### OUR BOYS AND GIRLS.

#### THE WINDOW BEHIND THE BRANCHES.

It was a great trial to Kenneth that he was not so big and strong as his brother Harry. It would have been strange if he had been, for Harry was four years older, and those four years counted for a good deal. But Kenneth was anxious to do whatever Harry did, and to do it in the same way. He did not like to ride a smaller wheel; he had tired himself all out one day when the boys were going for a long walk by trying to keep up with Harry and his friends, and he made himself lame for days by insisting on using his brother's dumbbells, instead of the lighter ones that had been brought especially for him. His father laughed at his eagerness. "Have patience, laddie," he often

"Nobody expects you to have gth beyond your years.
the time will come when you catch up with Harry, and strength beyond your years. I am be quite as strong as he is. Kenneth tried to be content with that prophecy, though he took every opportunity of testing his strength.

There came a day in school that brought a test of another sort. Kenneth went out into the yard one bright spring afternoon to get a drink of water, and as he passed back into the building again, shied a stone that he had picked up into the branches of a big tree in the next yard.

Before school began the next morning, the principal had a call from the man who lived in the house next to the school building. He reported with some indignation that one of his windows, on the side toward the schoolyard, had been broken by a stone, and ne wanted to have the boy punished who had done it.

Do you know at what time of the day it was done?" the principal asked. "No, I don't," was the reply. "My family were away all day, and it was not until night that we discovered it.

The principal shook his head. "I am afraid it will be hard work to find the boy," he said. According to your statement, it may have been done at any time of the morning or afternoon, and any boy in school, from the first grade up to the eighth, may be the one who threw the stone. However I'll do

That was how it happened that the principal went into every room that day, asking if any boy had thrown the In every room there were denials from all the boys, until the principal reached Kenneth's room

Kenneth had never thought that his stone might break a window, but when the principal told what had happened, he had an uncomfortable certainty that he was the boy who was to blame Evidently there was a window behind the branches of the big tree.

" But you're not sure of that," a voice whispered to him, adding, a mo-"And nobody saw you do it. If you say no, they'll never know the difference.

Kenneth heard the voice, but he did not obey its suggestion. He knew what honor was, and he stood up and told his story bravely and manfully. "I didn't know there was a window

behind the tree, or I wouldn't have thrown the stone," he said, with evi-dent honesty. "I'll ask my father to let me earn money to pay for a new

The owner of the broken window had come in with the principal, and had looked very fierce while the questions were being asked. But at Kenneth's last words, his face changed suddenly.

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"I guess we won't bother about that," he said. "I was pretty angry at first, ecanse I've had windows broken be fore when I couldn't find out what boy did it, and I thought this was going to be another case of the same sort. I hope you'll all try to be careful after

When Kenneth told the story at home that evening, he added, proudly, "And teacher said that something a good deal like it happened when Harry was in like it happened when Harry was in the room, and that he owned up just as quick as I did. She said it was good to see a strong sense of honor running through a family that way."

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"It is good, Kenneth," his father said, gravely. "And I am glad to know that though you may not be as strong of muscle as Harry, you are as strong in honor."

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Kenneth's face lighted up at his father's words. "O, papa!" he said, joyfully, "I can be as strong as Harry in something, can't I? I never thought about that, but I'm so glad!" And the pleasure of that thought wiped out many disappointments. — Frances El-liott, in the Youth's Instructor.

### The Sine Of The Tongue

There is nothing in the wide range of social life which works so much evil as the light and oftentimes unconsidered words which are spoken. Daily and hourly words fell from lips in-tending no harm which shatter the reputation or bring sorrow into the life of the one discussed. Comment upon the actions of one's neighbor necessarily forms a larger part in our conversation, for there is nothing in all the world so attractive as human interests. It is not possible to mingle in the great tide of life and maintain only an abstract interest in humanity. kin would be unknown. So long as the discussion of others is kindly, no harm is done, but when one allows his neighbor's affairs to assume undue proportions and makes them a matter of frequent comment, the dividing line where interest becomes goesip is reached

## CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN.

Honorable Conduct.

