

STRENGTH OF MAN.

Physical Development Not the True Test of It.

Our newspapers to-day are devoting much space and type to the brutal exhibitions of the prize fighter. They laud his physical development and power to strike a telling blow; yet the strength of the prize fighter is not the strength of a man; it is only the strength of an animal. Few who follow this degrading life are possessed of those qualities which distinguish the man, and nearly all of them end their days as human dervishes.

A man may be a veritable Samson in physical strength, and yet be altogether void of the strength which marks the man.

Some men make strength of intellect their ideal, and bend all their energies to that end, but strength of intellect alone is not the strength of a man. I have known men who were giants in mental grasp and power, yes, strong enough mentally to write books, preach sermons, plan quiet enterprises, and even occupy seats in the United States Senate, who were sadly lacking in all the other qualities which make the strength of a man.

We have just celebrated the hundredth anniversary of the birth of Edgar Allan Poe, perhaps the most original poetic genius our country has produced, he was possessed of a mental strength such as few have equalled, and yet he had not the strength of a man, and after a short career of literary brilliancy, accompanied by spells of drunkenness and dissipation, he dropped into a drunkard's grave.

I look around on my library shelves and I see inscribed on the backs of books the names of poets and philosophers who climbed to the very summit of the intellectual mountain, and yet were possessed of so little of manhood's strength that they spent much of their lives in the ooze and slime of the valley of immorality.

Again there are some men who make strength of will their ideal, they take pains to develop and control this marvelous engine with which the Creator has endowed every man, and while strength of will is good, it does not always imply the strength of a man, for often the strong-willed man pays no regard to the feelings of others, he is bigoted and dogmatic, and these characteristics always betray a lack in those qualities which make a genuine man.

It is an old and a true saying that a man becomes like the company he keeps, if he would possess the strength of a man, then he must seek the company of the strong.

All history agrees in pronouncing the Man of Nazareth, the strongest Man this world has ever known. He was strong in all those qualities, which make the strength of a man, and all many men are like Him to a more or less degree. He is the secret of manhood's strength, let us cultivate His friendship, and so possess the strength of a man.—The Wayside Preacher (Robert Hopkin), in Columbus, Wis., Democrat.

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INCUMBERED.
Lawyer—Are you willing to go bail for John Jones and offer your farm as security? Have you any incumbrance on it?
Smith—Oh, yes—my old woman.

Minard's Liniment Cures Colds, etc.

Paper and Peat.

A generation ago, in the country schools of Scotland the children had to bring with them each morning "one peat," which was to help to make the school fire. All over Scotland and in some parts of Ireland the farmers even to-day burn nothing but peat, which they dig out of a bog or mossy tract of country.

A new use, however, has been found for peat. In Sweden they have begun to convert it into paper. It is claimed that only two hours is required to make peat into paper.

This is only another example of the fact that unpromising materials can be turned into good uses. Even if only the coarse grades of paper can be made from this material it ought to save the wood pulp a great deal.

Their Birthright.

"Why are some people so conceited, Edith?"

"That's so easy, Jack."

"Is it?"

"Yes."

"Well, I don't hear your answer."

"Because they are men."—Nashville American.

A High-toned Illness.

"I wouldn't be so conceited if I were you."

"I have had the measles."

"I don't see anything in that to be proud about."

"Yes, but I caught it from a girl whose mother is a duchess."

A MOTHER'S TALK TO MOTHERS.

What Zam-Buk Did in a Western Home.

Here is just one illustration of the wisdom of keeping a box of Zam-Buk always handy. It is a true record of the various uses to which this great balm was put—with highly satisfactory results in every case—in just one family, and during a few months only.

Mrs. C. J. Irland, of 297, William Avenue, Wimipeg, makes the report as follows:

"I have found Zam-Buk so very useful as a household balm that I want to make its merits still more widely known. Some eight weeks ago my brother, Mr. C. Proctor, happened a serious accident. While at work, rusty nail penetrated the palm of his right hand. The rust of the nail poisoned the flesh and inflammation set in quickly. He went to the General Hospital and consulted a doctor, who advised poulticing to draw out the poison. This was applied, but when there was no improvement after a few days, I began to apply Zam-Buk balm, leaving off poultices.

