William H. Vanderbilt

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William H. Vanderbilt, before his death, gave one of his boys a million dollars. His grandfather [Cornelius Vanderbilt] gave him a million, and now the young man starts in business with \$2 million. If he attends strictly to business, waters his stock, sands his sugar, etc., he may manage to make a living. If he should fail, however, his father can set him up again.

If a Locomotive Fireman could work 4,444 years, 300 days each year, at \$1.50 per day, he would be in a position to bet Mr. Vanderbilt \$2.50 that all men are born equal.