

Family Treasury.

IN AFFLICTION.

I cast my thoughts as fishes cast their lines In deep, deep seas, And where my bated sorrow sinks and shines, Catch mysteries.

SUNSHINY HUSBANDS.

We read so much about the obligation laid upon the wife to be a perpetual sunbeam in the house, that a word to husbands on this topic may not be amiss.

She knows better than anyone else the steps and the stitches, the same things done over and over, and the pettiness of the trials that come to nursery and kitchen.

MORE EARNESTNESS NEEDED.

We want more earnestness in the matter of Christian work. A brother comes into a prayer-meeting, and he stands up to speak a word for Christ.

appreciation of the great work to which she is called. She thinks it is a fine thing to be a Sabbath-school teacher.

METHODISM IN STOCKHOLM.

In his last letter from Sweden, Dr. Buckley says: "Many years ago our English Wesleyan brethren had a society in Stockholm, but it became extinct."

ONE BY ONE.

Though from the boughs to which they've long been clinging, The autumn leaves are dropping one by one.

THE ART OF SEEING.

In everyday life it is much more important to be an accurate observer than a mere book-learner.

He can give simple, interesting astronomical facts which might astonish a scientist, as well as trustworthy information on natural history and even botany.

of rain; and thousands of other simple facts which to a student of nature are most interesting.

Thus, one may possess everything in the way of scholarship, but if he or she have that alone, those who are unlearned by observing will often make them feel very small.

ITALIAN SCENERY.

There is an education needed for the appreciation of nature as well as of art. Many people scorn this notion, and as there undoubtedly are some with so fine an innate perception and discrimination of the beautiful that they instinctively recognize it, anybody may believe himself to be one of those chosen few.

TO CURE GOSSIP.

Adopt this rule: Let all who come to you with stories about mutual acquaintances, know that you intend, as soon as your duties allow, to wait upon the parties spoken of disparagingly and repeat just what was said, and who said it.

You will have to do this probably not more than three times. It will fly among your acquaintances on the wings of the gossips and persons who come to talk against other persons in your presence will begin to feel as if they were testifying under oath.

But you ask, "Will it not be mean to go off and detail conversation?" Not at all when your interlocutor understands that he must not talk against an absent person in your presence without expecting you to convey the words to the absent person and the name of the speaker.

Try our rule. We know it to be good. We use it. It is known in the church of which we are pastor that if any one speak to us disparagingly of an absent member we hold it our duty to go to that absent member immediately and report the conversation and the names; or, still better, to make the party disparaging face the party disparaged.

A WORD ABOUT DISINFECTANTS.

There are many kinds of disinfectants known, and sold to the public at varying prices, some valuable, others entirely worthless, as disinfectants.

who object to its use. It smells rather strongly, and many persons are thereby prevented from using it. It is better to breathe an unpleasant and pure atmosphere than a pleasant but unhealthy and dangerous one.

MARRYING FOR MONEY.

"Society is getting into a strange state," said a very observant middle-aged lady the other day. "It seems as if every one were fortune-hunting; at our best-known summer resorts. I have been away all summer, and have had abundant means of studying the young people. From my observations during the past few seasons, I have come to the conclusion that the idea that money is the only thing in life worth living for, is growing steadily year by year."

"Well, how is it with the fellows? They go fortune-hunting, too. Both have an idea that by marriage they must better their financial condition in the world, and the result is, as I stated, that fewer matches are made than formerly."

AS GOOD AS IF THEY WERE OLD.

Truth advertised for an original proverb. Many hundreds were sent in. Here are some of the best:

A white lie often makes a black story. It's a poor musician who can't blow his own trumpet.

He who would eat the egg must first break the shell. Every back has its pack.

The man who wishes to continue believing in his friends should never put them to the proof. Pens and ink out of reach avoid many a breach.

Look after your wife; never mind yourself, she'll look after you. The present is the child of the past and the parent of the future.

The want of money is the root of much evil. Egotism is an alphabet with one letter. If you'd know a man's character, follow him home.

