

WOMAN'S WORK.

Draping little stockings
For restless little feet;
Washing little faces;
To keep them fresh and sweet;
Hearing Bible lessons,
Teaching catechism,
Praying for salvation,
From heresy and schism;
Woman's work!

Sewing on the buttons,
Overseeing rations,
Soothing with a kind word
Other's lamentations;
Guiding clumsy Bridgets,
Coaxing sullen cooks,
Entertaining company,
And reading recent books;
Woman's work!

Burying out of sight
Her own unhealing smart,
Laying in the chamber,
On other clouded hearts;
Binding up the wounded,
Healing of the sick;
Bravely marching onward
Through dangers rough and thick;
Woman's work!

Leading little children,
And blessing manhood's years;
Showing to the sinful
How God's forgiveness cheers;
Seating another's father,
Along another's path,
Smiling by the wayside,
Content with what she hath;
Woman's work!

Letting fall her own tears
Where only God can see;
Wiping off another's
With tender sympathy;
Learning by experience,
Teaching by example,
Yearning for the gateway,
Golden, peaty, ample;

At last cometh silence—
A day deep hence;
Her locks smoothly braided,
Upon her breast a rose;
Lashes resting gently,
Upon the marble cheek;
A look of blessed peace
Upon the forehead meek;
Woman's work is done!

THE HOME.

Punishment.
Some time ago, as I was coming up the street, I met a young married friend, holding her little boy by the hand. The child had evidently had a fall, for the pretty suit he wore was covered with splashes of mud.

"Just look at Willie's new coat," she said in an aggravated voice. "It is perfectly ruined; and I have had such trouble to get it made. Is it not too bad?"

While I was expressing my sympathy, that the little fellow had got into my face with a woeful expression on his own. "And mamma is going to whip me just as soon as she gets home," he cried.

"Certainly not," she said in the same indignant tone. "I have told him at least fifty times to be hold of my hair, and he never will do it, and this is the consequence."

"It seems to me," I answered somewhat dryly, "that if you have condoned the sin of disobedience for forty-nine times, it is for the sin of falling down that the child is to be punished; for if the accident had not happened, I imagine that the fiftieth act of disobedience would also have passed without comment."

"Her cheek flushed for a moment, then her honest hazel eyes met mine steadily. "Your reproof is a just one," she said, "and I shall not forget it."

I would like other young mothers, also, to carefully consider this question of punishment, for it is a most important one. While grave moral faults are often passed over casually, a child is frequently very severely dealt with for the tearing of a dress, or the breaking of an ornament, or any other fault that involves trouble or expense, even though the mischief may have been unintentionally done."

Shocking as the statement may sound, it is not true, that when the angry mother relieves her annoyance by punishing the object of it, she is really revenging herself upon it for the trouble it has occasioned.

Consider it is very provoking to have beautiful things broken and work that has been the result of much patient labor destroyed through heedlessness and carelessness, yet some time ago, when I heard a child who had torn a handsome dress, answer sagely to another who had told her that her mother would whip her for tearing it. "No, my mother never whips for clothes," I felt sure that she was in wise as well as loving hands.

Strength of Character.
It was Robertson who said most profoundly, "We mistake strong feelings for strong character." We must measure the strength of a man by the power of the feelings which he subdues, not by the power of those which subdue him. The mistake, however, is almost universally made, especially by the young.

How often we hear of a girl or a boy confessing to a hasty and uncontrolled temper in words which clearly convey the suggestion that such a temper is an evidence of strength of character; how many young people deem an even temper a sign of weakness, and the power of self-control an evidence of strength, and how much either of strength or of sensibility beneath a quiet and equable surface.

Such a view is entirely erroneous. As Robertson says, the only evidence of strength in a man is his power over his own self. Indeed, his powers are not his until they are entirely under his own control. That of which can be robbed by untoward circumstances, or by the caprice of others, is not ours. This thought carries us one step farther, showing us not only the need of mastery over our own turbulent and insubordinate characteristics, but the need of a voluntary and deliberate exercise of the powers which are by nature ours. For instance, a person may have been endowed with a large stock of good temper, yet he is not truly good-tempered until he has deliberately chosen to be good-tempered in a time when to fail would be natural. Thus George MacDonald says of one of his strongest and most beautiful characters, dowered with an inexhaustible fund of

TEMPERANCE.

