

length the illusion vanished. Allerton found himself deeply in debt, without means *and without office*, with an indolent, extravagant family to support. Offices had ruined him. In his distress he mustered resolution to do what hundreds have failed to do, and who have done worse. With the wreck of a former competence, he pulled up stakes, and leaving behind him his official habits and official pride, fled to the wilds of Indiana, where I am happy to say, he has resumed again the habiliments of the farmer, and is profiting by the lessons of experience.

Who is there that among his acquaintance does not recognize a Job Allerton ?

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OLD HUMPHREY'S SHORT WAY WITH INFIDELS.

In moving among mankind, I have now and then fallen in with infidels, who have not only declared their unbelief of the Bible, but endeavored, also, to destroy the faith of others in that blessed book. The way in which they have always begun their attack, is, to huddle and wriggle about some disputed point of little importance, with as much confidence as if they were on the very point of overturning the whole truth of scripture by their silly prattle. Just as soon would a poor blind mole tear up from the ground an oak of a hundred years growth, by burrowing under one of the least of its roots.

If ever you fall in with any of these unhappy beings, don't be drawn into cavil with them about trifles, but boldly declare your opinion, leaving them to wrangle, if they like, by themselves.

Tell them that if there be any good thing, and pure, and holy, and heavenly in the world, the Bible exhorts us to practise it : and if there be any thing that is evil, and base, and vile in the world, the Bible commands us to avoid it. That will be a poser.

Tell them that the Bible contains more knowledge and wisdom than all the other books that were ever put together ; and that those who believe its promises and obey its commandments, have peace, and hope, and joy in the cares of life, and the trying hour of death. That will be a poser too.

Tell them that the Bible has been believed in by the wisest and best of men, from generation to generation, as the word of the living God, and that it makes known to a sinner the only way of salvation, through the merits and death of a crucified Redeemer. That will be another poser.