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From a Prince's Copybook.

"Kings are gods on earth: they can do what they will."

This strange sentence was actually set as a copy to the little Dauphin, grandson of Louis XV., and who was afterward Louis XVI. of France.

The copybook with the childish writing may still be seen in the Museum at St. Petersburg, and it stands as a striking witness of the depraved state of French manners at that time, when such wicked folly could be instilled into even the lessons of a royal prince.

In after life Louis XVI. was to learn by bitter experience the mistakes of his education. He lived to be imprisoned by his people in the fortress of the Temple, and finally lost his head on the scaffold.

Definition of "Furlough."

An Ohio teacher called upon one of her pupils for the definition of the word "furlough." The following is the answer as it was given in The Children's Friend:

"'Furlough' means a mule," was the reply of the child.

"Oh, no," replied the teacher; "it doesn't mean a mule."

"Indeed it does," said the child. "I have a book at home that says so."

"Well," said the teacher, thoroughly interested, "you may bring the book to school, and we'll see about it."

The next day she brought the book, and, in some triumph, opened to a page where there was a picture of a soldier riding a mule. Below the picture were the words, "going home on his furlough."

— Knew Her Limitations.

A teacher in Alaska went out one day with one of her pupils to do some sketching. The little girl she took with her was about ten years of age and quite skilful with her brush. Men of Tomorrow gives the incident:

When the day was nearly over the teacher looked at the sky where the sun was setting.

"Try to make a picture of that sunset," said the teacher to her pupil. The little girl looked at the beautiful sight in the heavens, and then she turned to her teacher and said: "I can't draw glory."

It was a bright answer made by that little Alaskan child. It is God who has painted the sunset sky, and there is no human skill that can draw the glory which he has created.

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