

ALONG THE HIGHWAYS AND BYWAYS OF FINANCE

Strictly Human

The human side of the nation's business leaders sometimes crops out to reveal a basic philosophy and inner understanding of their characters not readily discernible in their day-to-day business life.

Take Cyrus S. Eaton, the noted Cleveland financier and industrialist, for example. Each year Mr. Eaton spends the month of August alone with his eight grandchildren at his summer residence, Deep Cove Farms, at Chester, Nova Scotia. The mothers and fathers are not allowed to accompany the youngsters, who range from 1½ to 11 years of age. And grandfather "takes over," supervising the play, feeding and summer education of the flock, seven of whom are boys.

The noted financier, whose battles in the business world are legend, finds relaxation in being just "grandpa" and in training and developing young minds. He takes the children on long walks along the shores of Nova Scotia where he was born; sails and swims with them in the Atlantic; visits the fishing villages and instructs them in the ways of woodcraft, animal husbandry, bird lore and the geological formations of the rocky coast.

The youngsters must report punctually for meals and all eat at one large dining table with Grandfather Eaton. They thrive on the routine which is established and revel in the story hour at the close of day when the 66-year-old banker tells them of his early days as a minister's son and teaches by story the elements of good citizenship and good Americanism.

It's a real vacation for him, he says—and what a "break" for the parents!

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