Trifling With Danger.
I was sitting at the table of an Irish merchant in Sliigo a few years ago. He had eight children. He had his wines and brandy on the table, and of course, asked me to drink, and I had to give my reasons for declining. This gave me an opportunity to put a little temperance, and, while I was making my little speech by way of apology, I made this remark: "I would like to see the man who could truthfully say, 'No relative or friend of mine ever fell through intemperance.'"

"He went into the wine trade, and died a drunkard before he was forty. My first class-leader, I believe, was a good, intelligent, useful man; but he, too, yielded to the habit of intemperance and died a drunkard. My own father suffered through intemperance."

"Well," said he, at length, "I am not that man. My first Sunday-school superintendent was a man of genial spirit and noble mind. He went into the wine trade, and died a drunkard before he was forty. My first class-leader, I believe, was a good, intelligent, useful man; but he, too, yielded to the habit of intemperance and died a drunkard. My own father suffered through intemperance."

"In a recent notice of the death of a colored man who had lived a good life it is said of him: 'He was a cheerful man—a Christian who loved the bright side, who walked in the light and loved the sunshine.' The bright side of life is the Christian side. The good father wants his children to 'walk in the light as he is in the light.' A man may be very devout, but when he shuts himself up in a cell his devotion may become superstitious. It would be better for him to go about doing good. In the economy of grace there is no place for selfishness. I have been reading about an army officer who was killed in battle many years ago, leaving a wife and several children.

Shortly after his death a fearful scourge carried off all his children. The widow was left desolate and alone, but she said, 'I must not stay in-doors and weep. I will go into the sunshine.' By going into the sunshine and mingling with friends and neighbors she carried brightness into other hearts and homes.

Bright homes make happy families. A father who is always stern and gloomy cannot have a happy home, however regular he may be in his family devotions. It has been well said that "wherein our devotion is higher than our living it counts for nothing." There is a German proverb which says, "Keep your eyes fixed on the stars, but do not forget to light the household candles by the way." Joyful Christians ought to let their fellow-men be partakers of their joy.

Jerry M'Anley, who had found Jesus a great Saviour, told his story "that others might be led to adore and seek the blessed Friend who had saved and kept him by His grace."

"Wisdom's ways are ways of pleasantness." Light and gladness are linked together in the Scriptures. Light is seen for the righteous and gladness for the upright in heart. "A good lady said to an infidel: 'The Christian religion has saved my husband from a drunkard's grave and made me a happy woman. What has your belief done for you?'"

The light which glows in the story of the believer with gladness here is a foretaste of the fullness of joy which will be his in the presence of God forever. A physician who was dying looked up just as the dawn was breaking into his room and exclaimed, "There is a great light. I feel so strange. A great glare of light. What is it?" A friend and brother physician who was at his bedside replied, "It is the peace of God."

When Christ's glory shall be revealed, it will be the blessed privilege of believers to be partakers thereof, and to be glad also with exceeding joy. —New York Observer.

THE FARM.

Thinning Fruit.
We write frequently upon this subject because it is an important one. The great majority of novices in fruit growing wholly fail to realize the importance of thinning their pears, peaches, plums, grapes, etc., in order to secure a larger and lusciouser fruit, but greater money returns. For illustration, a peach tree may be allowed to carry so much fruit that the whole of it will be small, almost colorless and flavorless. Such fruit is worth nothing, and will not sell for anything, whereas, if the same tree were allowed to bear only a dozen peaches, greater money returns could be realized. In one case the product is worthless, and the tree is permanently injured, while in the other a moderate crop will leave the trees in good condition, while the fruit will be of superior quality in all respects. The same will apply, with almost equal force, to grapes, pears and plums.

The great objection to this method is the great amount of time required to accomplish the work. That is a very poor excuse indeed, for if one would raise fruit at all, it should be the aim to raise the best. The market will not take poor fruit as it would in former days. If this work is done at the proper season, the results will be entirely satisfactory.

Ditching.

Those who own low lands should not neglect the important work of putting in drains, either covered or open. In many cases it is better to have open ditches. These are likely to get filled or clogged up in one way and another, and will need attention. After having, when the water is low, a good time to do this work. It cannot be neglected without incurring considerable risk to the crops—even to the grass crop. The past two years have been wet ones, and the meadows have shown the evil effects of too much water in the poor quality of the grass this season. Sometimes the mud obtained will partly pay the expense of ditching. The main ditches, especially, need to be kept clear. One who has not had experience in this direction will be surprised to see the beneficial results of proper drainage.

