

"I JUST DID."

From the Christian Intelligencer.

Yes, you did—and did wrong! How many have had to regret, that *just did* the very things they ought not to have done.

A little girl *just* left the baby *one minute*, sitting alone on the chair, while she went to get a pin. Before she returned, the baby had fallen from the chair, and was severely injured on the head.

The cook *just* left the street door open one minute, while she ran down to the corner grocery—and when she returned the hall lamp was stolen.

A hack driver *just* left his horses one minute, while he went into a store to get a "glass." Before he had half drunk his rum his horses were frightened, running down the street, broke the coach in pieces, and injured many people who could not get out of the way.

A servant girl *just* left a salver filled with

china one minute, on the edge of a while she ran to the door. A little girl ing by, *just* pulled the salver upon the. The china was broken, the little girl hurt, and the servant lost her place to carelessness.

Some boys thought they would *just* little sail in a boat, on Sabbath aftern. A sudden flaw of wind struck the sail, the boat, and only two boys escaped al

A man, who had a lighted segar in his mouth, *just* stepped into a barn one m and did not notice that a spark had amongst the hay on the floor. In li hour, the barn, and many loads of he grain, were all burned to the ground.

How many more such careless acts I mention, I cannot tell now; but I ha you enough to make you more care you don't only *just* read this, lay it and think of it no more. C

PERSEVERE.

If a seaman should put about every time he encounters a head wind, he would never make a voyage. So he who permits himself to be baffled by adverse circumstances, will never make the voyage of life. A sailor uses every wind to propel—so should the man learn to trim his sails and guide his bark, that even adverse gales should belayed canvass, and send it forward on its onward course.

THE NEWSPAPER.

And what is that? Poetry, sentimental, spirit-stirring, pleasing, gentle; patriotic and despotic tales; rural economy, and pecuniary profit; pointed jokes, blunt retorts, and expressive hints; arguments for the politician, and facts and documents for the statesman; social converse with subscribers, and keen encounters with brother editors; the latest passing news, and the chit-chat of the day; deaths for the aged, anxious to know precede them to their long home, and they outlive; marriages for blooming youths, watching, with curious eyes at the young hearts, the exits of their happy from the selfish state, and longing to see them; and advertisements, a mirror of business, his wants and possessions: these are the varied contents of a newspaper.

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