

Vulgar Words.

A distinguished author says:—"I resolved, when I was a child, never to use a word which I could not pronounce before my mother without offending her." He kept his resolution, and became a pure minded, noble and honored gentleman. His rule and example are worthy of imitation.

Boys readily learn a class of low, vulgar words and expressions which are never heard in respectable circles. The utmost care on the part of parents will scarcely prevent it. Of course, we cannot think of girls as being so much exposed to the peril. We cannot imagine a decent girl using words that she cannot give utterance to before her father or mother.

Such vulgarity is thought by some boys to be "smart," the "next thing to swearing," and yet "not so wicked." But it is a habit which leads to profanity, and fills the mind with evil thoughts. It vulgarizes and degrades the soul, and prepares the way for many of the gross and fearful sins which now corrupt society.

Faith in the Efficacy of Prayer.

He was a very solemn-looking individual. The preacher thought he had certainly called to make arrangements for the funeral of a near and dear friend. "These are very serious times," observed the stranger. "Yes," replied the minister, still thinking of the dead relative. "I'm in a very troubled state of mind." The minister gave a more searching look and became convinced that it was the man's soul instead of the dead relative that was troubling him. I have been very wicked. I have taken away the money that should have clothed and fed my wife and little ones at home," he continued. "It is not too late now to mend. Cheer up, my man, you have half reformed by thus frankly confessing your faults," replied the sympathetic minister. "I hear that the fervent, earnest prayer of the righteous availeth much. Am I right?" inquired the stranger, growing interested. "You are perfectly right," replied the other. "We are assured that there is almost nothing too great for it to accomplish, even to the removal of mountains." "You are a righteous man, as your office indicates. Pray, earnestly, fervently pray," exclaimed the almost frantic man, "that Hayes may be counted in, for every spare dollar I have in the world is staked upon his being the next President!"

Catastrophe to a Cat-Chaser.

"The charge is hollering and creating a noise," said his Honor, as Anthony Rowley wandered out. "Wasn't I after a cat?" asked the man, in indignant voice. "Cat? Cat?" "Yes, sir. You see there's been a blamed old cat around my house for a month past, and the way he has carried on and cut up has killed me.

"He's clawed his claw upon the roof, He's galloped o'er the yard; He's uttered howls and awful yowls, Though I have cursed him hard. "I've riz at night to club that cat, For hours I've laid awake; I've yelled at him with awful vim, But he never quaked a quake.

"The fact is, Judge, that cat wore me out. I borrowed a gun and shot at him; I climbed upon the roof and chased him; I hired boys to set traps for him, and I was trying to bulldoze him when this officer came along and said I was trying to incite a State riot. If I hollered I'm sorry for it, but I'm more sorry to think I didn't finish that cat." His Honor greatly rubbed his ears and replied: "Oo Thomas cat if he sets out To make a jubilee, Can raise the hair on man or bear, And the fact is known to me.

"Discharged you are and you may go, And as you homeward fly, Some other plan get if you can To cause that cat to die.

"But be quiet about it, Mr. Rowley. I've had forty-nine years' experience with cats on the roof and cats under the house, and my theory is that a shotgun and a handful of old rusty nails are better weapons than four barrels of whooping and yelling."—Detroit Free Press.

Efficacy of the Lift-Cure.

"It's all owing to my nervousness," began William Lockport, as he fronted the desk. "I haven't been able to sleep over two hours for the last three nights, and last night I crawled out of bed at midnight and thought I'd walk around for awhile." "Do you have night sweats?" asked the Court. "I have 'em awfully." "Pain in the back?" "Terribly—terribly." "And roaring in the ears, as if you heard the Louisiana Returning Board falling down stairs?" "I do have—I do have—" "Your mind is slightly, appetite poor, and you don't care who is counted out or counted in?" "You've hit me exactly, Judge. I didn't know you were a doctor." "Any wood-sawyer who chooses to hang out a sign may be a doctor," remarked the Court. "I do not deal in drugs, but improve my patients by the lift-cure. I shall lift you for sixty days, and the ratbaggage sozys and bean pies placed before you up there will restore your health and beauty by Christmas. You went out on the street, started a row, disturbed the peace, and I can have no mercy on you." "I want to be bail'd out," protested William. "Our bailing apparatus is out of order, and you might as well sit down on the bench in there. Look out for tacks as you drop down." He wouldn't go in till Bijah got his grappling hooks fast in his collar, and then he tried as hard as he could to sit down. He vowed he would bite the man who tried to lead him into the Black Maria, and Bijah brought out the new twenty-two ounce axe, pointed to a nick in the blade, at the dark stains all over it, and holding it close to the cell door whispered:

"He was a man about your size, And when I pulled him in, Ho said he'd be the death of me, For he was full of sin. I sat him down upon the bench, But he wriggled to the floor, And put his teeth into my leg— You'll never see him more."

The stranger with one eye was highly delighted with the prompt disposal of the case, and lifting himself up he cheerfully remarked: "That's it Squire. Knock 'em senseless the first time!" He was ordered to telescope himself and wait for later returns, and he fell back as if utterly exhausted.—Free Press.

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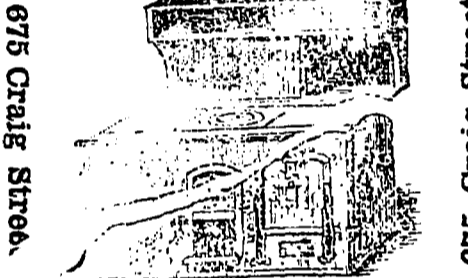
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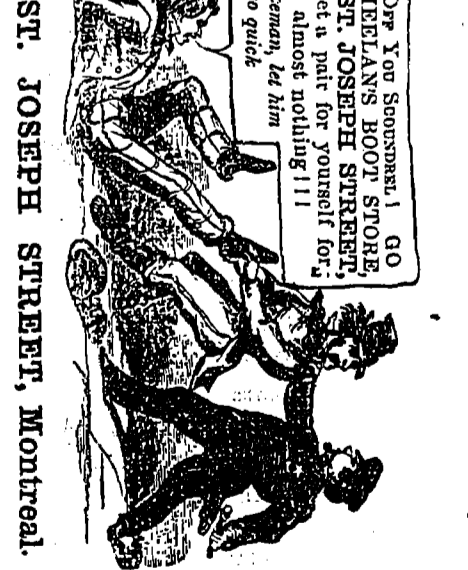
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