

down he called for Jimmie to jump into the water. He had strength only to seize his boy, fold his arms about him, and press him to his bosom, and, thus enfolded, they sank together to rise no more. Such is the love of a father.

As for a mother's love, who can fathom it? It is measureless. Thos. H. B. Benton, speaking of his mother, said: "She asked me never to use tobacco; I have never touched it from that time to the present. She asked me never to gamble, and I have never gambled, and I cannot tell who is losing in games that are being played. She admonished me, too, against hard drinking, and whatever capacity for endurance I have at present, and whatever usefulness I may have attained in life, I have attributed to having complied with her pious and correct wishes. When I was seven years of age she asked me not to drink, and then I made a resolution of total abstinence, and that I have adhered to it through all time I owe to my mother."

And Beecher, in talking of the noble work of mothers, said, "O, do not read to me of the campaigns of Cæsar; tell me nothing of Napoleon's wonderful exploits; I tell you that as God and the angels look down upon the silent history of that woman's (he had been talking of a mother who took alone the burden of life when her husband laid it down; without much property, out of her penury, by her planning and industry night and day, by her wilfulness of love, by her fidelity, brings up her children, and life has six men, all of whom are like temples in the pillar of God) administration, and upon those men-building processes which went on in her heart and mind through a score of years, nothing exterior, no outward development of kingdoms, no empire building; can compare with what she has done.—Nothing can compare in beauty and wonder and admirableness and divinity itself to the silent work in obscure dwellings of faithful women bringing to honor and virtue and piety. I tell you, the inside is larger than the outside, the loom is more than the fabric; the thinker is more than the thought; the builder is more than the building.

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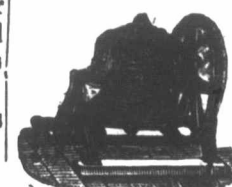
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