

he supposed some mischievous boy had been playing a trick on him, he drove them out and shut the gate. But the same thing happened three times. Then he decided to catch the tricky person, whoever he might be.

So early one morning he went out and watched. Imagine his surprise when he saw the donkey walk up to the gate and pull out the pin, while the horses stood looking on, ready to trot in as soon as the gate swung open.

"Well," said the farmer, "I always thought donkeys were stupid, but I don't see anything stupid about that little fellow."

A WILL AND A WAY.

Several years ago an effort was made to collect all the chimney sweepers in the city of Dublin for the purpose of education.

One little fellow was asked if he knew his letters.

"Oh yes, sir," was the reply.

"Do you spell?"

"Oh yes, sir," was again the answer.

"Do you read?"

"Oh yes, sir."

"And what book did you learn from?"

"Oh, I never had a book in my life, sir."

"And who was your school-master?"

"Oh, I never was at school."

Here was a singular case, a boy could read and spell without a book or master. But what was the fact? Why, another little sweep, a little older than himself, had taught him to read by showing him the letters over the shop doors as they went through the city. "Where there is a will there is a way."

—When Paul was making tents was he not working for Jesus just as much as when preaching? Do you do all things—even your study and your play and your errands—for Jesus' sake, asking His blessing upon them?

—Wouldn't it be better to let everyone take his share of the work and do it, without caring about being praised while he is alive, and remembered when he is dead? Let a man do his work as well as he can, and have done with it.

—Life is not victory, but battle. Fight on, fight on. The perfect character shall come at last. What shall it be to fight no more?

Be patient a little longer. By and by, in our hushed and waiting chambers, each in his turn, shall hear the sunset gun.

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