—Mr. Henry Graham, Wingham, writes: "I was in North Dakota last May, and I took a bottle of Northrop & Lyman's Vegetable Discovery with me, as I did not feel safe without it. While there a lady friend was suffering with Indigestion, Biliousness and Headache. I recommended the Vegetable Discovery to her and she tried it, and the result was that it did her so much good that I had to leave the balance of the bottle with her."

—Let us have faith that right makes might, and in that faith let us dare to do our duty as we understand it. —A. Lincoln.

WISDOM AND CHEER.

How pleasant it is to meet happy people! What cheer and comfort comes from a sunny nature. Such ones are certain to be good looking, whether handsome or not, whether pretty or plain, if only they are warm-hearted. It is a treat to see and welcome anybody with a benevolent heart, which is sure to shine through the countenance, illuminate the face and make pleasant the surroundings. You know many acquaintances who are kindly disposed, whether you meet them on Sunday or on the street, wherever you encounter them there is a smile of gladness.

To preserve this sweetness and serenity is Christian. It is a grace to know and recognize others and to help lighten burdens, diffuse charities, and strengthen and enrich the lives of our fellow-beings. Christ taught us by word and example His walk among His disciples and fellow-laborers in the houses of His people was a divine benediction. The divinity that shapes our ends rough hew them how we will, is working among men to make better and nobler the race. The same Jehovah is continually striving to fulfill the mysteries of redeeming power and grace, and in the light of present knowledge we should strive to act wisely, discreetly and well, that the continual benediction of love which we so much desire and pray for may be shed abroad here and everywhere. This can be done in the church, by His people, throughout the world.

A young New York millionaire, who is called "Eugene Aram" at the clubs, because he said "remote from all" and mopes, frankly admits that he takes no interest in anything in the world—races, horse ball, yachts, and other matters that generally engage the attention of young men in good health like himself, with a great fortune to spend. He got tired of this long ago. "The truth is," he says, "I began life too early. I have been cursed by too much money. I wish I had been born poor. The poison of riches has made me unfit for anything but an envious and useless creature. I know my case would not awaken much sympathy, but I tell you, sir, it's a hard one."

The Bar-Room.
Young man! have not your eyes been frequently attracted to a sign having the following ominous word on it: "Beware!"

Avoid the place; it is no misnomer. The experience of thousands has proved it to be—
A bar to respectability;
A bar to honor;
A bar to happiness;
A bar to domestic felicity.
Every day proves it to be—
The road to degradation;
The road to vice;
The road to the gambler's hell;
The road to the brothel;
The road to poverty;
The road to wretchedness;
The road to want;
The road to robbery;
The road to murder;
The road to prison;
The road to the gallows;
The road to the drunkard's grave;
The road to hell.

Some, it is true, do not pass through all these stages; but intemperance, persisted in, always ends in the drunkard's grave, and we have too much reason to fear, in hell.

The bar-room is truly—
The curse of the drunkard's wife;
The curse of the drunkard's child;
The curse of the drunkard's home.
Those only who have known the bitterness of being a drunkard's wife or child can know the misery and the horror of the drunkard's home.

Man of family! flee the bar-room, as you would in honor fulfill the pledge of manhood to her who is the companion of your joys and of your sorrows.—Baltimore American.

In Samoa there is "Prohibition with a party behind it," the party being the king. A late copy of the Samoa Times contains the following proclamation: "No spirituous, vinous, or fermented liquors or intoxicating drinks whatever shall be sold, given, or offered to, or bought or bartered by, any native Samoan or Pacific Islander resident in Samoa, to be taken as a beverage. Any one who will be found guilty of the violation of this provision shall be punished by a fine not exceeding \$100, or by imprisonment not exceeding six months, or by both fine and imprisonment, and the liquor not yet consumed shall be confiscated."

The Millionth Part of a Risk.
When but a child I noticed that the belle of a Christmas party shook her head smilingly when egg-nog was passed to her, and that her attendant followed her example in declining it. I also heard an explanation of her singular conduct given, subsequently, to her glib companions: "They say that Ed Taylor is trying to break off drinking. He was my shadow all the evening, you know, and of course it wouldn't do for him to accept what I had refused. Moreover, girls' resolves. I made up my mind to-night never to drink so much as a glass of wine with a young man again! I will not lose the thousandth part of a chance of saving a tempted soul, or take the millionth part of a risk of ruining one."

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If I can place only one little brick in the pavement of the Lord's pathway, I shall be glad to see the coming generations may walk there to the heavenly city.—Phillips Brooks.

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