

THE CALLIOPE.

In some cases it is natural but nevertheless it is not incurable. The most effective cure is to have a looking-glass always at hand, that we may

"See ourselves as others see us,"

when we are in our sulky moods. The sight would frighten us. A cheerful countenance hides many defects, as a handsome countenance is often made absolutely ugly by burst of ungovernable passion. We are little better than the savage. In fact many savages, though uncivilized and uncultivated, would put to shame some of our young gents, in good natured politeness.

A sulky fellow takes offence at what is meant as a compliment, and cannot give you a civil reply, but growls out something you do not understand. There is no pity for him, he is left to wander about the earth unheeded and alone, getting sourer and sourer the older he grows, until at last he is mistaken for a barrel of vinegar and smuggled away in some hole in the ground, there to be left until called for. But these are not the only evils which attend a sulky man. He generally comes to his meals the personification of a thunder cloud, and causes an involuntary chill to creep over the company, with every appearance of rain while he remains; and to crown his misfortunes, his digestive organs absolutely refuse to perform their several offices, as if indignant at the voracious manner in which he tumbled down his vituals, without taking the trouble to masticate them. It is therefore of the greatest importance to our health and happiness that we learn to gain command of our passions before they get the mastery. Bear these few simple words in mind.—*Keep your temper.*

SMALL BEGINNINGS.

Those who wish to obtain wealth and knowledge should not despise small be-

ginnings, for they are the lower rounds of a ladder, which we must step on before we can ascend higher. Chantry, the celebrated sculptor, when a boy, was observed by a gentleman cutting a stick with a penknife, who enquired what he was doing? He replied, "I am cutting old Fox's head."—Fox was the village school-master. He pronounced it an excellent likeness, and gave the youth a sixpence.

Despise not small beginnings of wealth.

The Rothschilds, Girard, and many of the richest men began with small means. From cents they proceeded to dollars, and so on till they accumulated immense wealth. Had they neglected these first earnings, and said within themselves, what is the use of these few cents, they are not of much value, I will just spend them and enjoy myself; they would never have risen to be the wealthiest among their fellows. It is the hardest part of success to gain a little. This little once gained, more will easily follow.

Despise not small beginnings of education.

Franklin had but little education; but look what he became, and how he is now revered. Ferguson gathered merely the rudiments of learning; but rose to be one of the first astronomers of Europe. Herschel the great astronomer was in his youth a drummer-boy, and received but little education; his name is now borne by the planet which his zeal discovered.

This is but a few out of a great number that have risen to eminence in the world, and whose names are admired by millions.

This ought to caution young men to employ their time usefully, and acquire as much knowledge as possible in their youth. For when once they are launched into the world to provide for themselves, they will find but little time for study; and will repent that they had not taken advantage of the time they wasted under their parents roof.