiled enough. It is wise to the bottom of the pan and you can feel if it is sticky or not. If it seems to stick to the fingers, it is not quite done. When it is just right remove it from the fire and allow it to become cool enough so that you can bear your finger in it. When this is cool, add a little more until it forms a paste which resembles lard.

Work it with your hands and set it away till it is cool it, or rub it as soon, as you can manage it. Form it into balls or sticks or anything you like and set it away for another hour and set in a pan of boiling water to melt. If you wish to make cream wafers, have grossed paper ready, take a small piece and roll it between your fingers and then place it on a smooth board till it becomes cool enough so that you can bear your finger in it. When this is cool, roll it out to a sheet until it forms a paste which resembles lard.

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