

Golden Sands.

Right principles will by no means suit wrong practices.

He who reigns within himself and rules his passions, desires, and fears, is more than a king.

The poorest education that teaches one self-control is better than the best that neglects it.

Harmony exists in difference no less than in likeness, if only the same key-note govern both parts.

People who are really honest and courageous have very little to say about either courage or honesty.

Have order, system, regularity, liberality, and promptness among the principles you would guide your course by.

Go straight on, and don't mind enemies. If they get in your way calmly walk round them, regardless of their spite.

The labor of the body relieves us from the fatigues of the mind; and this it is which forms the happiness of the poor.

Heroism is active genius; genius contemplative heroism. Heroism is the self-devotion of genius manifesting itself in action.

It is the mind that makes this body rich; and as the sun breaks through the darkest clouds, so honor gleams in the meanest habits.

It is easy in the world to live after the world's opinion—it is easy in solitude to live after your own; but the great man is he who, in the midst of the world, keeps with perfect sweetness the independence of solitude.

Most people drift. To do this is easy. It costs neither thought nor effort. On the other hand, to resist the tide one must have principle and resolution. He must watch continually. And yet no thoughtful person, who cares for his own soul, will dare to drift.

There is no outward sign of politeness which has not a deep, moral reason. True education teaches both the sign and the reason. Behaviour is a mirror in which every one shows his own image. There is a politeness of the heart akin to love, from which springs the easiest politeness of outward behaviour.

Man is physically, as well as metaphysically, a thing of shreds and patches, borrowed unequally from good and bad ancestors, and a misfit from the start.

Artificial wants are more numerous and lead to more expense than natural wants; from this cause the rich are oftener in greater want of money than those who have but a bare competency.

Sparks of Wit.

A witty housewife of our acquaintance says there is no venison in the market now, but plenty of dear meat.

The height of politeness is passing around upon the opposite side of a lady, when walking with her, in order not to step upon her shadow.

The latest feminine fashion of wearing the front hair is known as the Skye terrier style. Of course the angels derive their fashions from the Skyes.

"When I lost my wife," says a French writer, "every family in town offered me another, but when I lost my horse, no one offered to make him good."

"What comes after T?" asked a teacher of a small pupil, who was learning the alphabet. He received the following bewildering reply: "You do—to see 'Liza.'"

A Florida alderman sold his vote for an oriole chain and a circus ticket, and his friends are naturally ashamed and indignant. They know he might have obtained a jack-knife in addition by simply asking for it.

"Men are what women make them," is the singular title of a new book. It may be true, but we have seen some very poor specimens of the manufactured article, which fact reflects badly either on the material or the maker.

The temperance cause has been somewhat set aback by the announcement that one of the few water drinkers in Kentucky has just discovered at the bottom of his well the body of a neighbour who disappeared three years ago; and the majority of the people have resolved to stick to whiskey and let wells alone.

Persons complain that they cannot find words for their thoughts, when the real trouble is they cannot find thoughts for their words.

An artless youth seeing in a church-yard the inscription, "I am not dead, but sleeping," thinking this a piece of mere imposition, exclaimed, "Well, if I was dead, by thunder, I'd own it."

A little girl was one day reading the history of England with her governess, and coming to the statement that Henry I. never laughed after the death of his son, she looked up and said: "What did he do when he was tickled?"

A sign in East Broadway, New York, reads: "New Rooted and Second Hand Boots Made and Repaired." Without stopping to ask how second-hand boots can be intended for the feet, we would be glad to know how any shoemaker can make second-hand boots.

A Buffalo girl, pretty and eighteen, has sold over five hundred sewing machines in the last two years. She travels with a horse and wagon, smiling when she leaves a machine and shedding tears if anybody afterwards refuses to keep it. This does the business.

A gentleman saw a Highlander standing looking at the head of a black man on a tobacconist's sign-board, which kept constant moving on springs. He drew near, and began to look with still greater astonishment; on which the Highlander said, "Pray, coot shentleman, can you be telling her if yonter head poting to ano of Cot's chreatures?"

A poor man, when a boy, had been a play-fellow of the Duke of Argyle; his Grace, taking a ride one day, observed his *quodam* chum attending a couple of horses which were feeding on the roadside, and asked him how he was fending (*i. e.* fared) in the world. The man gave him to understand it was but so and so, as both himself and horses indicated. His Grace putting his hand in his pocket, gave him a crown. The poor fellow, at a loss to express his gratitude, exclaimed, "God bless your Grace's glory, you're owre big a man to be ca'd the duck, you should be ca'd the goose now!"