An Essay of the Day

It's Never too Late to Live
By Dr. Brian Welbeck

Some of us are haunted by Thoreau's saying: "The mass of men lead lives of quiet desperation." (6)

We grind on through each day, weighed down by the fear of insecurity, the burden of responsibility. Above all, we chain ourselves to a job—any job—which will promise some measure of security in old age. In this craving for stability we rob ourselves of the spirit of adventure and of worthwhile living.

We have an image of our true personality that we may have a bag of gold, sold our soul for thirty pieces of silver. As Jim Tully said, "As we go through life, little bits of us get lost." Darwin lamented that his thirst for scientific knowledge killed the musical appreciation that had enriched his youth.

The world is so full of a number of things that the wise man knows how to afford to be happy as kings. And are we? And why do we have to say no? Because we have squandered the wealth of our nature, the rewarding enthusiasm.

How is this to be avoided? There are four fundamental rules which I have found have helped many.

Learning to Read Quickly

Courses in quick reading are now held at all colleges and universities in the United States. As political and business life becomes more and more crowded, the amount of paper work increases and has been felt for a long time that special training should be given to those who have to wade through reams of this material.

One of the main training methods is the use of a piece of apparatus called a tacitomus. This is a screen which slides down over the printed page at a set speed, so compelling the reader to keep pace with it. As the efficiency of the reader in "digressing" his instructor improves the speed of the screen is increased to as much as 1800 words a minute.

Triple Play

One word can have three different meanings, as illustrated in the groups below. For instance, CROWN has these three meanings: in cross roads, cross to bear, don’t cross.

(Assortments in this page)

1. the shoemaker’s l— came in l—; will l— forever.
2. don’t l— on l— up; go to l—.
3. f— the letters; mail f—; single f—.
4. shook g—; passing g—; make the g—.
5. money o—; standing o—.
6. pay a f—; feeling f— point.
7. — word; — out; go on l—.
8. back a—, high; — make a s— of something.
9. helping l—, on the other h—; h— down.
10. p— of cheese; p— together; play a p—.
11. — book l—; asleep; sleep as l—.
12. p— of view; come in the p—.
13. h— of matter; h— beets; learn by h—.
14. g—; slope; g— high; g— manner.
15. the hill g—; at the f— of the hill.
16. d— of landing; h— wiger; d— as a rock.
17. h— of mind; h— escape; h— road.
18. h—; day; h— fire.

A friend of mine who, since he retired at sixty-five, has become a book-seller.

Building yourself a happy old age is of paramount importance. Otherwise you will become an embittered old soul, hating your years, jealous of youth, and depriving your mental and physical pleasures. Use the privilege years to sound off your life.

(Slightly abridged)

One Summer Night

Looking at the summer clock, hands to the west, I can still count on not sleeping. The great heat, which the sun sends down during the day, does not seem to cool down though I winnow my fan hand, and beds of perspiration run out from my shoulders, back, arms, and all parts of my body and we pyramids.

It is not so hot but sitting in an armchair before the window. Overlooking the quiet street under me I feel a sort of sense of coolness. Over the surface of the trees, street-lamps, farther are two lines of brilliant street-lamps like a wrist of diamonds. Lifting my head I gaze at the sparkling stars hanging on the dark sky and the diary Milky Way which crosses heaven. The great boat seems to have all gone; lying comfortably in the armchair, my eyelids grow heavy and heavier and eventually I fall into deep slumber.

Dureers Boys' School Recital.

Comments by James Lai

由於詩歌的規律，使得我有意想不到的新聞感動，每當我讀詩時，就能感受到詩的深邃

由此我想到，自然語言並沒有一些內容

它們無法真正呈現，就如同黑暗中的人們

所以我有更深的價值。

烴　第的深

3. NEVER BE AFRAID OF NEW ADVENTURES, AT ANY AGE.

You never know what you can do, it is a try. A woman I know was a housewife and mother when her husband was killed in an accident. She had no work to do to live on, and not enough to do to drive her loneliness. She began to read.

Soon, she had enough rejection letters to paper her living room. But gradually her articles were accepted, and today she is a newspaper columnist. If you sink a well into your mind, you know you can strike oil—and possibly a little gold as well.

4. DON'T DIE WHEN YOU BETTER.

Have a hobby which you are itching to work at, full time. Like

Dante in Rome

Dante has hundreds of statues, busts, and memorial plaques honouring great men of the past; but it has no monument to Dante (July) greatest of Italian poets.

The statues of Rome were shocked when this was pointed out recently, a monument has begun to raise a memorial.

A Young Man called on an old gentleman farmer to ask him about it, he had been staying there.

"How is your wife?" the man asked a friend he hadn't seen for years.

"She's in heaven," replied the friend.

"Oh, I'm sorry," he said, "but I realized that was not the thing to say, so I added: 'I mean, I'm glad.' And that was even worse. He finally came out with: 'Well, I see now.'"

No Gift

Paul's mother warned him that he could never gain anything if he did not fight hard for it.

One day, Paul came back from school with two black eyes.

"Who gave you two black eyes?" his father asked him.

"Who gave them to me?" cried Paul. "I had to fight hard for them!"

La Salle College M.S. Cha.