

college course would be most applicable, it was that he should at all times carry his diploma in his pocket, or otherwise people would never believe that he had received one.

It is quite unnecessary, where the student has by close and steady application made the most of his or her time and talents, to require a continual oral advertisement of how and where they acquired this knowledge, for the stamp of a cultivated intellect can never be erased.

SHOULD THE TRUTH ALWAYS BE SPOKEN ?

"WHY, what a question!" I fancy I hear some one exclaim. "Should the truth always be spoken? How absurd to entertain the idea for an instant, that anyone short of a down-right heathen would doubt it!" Stop, my friend, not so fast, let us see if you also cannot be classed among the "down-right heathen." Do you remember yesterday when a friend called to borrow an umbrella, and murmured something about "sorry to trouble you," you declared it was "no trouble at all," you were "only too delighted to oblige," when in your heart you bade farewell to that umbrella, and groaned inwardly at the thought of rising prices, and the borrowing propensities of mankind. Then that letter from your country cousin came, asking if it would be any trouble to match some blue print. Will you ever forget the tramp you had to every dry goods store in town; how roll after roll was handed down for your inspection, light blue, dark blue, all the intervening shades of blue, but none to match, till your head reeled, and you thought the world itself must be turning into blue calico. All the same you wrote in answer that it was not the slightest inconvenience, you were "so sorry that you could not find what was wanted," but the sigh of relief when the letter was posted belied your words. Perhaps Aunt Betsey asks you to find her spectacles, and off you go, up stairs and down stairs, searching in every nook and corner until you are weary, and then discover them perched on the top of her own head. Turning to you she says, "It is too bad you had all that work for nothing," and you answer, "Oh no, it did not tire me at all." Such equivocations, to call them by a mild name, are of daily occurrence, and

society passes them over as a mere matter of politeness. The custom of saying "not at home" when not disposed to "receive," or when disagreeable friends come to call, is a very common one. The excuse given for it is that "not at home to strangers" is meant. Very well then, if it is meant why is it not said? The impression conveyed and intended to be conveyed is, that the person called upon is not within the house. You drop in upon a friend and stay for dinner; the bill of fare consists of corn beef and cabbage, your abhorrence, nevertheless when an apology is made you declare them to be your favorite dishes, and in support of your statement perhaps have to undergo the misery of a second helping.

The desire to please, and excite surprise in others, is very strong in children. Its continued gratification makes them untruthful, and this if not promptly checked becomes a habit; the habit clings in later life, and they develop into creatures of that great class of "slippery people," who never commit themselves by direct wrong-doing, but are continually shifting the boundaries of right and equity to suit their own actions.

Many doctors make a practice of never telling their patients of danger even though they may be at death's door. Too much cannot be said in condemnation of this holding back of the truth. If a physician refrains from telling a patient for fear of injurious effects, the relations or friends at least should be warned.

At the present time the question, "Are all men liars?" is being agitated, and, alas, seems to be proved in the affirmative. Has society come to such a pass that some of its most prominent members try to prove its utter falsity! From what does all this spring, and how is it that the world at large stands today charged with so great a crime? Many would think it impossible to be at the same time perfectly polite and truthful. It certainly is difficult but not impossible. There are many cases where simply refraining from speech would be no breach of manners, and would save us from falling into this error. Again, were we more particular in the use of adjectives, less profuse in thanks, less given to flattery, and less fearful of what the world might think, this fault would be greatly remedied.