

Children's Department.

A Short Sermon.

Children, who read my lay,
This much I have to say:
Each day, and every day,
Do what is right,—
Right things in great and small;
Then, though the sky should fall,
Sun, moon and stars and all,
You shall have light.

This further would I say:
Be you tempted as you may,
Each day and every day,
Speak what is true,—
True things in great and small,
Then, though the sky should fall,
Sun, moon and stars and all,
Heaven will show through.

Figs, as you see and know,
Do not out of thistles grow;
And though the blossoms blow
While on the tree,
Grapes never, never yet
On the limbs of thorns were set;
So, if you a good would get,
Good you must be.

Life's journey, through and through,
Speaking what is just and true,
Doing what is right to do
Unto one and all,
When you work, and when you play,
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the pleasure is very inviting and the
duty very irksome by contrast; and
yet I doubt if any one ever made a
success of life who turned the "old
saw," and tried to make "pleasure
first" the rule.

It is said that a rich man who was
poor when a boy, was asked how he
became rich. He replied: "My father
taught me never to play until my work
was finished, and never to spend
money until I had earned it. If I had,
but one hour's work in a day, I must
do that first; after that I was allowed
to play. Then I could play, with more
pleasure than if I had an unfinished
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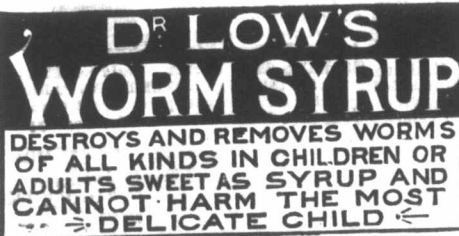
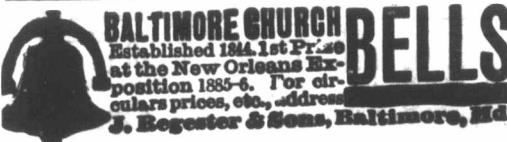
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