

The gifts enclosed represent a few ideas I wouldn't have understood at your age, but I expect your maturity level to have surpassed mine at eighteen.

Item #1 is a box of flies. Your father tied these for me about seventeen years ago. Since you were about one, I'm assuming this hobby was adopted to get out of diaper changing. Regardless, I have held onto these flies for all these years and, though I've been fly fishing many times during that span, I refused to let these touch the water. They were too meaningful to me, so I deprived them of their natural place in life. I'm sending these to you in the hopes that they'll fulfill their intended purpose. Whether you go to Harvey Mudd or Cal Poly, there will be plenty of opportunities to let these shoddily crafted folk art miniatures fly. They won't catch fish, but that is not the point. I am trusting you to let 'em loose. If you will not, please return them at your own expense so they can be safely stowed in The Vault of Meaning.

Item #2 also was extracted from The Vault of Meaning. I bought several of these Boker knives years ago in a hardware store in Tennessee. It's fun to visit this quaint little part of our country – the inhabitants are a simple people and easy to take advantage of. Knowing I was amongst half-wits, I asked if they had any knives besides those showcased. The clerk said there were some which had been behind the counter since the 50's, when the current owner bought the store. Not knowing their true value, I was able to acquire a dozen of these collector's items for well under \$1,500 each. I still feel a little guilty, but I've been told that the price of ignorance doesn't come cheap.

So I bestow this knife upon you. The "Prairie Schooner" represents exploration into new frontiers, an exploration you should embrace in your educational endeavors. The title, to me, represents disengagement from a fruitless drudgery, transitioning with conscious movement toward enlightened bounty. Follow the path your parents have only partially cleared. Take any number of the infinite trails which crisscross this way and are illuminated by the same virtue. And enjoy the wholesome fruit of your choosing along the way.

If you have any questions, please call ~~Integrity Home Inspections & Investigations, Inc. 714.942.2663~~

Sincerely,

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