AN EXCITING MOMENT

There were many people on the wharf. Father and I were almost among them. I stood on the bow and stretched my neck looking at the harbor. White clouds were floating in the sky and the sea was calm. I could see the boundary between the two. About half past two, I saw some columns of smoke emerging from the water. Then I called aloud, "Father, look! That's the ship."

"Yes, but don't get excited," Father held my arm tightly.

"Seven years have passed," I thought. "Will mother's hair be more white? Does she wear spectacles? Is she as she was?" The whistle awakened me. A huge ship lay alongside the wharf. A lot of people were gathering. "Where is mother?" Father asked me, and said, "Look! That's mother." She was coming down the gangplank and waving her hand back and forth.

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The Meaning of "GET"

1. I go and get every week.
   Get = receive. I.e., I receive a letter every week.

2. I am going to get a newspaper. Get = buy. I.e., I am going out to buy a newspaper.

3. Go and get your hat and coat.
   Get = fetch. I.e., Go and fetch your hat and coat.

4. It is getting late.
   Get = become. I.e., It is becoming late.

5. What time did you get here?
   Get = arrive. I.e., What time did you arrive here?

6. I do not get your meaning.
   Get = understand. I.e., I do not understand your meaning.

7. Hurry up and get ready.
   Get = be prepared. I.e., Hurry up and be prepared.

8. Don't let this news spread.
   Get = spread. I.e., Don't let this news spread.

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Thinking of Mother

ON FRIENDSHIP

by Cicero

The right course is to choose a friend who is frank and sociable—thrift, and he is likely to be influenced by the same customs as yourself. Then there is no need to be envious when he has more than you.

Since happiness is our best and highest aim we must, if we would attain it, give our attention to virtue, without which we cannot obtain another friendship nor any other desirable thing. On the other hand, those who slight virtue and think that they have more, perceive their mistakes at last when some serious misfortune comes to put the two friends to the test. Virtue both creates the bond of friendship and preserves it. For virtue brings complete harmony, in her is presence, in her is felicity. And when she has raised her head and shown her own light, and recognized the same light in another, she makes toward it and in turn receives its beams, as a result the two enjoy lasting friendship.

We must desire the help of the man whose words are so charming that he seems wise. If true, above the words of others, we shall then be able to distinguish true wisdom from false, as true friends from false.

New friendships are not to be scorned if they offer hope of league or trust, like heavy loads of corn that do not disappoint us as heaviest taxes. Yet the old friendships must preserve their own place, for the lot of age and habit is very great.

The intimate relationship between friends and relatives should be seen as a support to us, the latter ought not to grieve that he is surpassed by the former in intellect, fortune or wealth. Even if you could bewitch another upon your own tastes, you yet must consider what it is to be able to save in life.

No one has ever thought of the person whom shall have and who will love us in return. If good will and affection are taken away, every joy is taken away.

Answers to "Do you know?"