Better a line of sense than a page of nonsense. Men love women, women love a man. The surest road to honor is to deserve it. Only whisper scandal, and its echo is heard by all.

It's not the clock with the loudest tick that goes the best. Signs are poor things to fly with. Home is the rainbow of life. Don't complain of the baker until you have tasted his bread.

They who live in a worry invite death to hurry. When girls grow fond the men abound.

POE'S LEGENDARY YEARS.

His story, stripped of its fabulous incidents, has turned out to be the common-place one of a runaway boy, who persistently rejected and at last forfeited the honest kindness of his friends.

twenty-five that has been so minutely examined in this paper; it is rather the sowing-time of a man of genius, whose harvest proved so black a growth that it is deemed hardly natural.

Our Young Folk.

THE FAITHFUL BOY WITNESS.

Some time after the beginning of the present century there was living in a country town in the north of Scotland, a pious couple who had an only son.

In the course of years, the boy's school-days were ended, and also his apprenticeship to a business life in the country town; and, as there was no prospect for him there, he went to England, to one of the great seaports, and by-and-bye he got a good position in a merchant's office.

But he was not long in this excellent place before he was put to the test in a very painful way with respect to lessons he had received about truth.

When the manager of the office got this message from the captain he was very angry. He thought he had sent instructions where to discharge the cargo, or he made himself believe he had sent them; at any rate, he sent for the little lad from the north and said to him, "Didn't I send you down to Capt. Smith with instructions to discharge his coals?"

"The little lad said, 'No, sir; I do not remember being sent down.' " "Oh, but I did," answered the manager. "You have forgotten." And there for a time, so far as the office is concerned, the matter was allowed to rest.

But the captain did not intend to let it rest there. He applied for his demurrage. And when that was refused, and his word that he had received no instructions was disbelieved, he took the master of the office to law. And, by-and-bye his complaint came before the judges in the court of law.

The day before the trial, the manager came to the little lad from the north and said to him, "Mind, I sent you to the dock with those instructions to discharge the coal."

"But, I assure you, I cannot remember you doing so," said the lad. "Oh, yes, but I did. You have forgotten."

It was a great trouble to the lad. He had never been sent to the dock. He could not say he had been sent; and he foresaw that he would have to say before the judges what would certainly offend the manager and lead to the loss of his excellent place.

On the morning of the trial he went to the court. The manager came up to him and said: "Now, our case depends on you. Remember, I sent you to the dock with the instructions to discharge the coal."

The poor boy tried once more to assure the manager that he was mistaken, but he would not listen.

"It is all right," he said hastily. "I sent you on such a day, and you have got to bear witness that I did—and see you say it clearly!"

In a little while he was called into the witness-box, and almost the first question put to him was whether he remembered the day when Capt. Smith's ship came in. And then this: "You remember during that day being sent by the manager of the office to the dock with a letter for the captain?"

"No, sir." "Were you sent by the manager of your office to the coal-ship on that day?" "I was not, sir."

"Nor next day?" "No." "Nor any other day?" "No."

The gentleman who put the questions was a barrister. He had been engaged by the manager to win the case for him. But, when he heard the little lad's reply, he saw that the manager was in the wrong; and he turned to the judge, and said: "My

lord, I give up this case. My instructions were that this witness would prove that a message to discharge had been sent to Capt. Smith, and it is plain no such proof is to be got from him."

So the case ended in the captain's favor, and against the office in which the little lad had found so excellent a place.

"He went to his lodgings with a sorrowful heart, and wrote to his father and mother that he was sure to be dismissed. Then he packed his trunk to be ready to go home next day; and in the morning, expecting nothing but his dismissal, he went early to the office. The first to come in after him was the master. He stopped for a moment at the little lad's desk, and said, 'We lost our case yesterday.'"

"Yes, sir," answered the lad; "and I am very sorry I had to say what I did."

