

to me that orders for aprons, tray cloths and other articles have been received. Eight yards of good print has also been donated by a member of the Auxiliary, so it will be necessary for us to assemble for a sewing-meeting next month. This is a means for raising money, young ladies, upon which we place great dependence. The quilts and rag carpet—"

Marjorie pensively regarded her daintily gloved hands, and prophetically pictured a small first finger decorated with ugly, dark needle pricks.

As if divining her thought, Helen accompanied a nudge with, "Don't look so forlorn, Marge. I've heard of a patent needle warranted not to prick."

This comforting assertion had the effect of making Marjorie somewhat ashamed of her trifling thought. She turned her eyes again toward the President, who was saying, "We will now devote fifteen minutes to a Drill on the Constitution and Working of the Society."

(To be Continued.)

## Our Young Folk.

### DEPEW AND THE CIGAR.

**M**R. CHAUNCEY M. DEPEW, the well-known orator and railroad president, relates the following experience of his victory over the cigar:—

I used to smoke twenty cigars a day, and continued it until I was worn out. I didn't know what was the matter with me, and physicians that I applied to did not mention tobacco. I used to go to bed at two o'clock in the morning, and wake at five or six. I had no appetite, and was a dyspeptic.

I was in the habit of smoking at my desk, and thought that I derived material assistance in my work from it. After a time I found that I couldn't do any work without tobacco. I could prepare a brief or argument without tobacco, but still I was harassed by feeling that something was amiss and the result was not up to the mark.

I also found that I was incapable of doing any great amount of work. My power of concentration was greatly weakened, and I could not think well without a lighted cigar in my mouth. Now it is perfectly clear that without this power of concentration a man is incapable of doing many things. It is this which enables him to attend to various and multifarious affairs; to drop one absolutely and take up another and give it full attention.

One day I bought a cigar and was puffing it with a feeling of pleasure which is only possible to the devotee. I smoked only a few minutes and then took it out of my mouth and looked at it. I said to it, "My friend and bosom companion, you have always been dearer to me far than gold. To you I have ever been devoted, yet you are the cause of all my ills. You have played me false. The time has come that we must part." I gazed sadly and longingly at the cigar, then threw it into the street. I had been convinced that tobacco was ruining me.

For three months thereafter I underwent the most awful agony. I never expect to suffer more in this world or the next. I didn't go to any physician, or endeavor in any way to palliate my suffering. Possibly a physician might have given me something to soften the tortures. Neither did I break my vow. I had made up my mind that I must forever abandon tobacco or I would be ruined by it.

At the end of three months my longing for it abated. I gained twenty-five pounds in weight. I slept well for seven or eight hours every night. I required that amount

because of my excessive cerebration. When I don't get it I am liable to rheumatism or sciatica.

I never smoked from that day to this; and, while no one knows better than I the pleasures to be derived from tobacco, I am still well content to forget them, knowing their effect.—*Evangelical Messenger.*

### STEALING A BABY ELEPHANT.

**A** REMARKABLY intelligent elephant, working on a new bridge in Ceylon, says *Murray's Magazine*, had a young one to whom she was perfectly devoted. It died, and she became inconsolable. Formerly the gentlest of creatures, she grew irritable and even dangerous. One morning she broke the chain which confined her, and escaped into the forest.

One night, about ten days after the escape, the officer who had been in charge of her went out to lie in wait for bears at a pond in a jungle at some distance.

As he and his native attendant were returning, early in the morning, the native silently nudged him, and they saw in the dim, gray light an elephant with her calf making her way toward the camp. They both sprang behind trees; and when the elephants had passed, the native insisted that the older one was their old friend.

When they reached the camp they found that the truant had indeed returned, and had gone from one person to another, touching each with her trunk, as if she were exhibiting her adopted child, which she had evidently begged, borrowed or stolen during her absence.

Her good temper and usual docility returned at once, and her owner blessed the good fortune which had enabled her to steal a child.

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