JIMMY’S DAILY TALK

After Examination

Jimmy: (coming out of the classroom, his face expressing relief) Where! I’m surely thankful that’s over now.

Wang: So am I. How do you think you have fared in the exam?

Jimmy: I just couldn’t say. I know I examined until the wee hours last night, but, as my Mother always tells me, “it’s mighty poor preparation.”

Wang: But, if you just pass them you are still fortunate.

Jimmy: Don’t tell me that! Mother says anything can “just pass them”!

(Writhing his head and looking perplexed) Wellington is the capital of Australia, isn’t it?

Wang: Regret your lump of intelligence is certainly missing. That’s the capital of New Zealand. (He laughs derisively.)

Jimmy: (Completely) What is the capital there?

Wang: Canberra. But Sidney is the biggest city in Australia, some day I’ll visit that part of the world. New Zealand is noted for its great beauty of landscape.

Jimmy: Why don’t you go South, why don’t you go South, why don’t you go South? (waving his hand and calling loudly) Come here, Ah-Liu, why the big grief?

Ah-Liu: (laughing with real zeal) Eddie says Newfoundland is located opposite Korea, ha! ha! ha! that’s a big laugh.

Wang: Why do you say that’s wrong?... if you pierce through the globe you’ll find that’s the absolute truth! (All of them grinned).

Ah-Liu: There’s the bell...... we are always in its power; let’s go!

Jimmy: Just a sec! You’ll tell me something about your plan for summ- er vacation, Wang.

Wang: No time now, how about coming to your house next Thursday?

Jimmy: Fine! Be seeing you then. So long!

(And the three boys go back to their classrooms.)

IDIOMS

(17)

1. hold... at bay (having fought bitterly for nearly a year, he held his enemy at bay at last).

2. move heaven and earth to (he moved heaven and earth to rescue his sister out of the danger.)

3. give vent to (to give free vent to his anger.)

4. in the way of (he is not much in the way of studying diligently.)

5. cut one dead (now he is sick, he even cuts me dead in the street.)