By-and-bye, the manager came in; and after a little time, he was sent for to the master's room. It was a long while before he came out. Then the little lad was sent for. "I am going to be dismissed," he thought to himself. But he was not dismissed. The master said to him, naming him: "I was sorry yesterday, but not with you. You did right to speak the truth; and, to mark my approval of what you said, I am going to put you in charge of all the workings and sales of our Glenfardle mine."

Then he sent for the manager and told him what he had said, and added, "And the young man will make his reports direct to me."

In six months after, the manager left the office; and, young though he was, the little lad was appointed to his place. And, before as many years had passed, he was admitted as junior partner in the firm; and he is now at the head of the entire business—the managing partner.

In his case, truth was the best. But I want to say that, if things had turned out other than they did, and he had been dismissed, it would still have been the best for him to speak the truth.—Sunday Magazine

NEW YORK BOOTBLACKS.

The reporter of a New York paper was recently applied to for help by a bootblack, who said his box had been stolen, and after giving the little fellow a few cents he went to the superintendent of the boys' lodging house to inquire about him.

"A small boy is often robbed of his box and brushes," said the superintendent, "and when we know or believe him to be honest and industrious we start him afresh. But some of them will sell their kit to go to the theatre, or to see Jumbo, or anything else that's going, and then they'll try to beg money for a new kit. If you are ever asked again, tell the boy to bring you a note from me; if he deserves it, he'll get it." "How many of those who began as newsboys have succeeded in life?" "Hundreds. Why, the other day a man stopped me in the street and asked me if I recollected him. Of course I didn't, but he soon recalled himself to my mind. He had been under my care, and he told me he was now owner of a factory in Newark, employing two book-keepers and sixty workmen. Another man visited me lately who had been picked up wandering on the Bowery, and had been brought to the lodging-house. His parents were dead. He is now proprietor and editor of a paper in Warsaw, Ind. There are a dozen in this city who began life under our care, but some of them are ashamed to have it known. They ought to be proud of it. Many of the little bootblacks work for the big ones, who sit majestically on stools or in doorways looking on, and the big boy feeds the little one, giving him six cents for his lodging, and pockets the rest of the day's earnings. It's wonderful how faithful the little ones are, too. I suppose they're afraid of getting thrashed."—Youth's Companion

A REMARKABLE PROVIDENCE.

A poor woman who has been washing for us direct says: "Seems as if the Lord took very direct ways to reach people's feelings sometimes. Now, I was astonished once in my life. I lived away out west, on the prairie, me and my four children, and I couldn't get much work to do, and our little stock of provisions kept getting lower and lower. One night we sat hovering over our fire, and I was gloomy enough. There was about a pint of corn-meal in the house, and that was all. I said, 'Well, children, may be the Lord will provide something.' 'I do hope it will be a good mess of potatoes,' said cheery little Nell; 'seems to me I never was so hungry for taters before.' After they were asleep I lay there tossing over my hard bed, and wondering what I would do next. All at once the sweetest peace and rest came over me, and I sank into such a good sleep. Next morning I was planning that I would make the tinfal of meal into mush and fry it in a greasy fry-pan in which our last meat had been fried. As I opened the door to go down to the brook to wash, I saw something new. There on the bench, beside the door, stood two wooden pails and a sack. One pail was full of meat, the other full of potatoes, and the sack filled with flour. I brought my hands together in my joy, and just hurried for the children to come. Little dears! They didn't think of trousers and frocks then, but came out all of a flutter, like a flock of quails. Their joy was supreme. They knew the Lord had sent some of his angels with the sack and pails. Oh, it was such a precious gift! I washed the empty pails and put the empty sack in one of them, and at night I stood them on the bench where I found them, and the next morning they were gone. I tried and tried to find out who had befriended us, but I never could. The Lord never seemed so far off after that time," said the poor woman, looking down with tearful eyes.—Arthur's Magazine

You keep the Sabbath in imitation of God's rest. Do so by all manner of means, if you like, and keep also the rest of the week in imitation of God's work.

Our Sunday School Work.

