

A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver. He that hath no rule over his own spirit, is like a city that is broken down and without walls.

If possible pleasure should be made to flow like a sweet atmosphere around the early learner, and pain be kept beyond the association of ideas. You cannot open flowers with a north-east storm. The buds of the hardiest plants will wait for the genial influences of the sun, though they perish while waiting. Parents and teachers often create that disgust of study, and that incorrigibleness and obstinacy of disposition, that they deplore. It is a sad exchange if the very blows which beat arithmetic and grammar into a boy, should beat confidence and manliness out.—*Horace Mann on Education.*

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*Lines for Everybody*:—"What are another's faults to me?  
 I've not a vulture's bill  
 To pick at every flaw I see,  
 And make it wider still.  
 It is enough for me to know  
 I've follies of my own,  
 And on my heart the care bestow,  
 And let my friends alone."

The oak tree does not attain its full growth until it is two hundred years old.

A good answer.—A clergyman was asked to drink wine at a wedding and refused, as everybody should. "What, Mr. M.," said one of the guests, "don't you drink wine at a wedding?" "No Sir," was the reply, "I will take a glass of water." "But, Sir," said the officious guest, "you recollect the advice of Paul to Timothy, to take a little wine for his often infirmity." "I have no infirmity," was the reverend gentleman's reply.

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*To clean light kid gloves.*—Rub them smartly with India rubber, magnesia, or moist bread. If soiled beyond thus restoring, sew up the tops and rub them with a decoction of saffron and water, using a sponge. They will be yellow or brown, according to the strength of the decoction. Put on kid gloves. Rub them with spirits of hartshorn, or with flannel dipped in milk, then rubbed with Castile soap.

*To preserve herbs.*—Gather them on a dry day, just before blossoming; suspend them, tied in bunches, in a dry, airy place, with the blossom end downwards; wrap the medicinal ones, when perfectly dry, in paper, and keep them from the air. Pound fine and sift the leaves of such as are to be used in cooking, and keep the powder in corked bottles.



## PUBLISHER'S LETTER.

Dear Editor,—It is no doubt your province to familiarise yourself with the daily news, which, emanating from numberless sources more or less reliable, is propelled through various mediums, into every town and village of our land. Your vocation also obliges you to take a peep into books and periodicals, which, though not so widely circulated as newspapers, often contain personal allusions of an injurious character. I am confident you would be particularly sensitive at the circulation of anything which might injure me, and thus indirectly reflect discredit upon your own good name. I think you have fully recovered from the agitation and fear occasioned by the advertisement alluded to in my last letter. I hope also that my letter satisfied you that I have acted honorably. As you