

of real silk ribbon! It seemed too good to be true.

"Of course I do," said Lucy, simply, beginning to unfasten the tiny pearl buttons.

Jenny's fingers trembled so that she could scarcely take off the brown dress, but when it was done she was not ashamed of the neat white undergarments, which had been the work of her own patient fingers, guided by dear grandma. They were quite suitable for the elegant dress. When the exchange had been made, Mamie entered into the spirit of the occasion, and said sweetly:

"Why, Lucy, that brown is specially becoming to your dolly's complexion. I should make her wear brown a good deal, if I were you."

The three friends spent a happy afternoon together, and when Mamie told the story of it to her mamma that night, she said:

"I think Lucy is the most lady-like little girl I know—don't you?"

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A DAINY COMPLIMENT.

"Absolutely the most satisfactory compliment which ever drifted my way," said a woman last week, "I received to-day.

"I was hurrying through one of the blocks between Fifth and Sixth avenues, just below Twenty-third street, when I saw approaching me a woman whom I thought I knew. I took her to be an out-of-town friend, and my pleasure to meet her was the greater from its rarity. I hurried forward, not waiting to fairly reach her before beginning my delighted greeting. The words froze on my lips, however, as we actually met, for I saw that, though the likeness was extraordinary, even at close quarters, she was not the person for whom I had taken her.

"Oh," I said, with a smile of apology, "I beg your pardon. I thought you were a friend of mine." She smiled, too, and then, after a second of survey and hesitation, which subtly pointed the remark, said, with a graceful bow and a charming air of breeding, "I wish I were, madam," and passed on."

"The whole thing took but a breath to do, though it has taken several to tell, and she was almost out of hearing before I could rally and call 'Thank you,' after her. I shall never see her again, of course, but I shall always remember her quick tact and delightful courtesy.

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SNUB NOT AT ALL.

Don't snub a boy because he wears shabby clothes. When Edison, the inventor of the telephone, first entered Boston, he wore a pair of yellow linen breeches in the depth of winter.

Don't snub a boy because his home is plain and unpretending. Abraham Lincoln's early home was a log cabin.

Don't snub a boy because of the ignorance of his parents. Shakespeare, the world's poet, was the son of a man who was unable to write his own name.

Don't snub a boy because he chooses a humble trade. The author of "Pilgrim's Progress" was a tinker.

Don't snub a boy because of his physical disability. Milton was blind.

Don't snub a boy because of his dullness in lessons. Hogarth, the celebrated painter and engraver, was a stupid boy at his books.

Don't snub any one; not alone because some day they may outstrip you in the race of life, but because it is neither kind, nor right, nor Christian.

The coming year will be a good one in which to get rid of the habit of talking about your neighbour.

DOG SAVED HIS MASTER.

John Walker, of Roselle, New Jersey, was doing a lot of thinking on Saturday, August 14th. He was face to face with death.

Walker left his house early in the morning for a stroll. His dog followed him. He tried to drive him back. Then master and dog started to walk along the Jersey Central Railroad track to Elizabeth.

Midway between the stations Walker met a heavy freight train, running rapidly eastward, making enough noise to deaden all other sounds. Walker stepped to the westbound track. His dog, which had been running ahead after birds or loitering behind to make short and noisy excursions into the bushes, closed in on his master when the train neared him.

Walker was careless. He never looked behind him and did not hear or see the Royal Blue Express. Brakemen on the freight train shouted warnings. The engineer of the express train blew his whistle, with no avail. It was too late to stop, although the engineer was trying to do so. Walker plodded on.

When the train was nearly on top of Walker his dog sprang at him with a growl. Walker turned, saw the train and stepped aside in time to avoid the cars as they swept past him with a roar.

—When a resolution is once formed, half the difficulty is over.

—Seek to make that your own which has the stamp of God upon it, and therefore the stamp of eternity.

—Don't expect much from the man who is always talking about how much he would give if he had some other man's purse.

—We are not to pray for a revelation of God. That is not his way. The road by which we are to know more is by being more like Him.

—It is by quiet submission in little things that the habit is formed which stands us in good stead when the great crises of our life come.

—When we remember the promise that the pure in heart shall see God, and reflect upon the teaching reiterated in the Bible, that impurity surely causes a spiritual blindness, we must realize the absolute necessity of the purity upon which our Lord dwells in the Sermon on the Mount,—a purity of word and thought as well as of deed.

Flossie.—"I'm afraid to go to sleep all alone in the dark."

Mamma.—"You go right to bed like a good little girl, and remember that God's little angels are with you."

Flossie (ten minutes later)—"I can't go to sleep, mamma, one of God's little angels is biting me."

—The man who minds his own business need never complain of having no work.

—Have you demonstrated that the secret of prayer and its answer is continual "abiding in Christ?"

—Do you believe this? "He that saveth his time from prayer shall lose it; he that loseth his time for communion with God shall find it a blessing."

—When you have lost money in the streets everyone is ready to help you to look for it; but when you have lost your character, every-one leaves you to recover it as you can.

—Faithful prayer always implies correlative exertion; and no man can ask honestly and hopefully to be delivered from temptation unless he has himself honestly and firmly determined to do the best he can to keep out of it.

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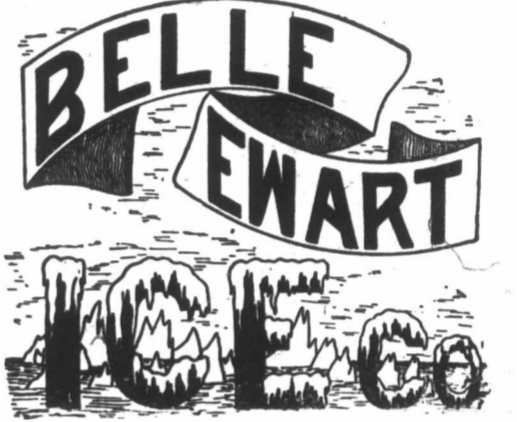
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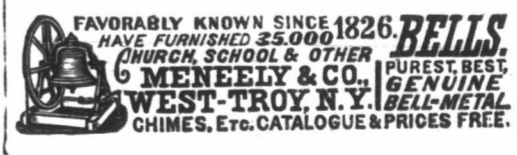
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