Sunday, Dec. 7, 1884. INTERNATIONAL BIBLE LESSON.—10. DRUNKENNESS.—Prov. xxiii. 29-35. TEACHING HINTS.

Feasting and drunkenness are apt to go together, and Solomon, who had plenty of the former, probably had abundant opportunity to observe the latter. Quite possibly, his own personal experience may have instructed him; for any man who sought in his heart to give himself unto wine, would probably go too far, in spite of his determination to hold on to wisdom. But it needs no royal experience to show us the evils of intoxication. The school of bitter observation and experience is open to any scholar; and in our Sunday-schools there are few who have not tasted of the cup of woe filled by the demon of strong drink.

STRONG DRINK PRODUCES WASTE. WASTE WANTS IN TIME AND ETERNITY.

I. STRONG DRINK PRODUCES WASTE. (a) Time is wasted. Just in proportion to the mastery which liquor has over the man his time goes to waste. At the start he wastes his evenings over his beer or wine. Later on, the evening is not enough, and a part of the night is given over to indulgence. Until two or three o'clock he sits with his companions over the wine-cup, and is all that time gaining nothing of real value, either in body, mind or soul.

(b) Health is wasted. See the heavy drinker on the next day. Look at his eyes, study his gait, watch his hands. Is he healthy? Surely not. A partial paralysis has been the result of his excessive drinking; for drunkenness is paralysis of the brain, more or less complete. Let any man repeat this process often enough, and his health is irreparably ruined. Millions of money cannot then restore what he has wasted.

(c) Wealth is wasted. Drunkenness not merely prevents a man from earning money, but it actually makes him waste what he has. Many a man in moderate circumstances has drunk up the price of a comfortable little house for himself and family.

(d) Talent is wasted. How many really brilliant men use their talent, when given over to drink, in song and story and joke, which ought to have been put to better uses.

All these points can be developed at great length by any teacher, proving from his own experience that drunkenness wastes time and talent, health and wealth.

II. STRONG DRINK PRODUCES WANT. Waste is the mother of want. If, however, the want we speak of were felt only by the drinker, it might not be so great an evil. In that case, want might be to the drinker a grim school-master, teaching him what he will learn in no other way. But alas! the want created by intoxication attacks others. I have been in many homes where this is painfully proved. In one, there was a sober, industrious wife, very skillful at the needle, and a drunken husband. In spite of all her great industry, there was neither bed, nor chair, nor carpet in the room. A table and a stove, and an old trunk, were all the furniture there was. One day, in her despair, she took up the zinc from under the stove and cut it up, lest he should sell it for five cents, and get a pint of beer. She saved and he spent, and had she worked ten times as hard, he would only have spent ten times as fast.

III. STRONG DRINK PRODUCES WOE. Full grown want always has a daughter called woe. Woe is want, with mental pain added. See the drinker, when he tries to stem the tide of his appetite, and note the horror of soul that fills him as he realizes his lack of power. Look at him in his sober moments, when his loss of money and character stare him in the face, and the wants of his family drive him to despair. Or else turn and see the anguish of that mother whose son is making her want by his drinking habits, or of that wife whose husband is imbruing himself at the taverns. It is no exaggeration to say that half of the woe of this world is produced by the use of strong drink.

Is there, then, no escape from this curse? Certainly. No one need be bound by the fetters of this evil demon, unless he want to be. There is one absolute safeguard. In one word is found the preventive: "ABSTAIN."

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But the religious paper frequently touches and benefits many outside of the Church, who are not reached by the admonitions of the pulpit. The religious newspaper of to-day largely does the work that tracts did a generation ago. It might be used much more extensively as an evangelistic agency.

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We go to press too early to give any account of the convention and evangelistic services to be held in this city during the present week, under the direction of Mr. D. L. Moody, the renowned evangelist. The wonderful interest in this event, which has been shown by all classes in Toronto, as in other places, is a significant tribute to the deserved fame of Mr. Moody, whose life and work impressively teach all Christian workers very important lessons.

