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THE SIASIN, OR ANTELOPE OF INDIA.

THE siasin, or antelope of India, roams over the open and rocky plains of that immense country. It is distinguished from the rest of its family by the beauty and singular shape of its horns, which are annulated or ringed, and spirally convoluted or curved together, making two or more turns, according to the age of the animal.

The fakirs and dervishes of India, who are enjoined by their religion from carrying swords, frequently wear at their girdles the polished horns of the siasin instead of the usual military arm. This antelope is one of the fleetest-footed of its family, and its leap is something wonderful. It is not uncommon for it to vault to the height of twelve or thirteen feet, passing over ten or twelve yards at a single bound. In colour it is almost black on the upper part of the body, and light coloured beneath. When full grown it is about the size of our common deer.



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I CAN LET IT ALONE.

"I CAN do something that you can't," said a boy to his companion. "I can chew tobacco."

"And I can do something you can't," was the quick reply. "I can let tobacco alone."

Now, that is the kind of a boy we love to see. The boy who has the "backbone" to refuse when asked to do a foolish or wicked thing is the one we are proud of. It is an easy matter to sail with the wind or float with the tide, and it is easy enough to form bad habits, so no one can boast over the power to do that. It is one who can let

the stare of the other ladies, and the suppressed smirk on the lips of the clerks who serve you, and remember that your feelings are, in a measure, "iron-clad" in comparison with those of the little ones.

THOUGH I am always in haste, I am never in a hurry.

them alone that is worthy of the praise. And the best time to let tobacco alone is before the appetite for it has been formed. There is nothing moving about it then.

Don't use it, boys. It is filthy, poisonous, disgusting stuff at its best. Be man enough to let it alone. Hold your head up proudly and say that you are its master, and never intend to become its slave."—C. L. Hill.

SENSIBLE.

Do not force children to wear odd, unsuitable clothing, which will call out ridicule from their little associates, when it can possibly be avoided. If it is the only way possible, then lovingly say so, and endeavour to fortify the spirit bravely to accept the situation. Sacrifice a little yourself before you bring them to the necessity. Do not compel your little girls to wear their sun-bonnets to a picnic when all the other children have on their pretty hats. Try going out shopping an afternoon in town in your sun-bonnet first, and see how you like