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East is East

Dear old Aunt Hepsy couldn't stand it after the first week of visit, though she had intended remaining a month. "Talk'n no use, child," she replied to the importunities of her friends. "You're all just as good an' kind as you can be, but the sun rises here in the North an' sets in the South, an' the North Star is over in the West, an' the moon is in the wrong part of the sky, an' I can't get things straight to save my life. If I stay here another week, dearie, I'll go plumb crazy!"

You see she had adjusted herself so irrevocably to the celestial orbs she simply couldn't even compromise for the sake of a few days of most entertaining rest. The trouble with a good many people is the ready ease with which they can call South North, East West, the rising sun a setting orb, and darkness light. Having readjusted their moral outlook to these shuffled standards they readily make shipwreck of faith, jeopardize their standing in the community, and become moral derelicts. Aunt Hepsy is right; another week of such wobbly existence would set her "plumb crazy." There is nothing like having the sun of truth rise in the East and the pole star of guidance twinkle down upon one from the North.—Northwestern Christian Advocate.

Get a Good Grip on Yourself

A recent writer tells a story of a famous horse-trainer who had a particularly bad-tempered animal brought to him for training. At the first act of ugly temper on the part of the horse the trainer paused, put up his whip, and said, with a deep drawing of his breath, "Now, first of all, let me get a good grip on myself." After that his mastery of the horse came, not as an accident, but as a sequel. It was there that Absalom failed; and he never a good grip on himself.—Sci.

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