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Mr. Moody's remarkable history amply confirms the truth of Dr. Bushnell's declaration, in one of his sermons, that duty is not measured by our possessed ability; but by the ability we may acquire in doing the work.

We believe that Mr. Moody's visit to this city will be made a great blessing to the Churches; not so much as the result of the evangelistic services, as by the inspiration and instruction of ministers and other workers, with regard to personal effort, and the conduct of revival work.

DEATH OF BISHOP WILEY.

Bishop Wiley, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, died in Foochow, China, on Saturday, Nov. 22nd, whether he had gone on an episcopal tour, the scene of his early missionary labor, and where his first wife died and was buried.

bishop, and in 1877 he visited Japan and China and in the same city where he died he organized the China Conference. He held the office of bishop twelve years, during which, in the discharge of his official duties, he travelled 190,000 miles, and when death overtook him was on an episcopal tour to far-off Cathay.

THE SCOTT ACT.

It is with regret that we notice the defeat of the Scott Act in the County of Compton in the Province of Quebec. We see no cause for discouragement, however, because there are some failures. This we must be prepared to expect, because in some cases the local influence of the liquor traffic is too strong to be overcome.

Matters in England are settling down into a more quiet state. By bringing forward his Redistribution Bill, and incorporating some of Lord Salisbury's suggestions in it, Mr. Gladstone has secured the passage of his Franchise Bill in the Lords.

From several of our brethren we have heard encouraging reports of success in canvassing for new subscribers. But a large number, we regret to say, "give no sign."

Dr. Vale has reported to Judge Jette in favor of Mrs. Lynam's immediate discharge from the lunatic asylum; and it is said that the nuns will be sued for her wages for the time she has been in the asylum.

In our death column is an announcement of the death of the youngest sister of Revs. A. B. and A. C. Chambers. This family has suffered a succession of bereavements. One year ago the venerable mother passed away.

Book-Store's Notices.

IN PRESS. THE Methodist Annual for 1885. REV. JOHN McLEAN, B.A. A few advertisements will be inserted at the following rates:

General Superintendent's Engagements.

December 7th and 8th - Lakefield. 14th and 15th - Dundas. 21st and 22nd - Hamilton.

Sunderland.

Rev. A. Carman, D.D. (D.V.) preach morning and evening in Sunderland, on the 21st Dec., and lecture on the Monday following in the Methodist Church.

Trowbridge.

The Anniversary of the Trowbridge Methodist Church, D.V., will be December 7th and 8th. On the Sabbath, Rev. Geo. H. Corning of Windsor will preach 10:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Hope Tabernacle.

Latest Payments - Collections, \$188; Mrs. Mason \$15; Mrs. Heckert \$1; Rev. Dr. Carman \$5; Hon. John \$10; Dr. Hodge, Educational Department \$10; Total, \$235.95.

Toronto Conference Special Fund.

Table listing names and amounts contributed to the Toronto Conference Special Fund, including Ubriage, Stauffville, and Faceaugubene.

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BIRTHS.

On the 2nd inst., at 125 Deception Street, the wife of Amos J. Fady, bore a healthy male child, weighing 8 lbs. On Nov. the 26th, at 105 Carlton Street, wife of P. W. Ellis, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

On Friday, the 14th ult., at Wilfrid, Ont. Ann Jane, youngest daughter of Mr. John Chambers, Postmaster, and sister of Rev. A. C. Chambers of Kingston, also of Rev. A. C. Chambers, L.L.B., of Montreal.

DIED.

On Monday, the 24th ult., at her father's residence, Toronto, Ont., Mary Jane, youngest daughter of Adam Cook, Esq., at the house of Rev. W. T. Smith, of Toronto, Ont., aged 23 years.

Miscellaneous.

MARK TWAIN (SAMUEL L. CLEMENS), AND GEORGE W. CABLE (THE GREAT SOUTHERN WRITER). Will appear together and give READINGS FROM THEIR OWN WORKS.

