

One peculiarity of the lobster is his habit of indulging in a new suit of armour every year. This is his style of growing; and when his old dress becomes too tight, there are no buttons to unfasten or sleeves to let out, and the poor creature is very uncomfortable. His flesh shrinks until it is much smaller than his shell, and crawling off to some retired place among the rocks, he waits until the walls of his house begin to crack above his head, go on cracking down his back, and then he pulls himself slowly away until his eyes are through. A jump backward leaves him on the bare sand with only a thin garment of skin to protect him.

At first the lobster totters about in great bewilderment at the helpless condition in which he finds himself, but crawling among the rocks again he waits for his shell to harden. Meanwhile, he fills

himself with water, which increases his size so much that he finally sallies forth much larger and more powerful than he was before. This yearly change goes on until the lobster is fully grown; after this he does not change his suit.

THE FOOLISH ROSE.

While I was walking in the garden one bright morning a breeze came through and set all the flowers and leaves a flutter. Now that is the way flowers talk, so I pricked up my ears and listened.

Presently, an elder tree said, "Flowers, shake off your caterpillars."

"Why?" said a dozen, altogether, for they were like some children, who always say, "Why?" when they are told to do anything.

The elder tree said, "If you don't they'll gobble you up."

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For All Sufferers.

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All his life Dr. Slocum has given to scientific pursuits; and this discovery which he has made comes as the result of years of incessant work and toil.

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There is hope for the hollow-chested, pale, weary consumptive.

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So the flowers set themselves a shaking till the caterpillars were shaken off.

In one of the middle beds there was a beautiful rose that shook off all but one, and she said to herself, "O, that's a beauty; I'll keep that one."

The elder tree overheard her, and called, "One caterpillar is enough to spoil you."

"But," said the rose, "look at his brown and crimson fur, and his beautiful black eyes. I want to keep him. Surely one won't hurt me."

A few mornings afterwards I passed the rose again. There was not a whole leaf on her. Her beauty was gone; she was all but killed, and had only life enough to weep over her folly.

"Alas! I didn't think one caterpillar would ruin me."

One sin indulged has ruined many a boy and girl. This is an old story, but a true lesson.—Morning Star.

TELEPHONING A DOG.

Jack is a coach-dog, who found his master by telephone. In some way Jack got lost, and fortunately was found by one of his master's friends, who went to his office, and asked by telephone whether the gentleman had lost his dog.

"Yes; where is he?" was the reply.

"He is here. Suppose you call him through the telephone."

The dog's ear was placed over the ear-piece, and the master said:

"Jack, Jack! How are you, Jack?"

Jack instantly recognized the voice, and began to yelp. He licked the telephone fondly, seeming to think that his master was inside the machine. At the other end of the line the gentleman recognized the familiar barks, and shortly afterwards he reached his friend's office to claim his property.

—The Talmud says, "The most ordinary labourer who is of Abraham's seed is the equal of kings."

—Galilee, of the Gentiles, was so called because many foreigners had become mixed with the population.

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