In November, 1841, the mercantile house of Sheldon Bros. & Co., of Boston, found it necessary to suspend payment of their debts, and to close up the business of the firm. Their creditors, after an investigation of their concerns, agreed to receive 50 per cent. of the amount of their respective demands, and release the house entirely from their obligations. This agreement was entered into by all the creditors, the stipulated per centage was paid, and the demands cancelled. Some time after the failure of the

house, Mr. Henry Shelton, one of the partners died. Mr. Philo. S. Shelton, the surviving partner, proceeded, with undounted and persevering energy, to wind up the concerns of the old firm, and to commence business anew, on his own account. In his enterprise he has been prosperous, and soon made a new dividend of 25 per cent. among all his creditors, upon the full amount of their cancelled demands against the original house, paying out to them the aggregate sum of \$40,000 for which they had no legal claim upon him whatever. This payment wa entirely voluntary on his part : and it had be en made not only to individual creditors, but, in some instances, to rich corporations, by whom the loss would not have been felt.

#### The Way to Wealth.

It is an awkward thing to begin the world without a dollar-and yet hundreds of individuals have raised large fortunes from a single shilling. know a gentleman, a builder, in an worth \$100,000, who was a bricklaver's laborer some six years ago, at \$1 per day. He became rich by acting upon principle. He has frequently assured me that even when he was in ill-paid employment he continued to save 5 cents per day, and thus laid up \$182 the first year. From this moment his fortune was made. Like the hound upon the right scent the game sooner or later won was sure to become his own.

Another extensive firm, which has since died, and left behind him an immense property, the other is still alive, has realized as much, and yet both these landed in New York without a cent, and swept the very shop wherein both afterwards mad their fortunes. Like the builder whom we have just mentioned, they possess an indomitable spirit of industry, perseverance and frugality, and the first dollar became in consequence the foundation of a million more.

The world at large would call these individuals fortunate, and ascribe their property to good luck; but the world be very wrong to do so. If there was any luck at all in the matter it was the luck of possessing clear heads and active hands, by which means multitudes of others have carved out their own fortunes, as well as the instances we have above cited. But the word business means habit. Paro doxical as it may seem at first sight, business is nothing in the world except habit-the soul of which is regularity. Like the fly-wheel upon steam engine, this last keeps up the motion of life steady and unbroken, thereby enabling the machine to do its work : without this regularity, your notions as a merchant may be capital, but never will be profitable.

### Developing Skill by Practice.

Some of the lighter forms of amusement that appear almost trivial would have educational value if they should direct one to reflect upon the almost marvelous skill that can be developed bats who amuse us in a vaudeville show by their exhibitions of skill have no special gift and are very often below the average intelligence of man, but by daily practice for years they have developed their muscles to a mar-velous degree, and have obtained com-plete control of them. The jugglers are still more wonderful, having such serves them at times, but they depend mainly upon a training that makes their movements automatic. The ball player depends more upon skill and judgment, for the feats he performs are seldom if ever exactly alike, but the juggler and gymnast do the same thing over and over again under pre-cisely the same conditions at all times. The lesson to be drawn from such ex-

The lesson to be drawn from such ex-hibitions is that skill of a more useful kind may be developed in precisely the same way. The young artist has only to be as patient in learning how to handle and control a brush as he is in practicing with a billiard cue, and he will surely make a name for him. he will surely make a name for himself as a skilled man, technically, though that accomplishment may not make him a great artist. So also the mechanic can become as skilful and automatic in the handling of tools as the juggler is with balls if he will practice as diligently as the juggler to obtain such skill. It is really shame-

ful that men make such little use of their opportunities.