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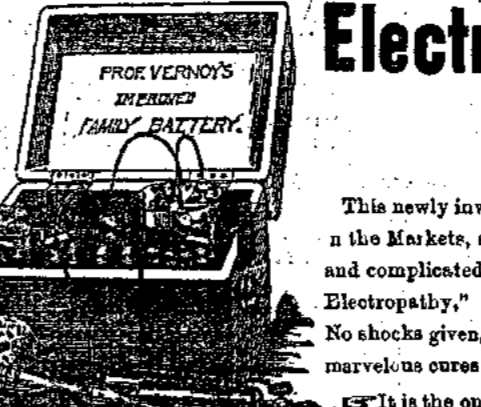
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Camp-meeting John Allen, stood by the polls at Farmington, Me., when a man, flushed with drink, flaunted a ticket inscribed "No," as to the temperance amendment, in his face, and cried, "That is my vote!"

A would-be saloon-keeper, failing to secure a petition of the citizens in a community authorizing him to open a "den of death," said he "wanted to move to a country where there is no preacher."

It don't pay. It don't pay to hang one citizen because another citizen sells him liquor.

It don't pay to give one citizen in the county-jail because another citizen sells him a liquor.

It don't pay to have one citizen in the lunatic asylum because another citizen sold him liquor.

It don't pay to have fifty working men ragged, to have one saloon-keeper dressed in broadcloth and flush with money.

It don't pay to have ten, smart, active, intelligent boys transformed into thieves to enable one man to lead an easy life by selling them liquor.

It don't pay to have fifty working men and their families live on bone soup and half rations, in order that one saloon-keeper may flourish on roast turkey and champagne.

It don't pay to have one thousand homes blasted, mined, defiled and turned into a hell of discord and misery, in order that one wholesale liquor-dealer may amass a large fortune.

It don't pay to give one man, for \$15 a quarter, a license to sell liquor, and then spend \$5,000 on a trial of another man for buying that liquor and committing murder under its influence.

THE END AND THE MEANS.

The temperance reform of to-day is in and of itself a mighty means for the accomplishment of a magnificent end; even this, as set forth in the Westminster Catechism, "The chief end of man is to glorify God and enjoy him forever."

What are these means? The instruction of our children; the incorporation into the educational system of the country of correct teaching concerning the nature of alcohol and its effects upon the human system; the popular education of the masses by the circulation of temperance literature touching the scientific, the social, the economic, moral and educational phases of the question; the tender ministries of Christian charity to the victims of the drink habit and those suffering through them; direct appeals to the consciences of men, from consideration of moral responsibility; and the legal prohibition of the liquor traffic.

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"In this case coals of fire would be better. Try the coals first, William, try the coals first."

Farmer Dawson made no reply, but finished his breakfast and walked out of the house with the decided step of one who has made up his mind, and something is going to be done.

His wife sighed as she bent about her work, thinking of the weary, heart-broken mother with her sick and hungry babes around her.

The farmer proceeded to examine his crib, and after a thorough search found a hole large enough to admit a man's hands.

"There's the leak!" he exclaimed; "I'll fix that!" and he went to work setting a trap inside.

Next morning he arose earlier than usual, and went out to the crib. His trap had caught a man—Tom Slocum, the very one he had suspected!

It seemed to take no notice of the thief, but turned aside into the barn and began heaping the man's harvest-field. Then he opened the crib door and took out the golden ears—the fruits of his honest toil.

All the time he was thinking what to do. Should he try the law or the coal? The law was what the man deserved, but his wife's words kept ringing through his mind. He emptied the crib in the feeding-trough, then went around where the man stood with one hand in the trap.

"Hello! neighbor, what are you doing here?" he asked.

Poor Tom answered nothing, but the downcast, guilty face confessed more than words could have done.

Farmer Dawson released the imprisoned hand, and, taking Tom's sack, ordered him to hold it while he filled it with the coveted grain.

