

USEFUL HINTS.

Hints to Mechanics.—Avoid giving long credits even to your best customer. A man who can pay easily will not thank you for the delay; and a slack, doubtful paymaster is not too valuable a customer to dun sharply and seasonably. A fish may as well attempt to live without water, as a man without air, as a mechanic without punctuality and promptness in collecting and paying his debts. It is a mistaken and ruinous policy to attempt to keep or get business by delaying collections. When you lose a slack paymaster from your books, you only lose the chance of losing your money—and there is no man who pays more money to lawyers than he who is least prompt in collecting for himself.

Take care how you agree to pay money for your stock, your provision, your rent, or your fuel, and take dog skins for your work. One hand must wash the other, as poor Richard says, or both will go to jail dirty. Every man's trade ought to bring him money enough to pay all money demands against him; and no man can stand it long, who does not get money enough from his business to pay the cash expenses of carrying it on.

Children.—If you have children, keep them for a month or two on bread and milk. You should always keep them so—but especially at this time. Milk is a sworn enemy to the physicians, while meat and coffee, and green corn, and withered peaches (of which we have an abundance this year,) are their *disciples*.—*Con. Mirror.*

Cleanse your Cellars.—If you wish to live half your days, be careful not to be in the habit of breathing the gasses of putrefaction, vegetable or animal. We do not pretend to say whether a parcel of rotting or rotten potatoe, cabbages, turnips, and other vegetables, decaying in a cellar will produce what is called yellow fever or not. But a kind of fever may be manufactured from vegetable or animal putrefaction, which may prove as fatal, though perhaps not quite so rapid in its

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