The human body is a wonderful piece of mechanism, provided with all most innumerable muscles, the major-ity of which are left unused in the If this were so, the feeling of sympathy would be missing and that touch of are capable of being developed to a nature which makes the whole world degree of strength far beyond the

athletic exercises. These amusements are good in their way. The boy ought to learn how to play well, but he should also learn how to work by a precisely similar method—that is by

teady practice until he has obtained complete mastery of his muscles. The performers in the vaudeville show serve a useful end when they afford amusement to tired spectators who need relaxation from the business cares; they are helpful teachers when their skill inspires young people with the thought that the drudgery of daily practice in some useful calling has it empensations in the development of skill of another kind, less marvelous only because it is more common.

My Mother. Amongst his fellows he stood tall and handsome, the twenty years of his young life sitting lightly on the forth clear, truthful eyes telling of the noble soul within. Arthur Wilso from the first day of his arrival in K several years before this day, had been the idol of the University, beloved by teachers and companions alike, though it was known amongst them, that he was the only son of a poor widow in C-He could neither boast of family nor wealth, but what was still greater than these, a noble soul and heart, and he determined that he would repay his widowed mother for all she had done for him those years to give him the one desire of his heart, a college education. The day of his graduation had come and it wanted now but a short time before the closing exercises, so the principal valedictorian was spending the minutes with some near chums under the great cedar trees where he had often spent such happy times. "Yes, boys," he was saying, "the day for which I have worked so hard, and longed for, has at last come, and there will be here to day, to participate in my triumph, one whose goodness to me, I can never pay back, and that is my mother. Even now I can see her dear old face and silver hair," and he smiled happily at the picture he had drawn of his best friend on earth. Those standing near him listened and applauded. The simple manly words applauded. The simple manly words had touched them, and some began to wonder what Arthur's mother would be like, when they saw him suddenly eap apast them towards an old, bent figure, toiling laboricusly up the front walk and heard his voice exclaim joyously, " Mother, is it you?" Some wer bout to follow to witness the meeting of the two, at closer bounds, but the others held them back with, "We must not. It would be intruding. Let Art have als mother to himself." Arthur seemed oblivious to every one and every thing: only of his mother was he thinking, and in full view of his companions he embraced her fondly, while tears of joy, at the sight of he noble son, welcoming her so warmly, rolled unrestrainedly down her withered cheeks, and she could only say tremblingly "My Arthur, my son, may God bless you." Soon she found more voice, and began answering the numerous questions he put to her-how since last he saw her (two years before)? had the journey been fatiguing? etc., and all the while he was leading her towards the great entrance hall Meeting some of the faculty he intro duced the bowed, gray head figure, with the simple words "My mother," then passed on with her into the assem bly room, to procure her a seat. A fashionable audience had already be gun to arrive and to take their places but this mattered not to the young graduate who placing his mothe position where she could see all that would be going on without straining her eyes, left her saying, tenderly,

cept that her Arthur was soon to grad-The oration of Arthur Melton, was over, and as he stepped off the plat-form, crowned with honors the applause with which he was greeted was deafening. "Is he not handsome?" said one. "So brilliant "said a second. And "a perfect success in every way" said a third, and all the time the gray head in front of them was being bowed lower and lower, her heart's blood quickening at these praises of her son. At last the end of the exercises came and Arthur Melton was the one subject of conversation, amongst the audience who still lingered about the room, and seeing him making his way towards their centre, crowded about him to offer him their congratulations. He glided through them, thanking them briefly, and hastened to his mother, who sat unnoticed and alone, to receive her congratulations and blessings, which were far more precious to him than wishes of strangers. Then it was that those who before had scorned and treated her coldly, seemed anxious to make of her, but he knowing their real dispositions gently warded them off, and bore her to another room, where he could have her all to himself, for the short while that would elapse ere they would take the train for home, leaving those in the assembly hall to wonder at and

and still others to the various forms of admire "the devotion of young Melton to his mother.

> Years afterwards, when the fame of the great lawyer Melton had become widespread, and his beautiful home on the Hudson, the centre of a distinguished group of men brilliant like imself, he never forgot that gray haired parent who had done so much for him, and though the grasses on her grave had been growing for thirty years he always spoke of her, mother, my sainted mother. DOLOROSA KLINE Hallfax.

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