

row's strength explains many failures. A brave young man who is sensible enough to judge something of the future by the past will endure the burdens and disappointments of the present for the sake of the future; as an oarsman grows weary in the toil of training in order that he may win the pennant. Burdens to-day need not be burdensome to-morrow; disappointment to-day means success to-morrow if only a man have the right kind of stuff in him.

"In to-day walks to-morrow."—*Plank and Platform.*

Keep A-Goin'.

If you strike a thorn or rose,
Keep a-goin'!
If it hails or if it snows,
Keep a-goin'!
Taint no use to sit and whine
When the fish ain't on your line;
Bait your hook an' keep on tryin'—
Keep a-goin'!
When the weather kills your crop,
Keep a-goin'!
When you tumble from the top,
Keep a-goin'!
S'pose you're out o' every dime?
Gettin' broke ain't no crime;
Tell the wor'd you're feelin' prime!
Keep a-goin'!
When it looks like all is up,
Keep a-goin'!
Drain the sweetness from the cup,
Keep a-goin'!
See the wild birds on the wing!
Hear the bel's that sweetly ring!
When you feel like singin'—sing!
Keep a-goin'!

—*Atlanta Constitution.*

Cigarette Smoking.

A good deal has been said about the evils of cigarette smoking, but one-half the truth has never been told. Cigarette smoking blunts the whole moral nature. It has an appalling effect upon the system. It first stimulates, and then stupefies the nerves. It sends boys into consumption. It gives them enlargement of the heart, and it sends them to the insane asylum.

I am physician to several boys' schools and I am often called in to prescribe for palpitation of the heart. In nine cases out of ten it is caused by the cigarette habit. I have seen bright boys turned into dunces, and straight-forward, honest boys made into miserable cowards by cigarette smoking. I am speaking the truth, that every physician and nearly every teacher knows."—*L. A. Clinton, M.D., San Francisco Board of Education.*

Injured Innocence.

"Bobby," said the teacher in a Boston school, "I am surprised at you! You are usually so studious, and here you are drawing horrid, idle pictures on your slate."

"I beg your pardon, miss," replied the youth, with the hauteur of misunderstood genius, "but you are laboring under a misapprehension. This is not a horrid, idle picture. It is a design for a magazine poster."
—*Washington Star.*

Wit and Wisdom.

The Stay-At-Home.

Who shirks his duty year by year,
And thinks he's paying rather dear,
And at fraternity will sneer?
The Stay-at-Home.

Who first is sure his teeth to gnash,
And swear the lodge has gone to smash,
When called upon to pay his cash?
The Stay-at-Home.

Who, when he catches cold some day,
Gets on the sick-list right away,
And frets until he gets his pay?
The Stay-at-Home.

Who wriggles like an an angle-worm
If asked to serve a single term,
And pleads his health is now infirm?
The Stay-at-Home.

Who chews the rag with great delight,
And says some folks ain't doing right;
And remains away each meeting night?
The Stay-at-Home.

The Child's Unconscious Wit.

Here is a budget, compiled by a contemporary, of definitions illustrating the unconscious wit of children:—

Dust—Mud with the juice squeezed out.
Salt—What makes potatoes taste nasty when there isn't any in.
Wakefulness—Eyes all the time coming unbuttoned.

Fan—Something to brush the warm off with.

Sob—When a feller don't mean to cry and it bursts out all by itself.

Bearing False Witness—When nobody hain't done nothin' and somebody goes and tells.

I count this thing to be grandly true,
That a noble deed is a step toward God,
Lifting the soul from the common sod
To a purer air and a broader view.

—*J. G. Holland.*

He Was Dear.

Daughter—"Mamma, if I must write to Mr. Brown about his extortionate bill, should I say 'Dear Mr. Brown'?"

Mamma—"Certainly, under the circumstances."—*New Rochelle Life.*

"This man," said the doctor, who was showing the visitor over the insane asylum, "is one of the most interesting patients. You will notice that he does nothing but weep all the time."

"What sent him insane?" asked the visitor.

"He was a member of a fraternal order and allowed himself to be suspended, and when he tried to get back he could not pass the medical examination."—*Reporter.*