

An Unconscious Panster.

During the course of a sermon on the elements of true success, Dr. S—, an able and popular pastor of a Methodist Episcopal Church, used the career of Peter Cooper as an illustration of the value of perseverance in business life.

"Peter Cooper was never much of a success," he explained, "until he went to New York, started a glue factory, and stuck to it!"

Entirely innocent of any intention to perpetrate so atrocious a pun upon his congregation, the good doctor failed to discover what he had done until he heard a suppressed titter from the members of the choir behind him.

The Matter of Jolts.

The Massachusetts Superior Court has decided that street car jolts do not constitute contributory negligence on the part of the injured man.

This seems to leave the field wide open for the jolters. The motorman, if of a revengeful or playful disposition, can jolt the very socks of his uncomplaining load—for what's the good of complaining in the face of the Massachusetts precedent?

Some time ago a passenger on the Wade Park line happened to let his gaze wander to the hoisting of the car.

"Sir," he said between jolts to the man opposite him, "your false teeth appear to have been jolted out of your mouth and on to the floor of the car."

"Sir," said the unfortunate passenger as he took a fresh grip on the edge of the seat, "I am well aware of the unpleasant fact. Don't you see that I'm sitting here waiting for that brute of a motorman to jolt 'em back again."—*Cleveland Plain Dealer.*

The Right Kind.

The value of character to a boy is well illustrated by an incident in connection with the late Civil War. The Confederate General Lee, in conversation with one of his officers, was overheard by a plain farmer's boy to remark that he had decided to march upon Gettysburg, instead of Harrisburg. The lad watched to see if the troops went in that direction, and then telegraphed the fact to Governor Curtin, of Pennsylvania. The boy was sent for at once by a special engine and, as the governor and his friends stood about, the former remarked, anxiously, "I would give my right hand to know that this lad tells the truth." A corporal promptly replied, "Governor Curtin, I know that boy. I lived in the same neighborhood, and I know that it is impossible for him to tell a lie. There is not a drop of false blood in his veins." In fifteen minutes from that time the Union troops were pushing on toward Gettysburg, where they gained the victory.

THE greatest danger Paul sees for the Christian soldier is just at the point where he has "done all." And is not Paul right in his perception? Is not the anxious bit of a Christian's life rather the camp than the field? When a man feels he is surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses, it is comparatively easy to lay aside every weight. But when there is no outward battle, no visible foe, no possible wrath for the victor; when the field is his own heart, and the enemy his own wish, and the spectator his own conscience; when there is no human opinion to cry, "Well done," and no public voice to say, "He has fought a good fight"—that is the time when he needs the Christian armor.—*George Matheson, D.D.*

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