

That's jolly! shouted Phil, springing from the fence and running home, leaving Ben to plod along with the cow.

He hurried to his room. The bed was not made, and everything he had touched that day lay where he had left it, which did not trouble him.

Hello—no water! he exclaimed, as his empty pitcher flew up in his hand. But, bethinking himself, he ran for his own water.

Now for a clean collar. But his face fell as he saw none in the drawer. It was plain that they had not come up from the wash, and he could not ask for one. What did he want of a collar, any way, when no one would expect to see him at the tea table?

He crept out to the barn, found a cup, and managed to get a good drink of milk from the cow. Then ate more apples, and from the hay-loft watched the merry group at play on the lawn, trying to think it very nice not to be expected to help about the chores.

But as he lay awake, after going to bed, restless and a trifle hungry, he began to wonder if his bargain was altogether a satisfactory one. He recalled something he had heard his mother say about its being impossible for any one to live unto himself, or escape the duties and responsibilities owed by each to others, and that all peace and harmony and happiness depend upon the good will and cheeriness and loving kindness with which these duties are performed. He fell asleep thinking he would probably not try his new plan longer than the week he had spoken of.

The clothing kept slipping from his unmade bed, causing him much discomfort as the coolness of the autumn nights settled down. He awoke at the sound of the breakfast bell to a keen perception of the delightful smell of mutton chops, buckwheat cakes, and other good things.

Well! he exclaimed, jumping up, I'm not going to live another day on apples, if I know myself. After all, he went on, as he dressed himself, it's a mean and sneaking thing to try and shirk things. I get all I want to eat, and good too, (he sniffed eagerly as the appetizing smell came stronger) and it's a pity if I can't do a little to help on.

He was out and had the leaves raked before breakfast, at which he appeared with a glowing color and a side-long glance at mamma.

I think I've tried it long enough mamma, he said with a smile. I believe I'll do chores, and board with you, if you'll take me back.

I will, said mamma, passing him the hot cakes.—*The Sunday School Times.*

Is it not strange that so many of the kindly advisers who are so anxious that Temperance advocates shall abstain from the discussion of party politics do not hesitate to force the subject of Temperance within the domain of "party politics"? They have done it in connection with the Scott Act, and they propose to repeat it upon a larger scale by the introduction of Prohibitive legislation. We should

like to see our Temperance advocates and the Temperance Press exhibit a little more consistency and a little more common sense in regard to the matter. There is no political question to-day, we regret to say, occupying the attention of our people and our politicians more prominently than this very subject of restraining and prohibitive legislation. By-and-by we shall not be able to touch upon the subject of Temperance at all without becoming at once involved in one of the fiercest and most offensive party struggles and faction contests that the world's morality has yet been shocked with.—*Ex.*

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Foot—On the 8th Sept., at 115 St. Patrick street, Toronto, the wife of Jeffery Foot, of a son.

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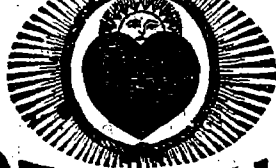
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