

The Poet's Corner.

Oh! could there in this world be found
Some little spot of happy ground,
Where village pleasures might go round,
Without the village tattle...

YES OR NO.

"And so you are going away to Europe, Will?" asked Kitty Merwin, as she said good-bye to her old playmate, Will Lewis, at the gate.

"Yes," he replied, "I have a splendid chance to study, and I cannot afford to waste any longer time here, much as I enjoy it."

"I hope you don't think the time spent with me as wasted," said the girl, coquettishly. "If you go perhaps I had better run away," with a smile.

"You know I want to stay in America for your sake," he answered, as he came nearer to her—so near that she felt his breath in her face.

"I want to ask you a question before I go away," he said, earnestly. "Will you give me a plain answer?"

"I'll try," she said, laughing. "Only do not make it hard." "It is this," he added. "I want to ask you, Kitty, if, after two years abroad, I can come back here and claim you for my wife?"

Kitty, when I met you in Jacksonville I had just returned from Italy, where I had been United States Consul. On my way back you should I meet by my old friend. He looked worn and haggard, and seemed so spiritless and forlorn that I finally persuaded him to tell me his trouble.

"False and heartless she was not," cried Kitty, springing to her feet, with the blood surging over her face and then ebbing, leaving her very pale. "But she was a simpleton who said 'no' when she meant 'yes' and when she looks back and sees the ruins she has made of two happy lives she would like to die."

"It was you, then," exclaimed Colonel Adams, trying to soothe the excited girl. He continued after a pause: "When I left my friend I made a solemn vow that I would find the young lady, if it took me ten years to do it, and I would endeavor to clear up this cloud. Will you let me try and bring back some of your lost happiness? I shall write to Dr. Lewis tonight. Will you enclose a short note?"

"It is no use," she said, sadly. "He would not read it." "I rather think he will, after my proffer. Miss Kitty, I am older than you. I have seen a great deal of the world, and I think you can safely trust to my advice. Write to him. It is the least you can do after the misery you have caused."

The two letters were sent, and a month after Kitty received an answer, which made her the happiest girl in the world. Six months later there was a double wedding at Mrs Merwin's house. Mrs Merwin became Mrs Adams, and Kitty, in answer to the clergyman's solemn question, said "Yes" with an emphasis that showed that now she meant what she said.

The commandment given to Moses was "Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor." If this commandment in its broadest significance be kept, to live up to the rest of the decalogue will not be hard. No writing sin is committed that does not either involve lying on the road to it or lead to it afterward. The premeditated murderer, the adulterer and the thief expect to cover one sin by the commission of another, and have to rely to lie before they determine to otherwise incriminate themselves. The high souls who are above deceit are secure in such control of themselves that they are not prone to any disregard of conscientious scruples which may pave the way to vicious courses. But such men or women in the world are rarer than pearls in oysters or orchids among flowers.

There are so many kinds and grades of lying. Lies told to bring ourselves advantage at the expense of others, and those told to defeat the laws of justice, are the lies abhorrent which the decalogue forbids. In this category belongs the deceit which arises from telling a part of the truth and withholding the rest. The law recognizes and guards against this artful form of lying by requiring witness to make oath to tell "the whole truth." In the economy of Heaven every man is neighbor to every other man, and the wilful untruth by which one man injures another is a violation of the commandment. Against this form of lying the youth of the land should be diligently instructed at home, in the church and in the school, for it is the entering wedge to all manner of devilry. In this way the author of guile commenced the ruin of the first man and woman and taught them to pervert.

But there are amiable liars who lie to please others and to beguile the time by making themselves agreeable. In this category are the society shams and pretenses, intended in the way of politeness, but which arise largely from a misunderstanding of what true politeness is, namely, the science of charity and kindness. Then there are the liars who lie to glorify themselves and to make themselves seem of more account than they are. This is dangerous ground. The difference is not so far as might be imagined between raising one's self into an undue estimation and raising a check in order to get more dollars than the maker of the check may intend to pay. There is a cheap and paltry kind of lying in the pretense of knowledge that one does not really possess. Usually liars of this kind are ultimately tried in their own fat. Then there is the lie intended for wit, and probably en-

itled to be considered the weakest form of wit, the exaggerative lie—the Bill Nye, Mark Twain, E. I. Perkins lie. These fellows lie. These fellows lie to make a living for themselves, and some of them are reputed to live very comfortably. These lies are not intended to be believed. They offend more against good taste than against morality. But by always keeping the bars down between truth and untruth there is no danger that untruth may come into undue favor?

There are some lies that are lies in form and not in fact. Our houses are our castles, and the household has the right to privacy and rest. When madam sends word to the unwelcome or untimely caller that she is "not at home" nothing more is meant, or in the polite usage understood, than that she is informally absent in so far as the duties of social consideration or hospitality are involved. A conventional lie may be told in shaking a proffered hand or in saying "Good morning" or "How do you do?" To the diplomat who holds with Talleyrand that language was invented to disguise man's thoughts all lies except the lie direct are privileged. Diplomacy has largely been a game of lying, and of lying for advantage. But Prince Bismarck has undermined and discredited all the liars of the diplomatic craft by showing how profoundly sharper it may be to tell the truth. Honesty is the best policy. Simplicity is the highest wisdom. There are white lies, such as mother, for instance, may tell her innocent child in excuse of a dissolute father, which seems as likely to be blotted from the page of the recording angel as is Uncle Toby's oath. But it is better to not lie at all.

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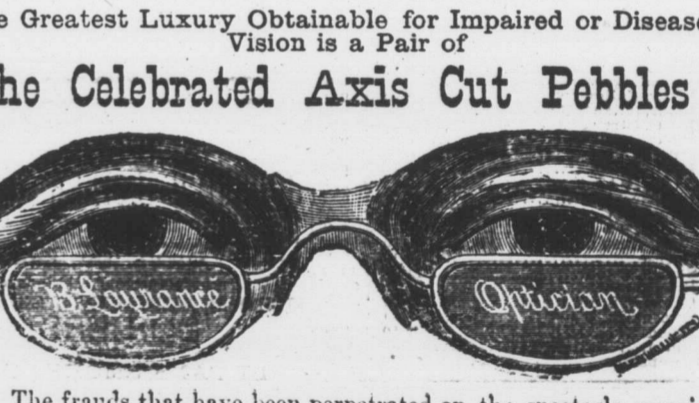
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