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## A LESSON FROM THE MACHINE SHOP.

In order to do the most rapid work in the operation of machine tools and still maintain accuracy, it is necessary first to rough out the work to a very close approximation of the required size and shape, and then finish on another machine, or, if it must be finished on the same machine more delicate tools must be substituted.

A similar principle is involved in the process of education. Two pieces of raw material may have nearly the same physical properties as far as outward appearance is concerned and the chemical combination of their elements may be approximately alike. They may respond fairly well to the same treatment in bringing them to the finished product. In the final test, however, one piece is found to be far superior in strength and ability to perform its function in the world's work. Refining by proper heat treatment in the one case produced a far superior article. Just so in the making of a man or a woman. Educational advantages are alike to all. The roughing-out process for different individuals is essentially the same; even the finishing process may be done in like manner for all, and yet hidden within the fibre of every human being are qualities of character which if neglected or misused result in an inferior product; but if given refinement produce within the individual that unseen but vital something which is called strength and enables him to perform with

apparent ease his part in the world's work and make it possible for him to stand against all the forces which thrust and pull and strain to overthrow his usefulness.  
O. I. Heald.

## ASSEMBLY TODAY.

The assembly today was in keeping with the day, Memorial Day. Miss Chase presided at the meeting, and after the announcements, she named two patriotic songs to sing. Miss Truelove then read the "Blue and the Grey." Mayor Ray then gave some reminiscences of the battle of Gettysburg. He closed by reading Lincoln's Gettysburg address.

Don't forget that big baseball game that is to be played on Poly's field next Saturday between Arroyo Grande and Poly. Everybody be there with a good healthy yell for the boys.

PEOPLE ARE GLAD TO HEAR that the operetta, The Wild Road, is to be repeated. It will be given next Thursday on the girls' athletic field.

One of the largest club meetings ever held at Poly was that of the M. Clubs of Paso Robles. The members were guests of the members of our Pig Contest Club. The boys were treated well and they enjoyed the day thoroughly.

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THE THREE MOST IMPORTANT THINGS  
IN A MAN'S LIFE  
SOLVED WHILE AT HIGH SCHOOL AGE.

Choosing a life-mate, a religion, and a vocation are the greatest problems in a man's life, and mean to him either happiness or the reverse.

The high school age, with few exceptions, is considered the most critical period in which boys and girls are instructed, between the ages of fourteen and twenty, when their actions spell either failure or success to their future life. It is in this age that minds can easily be molded in the best directions. It is considered the critical age beyond everything else and, fundamentally this is the good of the high schools. The first choice to my mind, that of choosing a life mate, comes to a man's life usually after he has completed his schooling and it is largely his physical and mental character which has been developed in the high school that leads him to his choice. Because of the many slips between the cup and the lip, as my friend Mr. ... Scarlett can testify, I will not take upon myself the task of the impossible and will leave you with your own

ideas as to love and the rules governing your choice.

The second choice, that of choosing a religion, may enter a person's life at almost any time. Most people, it is true, do not choose a religion. They are brought up in an atmosphere of a certain denomination, which their parents or grandparents have chosen. It has become a part of their lives, and until the age of sixteen or seventeen they blindly follow the lead of their parents in religious choice. It is usually at this age that their lives change more or less and they seek new truths.

Rarely if ever does the church offer them. If the church he is accustomed to attend seems lacking in completeness, who is a better judge of this than the individual? Should he continue to attend this church, or any church, and give his spiritual self to beliefs contrary to his own? Most assuredly not, and at this time he is faced with the problem of choosing a religion, good or bad, probably the greatest problem in his life.

