

This and That

WORK YOUR FEET.

On one of the city streets, a little boy was traching his younger brother to ride a bicycle.

Herein lies a most valuable lesson for all who would follow Christ. Activity is the secret of Christian growth.

Idleness in the spiritual life is as fatal to growth, as it is in the physical. Idleness is death.

Some of the sweetest impressions of life's duties are made by little children. A reader of the Leader-Way relates a tender conversation with his little boy.

"Well, it shines too hot. Why didn't he just make it to shine hot enough, and not so hot?"

"Then I told him that God made it to suit himself, and that he couldn't please every one, for some people are too hard to please.

"Who wouldn't praise God for such a blessing as this tender-hearted child in their home? I do.

"So let us all as Christians study God's way; solve the problem as this little fellow did, and not fret and worry because he didn't make things some other way; but as Dyer said, be pleased with his way from this on.

EXPLAINED.

Wife—"George, how could you keep urging Mr. Brown to have some more ice cream when I warned you before dinner not to ask him, for the supply was limited."

George—"Why, my dear—you will pardon me I entirely forgot—"

Wife—"But when I kept kicking you under the table—I was afraid he was going to accept your invitation—I know he wanted more. I don't know what made him decline. Fortunately he did, or I don't know what I should have done."

George (calmly)—"Kicking me? You didn't kick me."—Ex.

SHE GOT THE CANDY.

It was a Chicago child, not yet three years old, who, having been punished by her mother, called up her father on the telephone for sympathy.

"Why, it's the baby," she said to her employer. The startled man, with visions of disaster in his mind, caught the receiver and said:

"What is it baby?" "Mamma spanked me," came the reply.

"What do you want me to do about it?" asked the relieved and amused parent.

"Come right home and bring me a pound of candy" said the child.—Ex.

THE CHARM OF WINTER.

He who does not know the charm of winter loses half the year. It is easy to pretend to like Nature and fresh air in the drowsy summer-time, when "toiling in town here is horrid," but the real outdoor woman knows that Winter has his wonders, too.

INTERESTING.

To hear the music of sweet bells, and also to test solid silver, take a solid silver tablespoon, and tie two cords of equal length to the handle.

ON THE SHELF.

A youthful but very animated little lady was enjoying her first visit to church. It was in an Episcopal church, and the choir boys and the form of service interested her greatly.

"HOWLERS."

A correspondent sends to The London Globe a list of "howlers" perpetrated by British Board School children and collected by the master. On the nature of gases, "An oxygen has eight sides."

"Mirandy, what business is that young man in?" asked Mrs Ridgefarm of her daughter.

"I don't know, ma," said Mirandy, "but I think he must work in a wood-yard. He always ends his letters 'cordially.'—Ex.

MONEY THROWN AWAY.

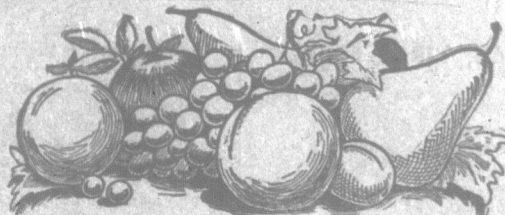
"So that city doctor helped ye right smart, did he, Silas?" asked Mrs. Giles, on her husband's return from a week's visit to a specialist in a neighboring town.

"Well, I guess he did! I'm feeling fine as a fiddle now, an' he says I won't likely have any return of it if I just keep to what he tells me."

"What did he say was the matter with ye?" inquired the wife, eagerly.

"I forgit now what he called it, but—" "Silas," she cried, "ye don't really mean ter say now ye paid out all that money and didn't git no good of it, after all!"—Ex.

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