

JESUS; — ABLE TO MAKE YOU STAND.

THE TWO SOMEBODIES.

I KNOW somebody who always appears to be miserable. And I will tell you how he contrives to be so. He is always thinking about himself; constantly wishing for what he has not got; idling his time; fretting and grumbling.

I also know somebody who is always happy; and this is the way he contrives to be so. Thinking of others; satisfied with what God has provided for him; being industrious; and thinking how he can make others happy.

What kind of a "somebody" are you?

DON'T BLOCK YOUR WAY.



WHILE sitting in the office of a merchant not long since, a lad of about sixteen, entered holding a cigar in his mouth. He said to the gentleman, "I would like to get a situation in your warehouse."

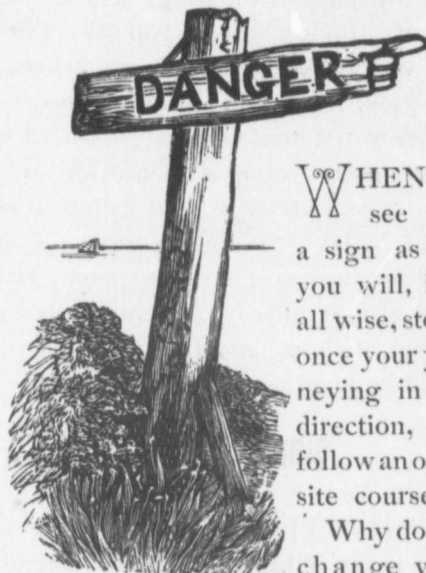
"I might give you a place, but you carry a very bad recommendation in your mouth." was the merchant's reply.

"I didn't think it any harm to smoke, sir; nearly everybody smokes now."

"I am sorry to say, my lad, I cannot employ you. If you have money enough to pay for cigars, you will be above working at the ordinary duties of your place; and if you have not money, your love of cigars might lead you to steal it. No

boy who smokes can get employment in my warehouse."

A word to the wise is sufficient.



WHEN you see such a sign as this you will, if at all wise, stop at once your journeying in that direction, and follow an opposite course.

Why do you change your mind so quickly? Why don't you continue on the old course? "Because it would be dangerous. That post tells me so; and while it is true that I never saw the actual danger, nor could I tell the exact nature or extent of the danger, I feel certain that the person by whose orders that post has been erected, knows all about it, therefore I'll take his word for it, and run no risk."

Thus we find a man leaving a road over which he has travelled some considerable distance, and he takes an entirely different course, and he does this, because he believes a word written by command of a person with whom he is unacquainted, and concerning a danger which he never saw. Yet all will join in calling it a wise action.

JESUS; — ABLE TO KEEP YOU FROM FALLING.