The last of the three choices, selecting a vocation, occurs, in most instances, during the years of schooling in which you and I are now engaged. It is the unrelenting, difficult problem met at this time, and probably most of the failures are due to unwise selection. A prominent man lately said, "Men are not failures, they are misfits." To solve this question more easily, courses on vocational guidance have been established in some schools. How much good these courses have done cannot be estimated. For some, it has been the means of finding a vocation. For others, more fickle, perhaps it has, to all appearances, been of small value. This is to be expected as it is so with nearly everything. Be this as it may, the high schools have been the medium of placing students in their life-work which is one of the greatest decisions to be reached. It should not be treated lightly. Too much thought and consideration cannot be given

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JOSH DEPARTMENT.

Lawyer: "Judge, I plead for the dismissal of the defendant. He's deaf."

Judge: "Not granted. He'll have his hearing in the morning."

Visitor: "I suppose, Willie, that you can spell all the short words." Willie (who hears much talk about motor cars): "Yes, I can spell words of four cylinders."

Stude: "I'm all right, but I can't get my breath."

Prude: "Well, I must say, you're extremely lucky."

Dolch: "Don't you think my mustache is becoming?"

Mabel: "I think it will becoming a long time."

Willett: "Is it possible to love two girls at the same time?"

Brown: "Not if they know it."

In a New York public institution attended by many races, during an examination in history the teacher asked a little chap who discovered America. The boy was evidently terrified and hesitated, much to the teacher's surprise, to make any reply.

"Oh, please, ma'am," he finally stammered, "ask me something else."

"Something else, Jimmy? Why should I do that?"

"The fellers was a talkin' about it yesterday," replied Jimmy. Pat McGee said it was discovered by an Irish Saint. Olaf he said it was by a sailor from Norway, and Giovanni said it was Columbus; an' if you'd a seen what happened you wouldn't ask a little feller like me."

WANTED TO KNOW: If the Josh Editor approves of debates?"

LEARNING LAST.

You have heard perhaps, of the Englishman in the South Station, Boston who read over a door, "INSIDE BAGGAGE," and chuckled with glee, saying—"You Americans are so droll. Now we should say, "Refreshment Room."

TRUE IN CALIFORNIA.

Press Agent: "That was a good long talk our lecturer made on the agricultural situation, wasn't it?"

Farmer: "Oh, ay, it wasn't bad; but a couple o' nights' good rain 'ud 'a' done a sight more good."

HIGH COST OF LIVING.

Adam gave one rib and got a wife. Robert Kirton, back from the French trenches, lost seven ribs and then married his Red Cross nurse. This shows the increased cost of living.

NO JOKE.

M. M. Jensen: "Brevity is the soul of wit."

Hodges: "Maybe, but I never feel very witty when I'm short."

ALL CIRCLES ARE.

Ellen: "Those two girls used to be bosom friends, and now they scarcely speak."

Helene: "What's his name?"

What three words are used most by Poly?

"I don't know."

PROMPT.

Mabel R. "Oh, I wish the Lord  
had made me a man."  
Rodriguez: "He did, I'm the man."

Scotty: "Think about it. I call  
it really every day - only we call  
it h. sh."

JUST IN TIME.

Plaintiff's Lawyer: "I rest the case."  
Defendant's Lawyer: "You ought to;  
it's pretty weak."

Juvenile Logic.  
Helene: (After the Operetta.) "Well,  
" dear, would you like to be able  
to sing and play as I do?"

Little Neighbor: "No, ma'am." (Came  
unexpectedly.)

Helene: "And why not?"

Little Neighbor: "'Cause I wouldn't  
like to have people say such mean  
things about me."

WAR SPIRIT EXPLAINED.

Taber (in Los Angeles): "Look  
here, my friend, what on earth are  
you waiting-for?"

Herr: "I'm waiting for a car."

Taber: "But at least five have just  
gone by."

Herr: "Yes, but not the one with  
the pretty conductor."

Miss Hill (In distress to help the  
Josh Editor) "Some one tell me a  
good joke."

Mabel W.: "Do you want a sad joke  
or a funny one?"

Bett: "Did you ever think much  
about reincarnation, Stewart?"

Scotty: "Gosh, this insomnia's  
getting worse. Can't even sleep  
when it's time to get up."

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