"There, Tom, take that," said the farmer, "and after this when you want corn come to me and I'll let you have it on trust for work. I need another hand on the farm, and will give steady work with good wages."

"O, sir," replied Tom, quite overcome, "I've been wanting work, but no one would hire me. My family are suffering, and I am ashamed to beg. But I'll work for this and every ear that I've taken, if you'll give me a chance."

"Very well, Tom," said the farmer; "take the corn to the mill and make things comfortable about home to-day, and to-morrow we'll begin. But there's one thing we must agree to first."

Tom lifted an inquiring gaze.

"You must let whiskey alone," continued the farmer, "you must promise not to touch a drop."

The tears sprang into Tom's eyes, and his voice trembled with emotion as he said:

"You are the first man that ever asked me that. There's always enough to say, 'Come, Tom, take a drink, and I've drunk until I thought there was no use in trying to be a better man. But since you care enough to ask me to stop drinking, I'm bound to make the trial; that I will, sir.'"

Farmer Dawson took Tom to the house and gave him his breakfast, while his wife put up a basket of food for the suffering family in the poor man's home.

Tom went to work the next day and the next. In time he came to be an efficient hand on the Dawson place. He stopped drinking and stealing, attended church and Sabbath-school with his family, and became a respectable member of society.

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"Yes," replied her husband, "'twas the coals of fire did it."

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A few persons had seen the fellow fall, and in a moment a crowd had gathered. Unable to render the slightest assistance, the people stood paralyzed with horror, gazing at the boy dangling between a heaven and earth.

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A loud cheer went up from the crowd in the street. It was a fearful leap, but a successful one.

"You'll have to move lively, Frank," said the boy. "I must let go!"

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"I WISH I HAD KNOWN IT BEFORE."

A beautiful woman lay on a bed of sickness in an elegant residence on one of the finest and most fashionable of Boston's broad avenues.

Her sister went to the next room for a book of poems, and while she was gone the professional nurse, who sat beside her bed, took from the pocket of her plain, drab wrapper a small Bible, opened it, and began to read in a subdued voice.

"And seeing the multitude, he went up into a mountain; and when he was set, his disciples came unto him, and he opened his mouth and taught them, saying,"

"That is beautiful!" she said; "that will create sensation who wrote it? Where did you get it?"

"Why?" said the nurse, in astonishment, looking with surprise at her patient, and thinking at first she was wandering in her mind, it's the Bible! Christ's Sermon on the Mount, you know."

"That in the Bible! Anything so beautiful and good as that in the Bible?"

"What did you suppose was in the Bible, if not something good?" asked the nurse, seriously, yet smiling, in spite of herself, at her patient's tone of surprise and incredulity.

"Oh, I don't know. I never thought much about it. I never opened a Bible in my life. It was a matter of pride with my father to never have a Bible in the house. How did it come here? Out it is yours—your pocket Bible. It is strange that you should have surprised me into listening to a chapter, and that I should have been so charmed, and not know to what I was listening."

"You have certainly heard the Bible read in church?" asked the nurse in surprise.

"Not I; I never have been to church. We have always made Sunday a holiday. Papa got into that way in Paris. We have been to all popular places of amusement, of course, but never to church. I have never thought about the Bible. I did not suppose it had literary merit. I had no idea it was written in the simple, beautiful style of the portion you have just read. I wish I had known it before."

A few hours later her disease took a fatal turn. The physician came and told her that her time on earth was very short. She would never see another sunrise.

"I cannot be possible," she said; "I never supposed it possible for death to come to me. What was the prayer you read, nurse? Our Father, which art in heaven." Say it with me, husband," and he did so.

which she never awoke, and that with regret was the last word upon her dying lips. The nurse said it was the saddest experience of her career, to see that beautiful, gifted young woman, with kind friends, a loving husband and a beautiful home, who had all her life taken pleasure in ignoring the Bible and the Christian Sabbath, turn, when death came, from everything she had prized to the little despised book, and die with the cry upon her lips, "I wish I had known it before."—Selected.

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