



RUSTING OUT.

A MANUFACTURER kept his mills running at a time when trade was depressed and the demand for his goods was intermitted. A neighbour, who knew this to be the fact, asked him if he was not running his mills at a daily loss. "Well, that depends on how you count the loss," replied the manufacturer. "I get less money than I pay out every day I run these mills. But after all I lose less by running at that loss than I should lose by stopping the mills, and letting the machinery rust and everything about the establishment go to waste from not being used."

That manufacturer stated a truth which is operative in every department of human action. Rust is more destructive than friction. It is very common to say: "It is better to wear out than to rust out." There is nothing that keeps one's strength like tireless activity. There is nothing that wastes one's strength like idleness.

This truth is admirably shown in a little poem by Alice Rollins, wherein she tells of watching a potter at his work, whose one foot was kept with "never slackening speed, turning his swift wheel round," while the other foot rested patiently on the ground. When he heard the exclamation of sympathy with him in his toil, "How tired his foot must be!" the potter corrected the common mistake as to the real source of weariness:

Slowly he raised his patient eyes,
With homely truth inspired:
"No, narm, it isn't the foot that *kicks*,
The one that *stands* gets tired."

That's it! If you want to save your strength, keep using it. If you want to get tired, do nothing. As a matter of fact, we all know that the last man in the world to go to for a helping hand in any new undertaking, is one who has plenty of time on his hands. Time on one's hands is a heavy load; so heavy that one with that load can not very well use his hands for anything else. It is the man or woman who is doing most now who can easiest do one thing more.



GOLD DUST.

- Carnal comforts leave us in love with sin.
- Fellowship with God produces, strengthens, and increases hatred to sin.
- The glories of the world always lose their charm when Jesus is spiritually enjoyed.
- There is more in one of God's sentences than you have discovered yet.
- The mines of Gospel truth invite to labour; labour should be coupled with prayer; and these together will be sure to increase our spiritual possessions.
- Never expect spiritual wealth while you are indulging spiritual sloth.
- The more holy the truth, the more like its Divine Author; and the more it will be opposed by carnal minded men.
- Study to be quiet, except when duty calls upon you to speak.
- Always have a word with God before you enter into conversation with men.
- The greater your privileges, the greater your debt.