"The effect was almost magical! Zam-Buk soothed the pain, drew out the poison, and allayed all inflammation. Healing then commenced, and in a few days he was able to resume work.

"Six weeks ago my husband, Mr. C. J. Irland, was working from work quite late in the evening, was bitten by a dog. The dog's teeth penetrating the flesh, hit him just above the knee. Directly he came home Zam-Buk was applied to the wound, and in a few days the swelling was gone and the wound thoroughly healed.

"A third instance of the healing power of Zam-Buk was provided when my little boy had a nasty fall. He is five years old, and was walking when he fell. His head struck on a sharp stone, which cut his nasty gash. As soon as I had washed the cut, I applied Zam-Buk in the usual way, relieved the little fellow's pain, and in a week the cut—deep one—was quite healed.

"Every mother who once proves the all-round value of Zam-Buk will never again be without it."

"I am a purveyor of Zam-Buk, and cure cuts, burns, bruises, abrasions, ulcers, scabs, scalp sores, ringworm, chafed hands, etc., etc. It also cures piles. Used as an embrocation, it is found to remove rheumatism, sciatica, and neuralgia. All druggists and stores sell at \$2 a box, or post free from Zam-Buk Co., Toronto, for price.

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The Irish Bachelor.

Here for ye pity or score, I'm presintin' ye

Jerry McGloin,

Trustin' the life'll will be presintin' ye

Martin' yer own.

Think of a faw wiv permanent fixture of

Lammons an' vinegar. There ye've a picture

of Jerry McGloin.

Fatz, there is nothin' but sourst gloom in

this

Christmas Jerry McGloin,

Joy-aney joy-nivir finds room

in this

Cryature of stone.

Cynical gloom is the boast an' the pride

of him.

An' if a laugh ivver did pierce the hide of

him, I believe 'twould immaijate, inside of

him Change to a groan.

Wlshin' now, an' listen, I'll tell ye the

thrble wid me.

Ho preffered single life rather than double

wid

Molly Malone.

Think of it! Think of an Irishman tarryin'

While there's a purty girl wishful fur

marsyin'

Arrah! no wonder the divils are harryin'

Jerry McGloin.

Ah! but there's few o' the race but would

scorn to be

Jerry McGloin.

Shure, we all know that a Colt is not born

to livin' alone.

On, but we're grateful (I speak not of tatty).

Grateful fur soman, the beautifull Deity

Deities wid beauty an' virtue an' gality,

All for our own.

T. A. Daly, Catholic Standard and Times.)

Minard's Liniment Cures Diphtheria.

The Old Maids' Chance.

"Do you ever lose that umbrella of yours?" asked the maiden.

"No, I don't," replied the man, sternly;

"the person who takes that umbrella will have to take me."

"Do I understand that to be a proposal of marriage or a threat?"—Yonkers Statesman.

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Goats the Fashion Now.

The keeping of show goats is now very

fashionable in England and no wonder,

for the animals are both useful and ornamental.

They are pleasant pets if well kept, and a big billy goat is as

strong as a pony and can draw a consider-

able weight. Showing them at dairy

and agricultural shows is a profitable

business. A great many well known lad-

ies go in for this fancy, some being also

in the doggy world.—From the

Lady's Pictorial.

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Minard's Liniment Cures Distemper.

Peculiar Advertisements.

A western paper publishes the following "Lines":

Wanted, female who has a knowledge

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and is willing to take charge of horses of a religious mind.

Lost, a Cameo brooch, representing Venus

and Adonis on the Drumcondra Road about

10 o'clock on Tuesday evening.

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Where Was It?

I sittid in a big chair;

I shutid up my eyes;

And when I opened them again,

I findid a surprise.

I wentid off in snow-time;

I gettid them in spring—

With fairies dancing all around,

And me inside the rin.

I hadid such a nice time;

I tellid them I could stay;

But they were too bad,

I wentid right away.

And I was in the nursery.

The very next I knowed,

How do you knowed it?

Where was it that I kowd?

C. M. PLATT.

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PITTSBURG.

Traffic of the District Exceeds that of Five Leading Seaports.

(Pittsburgh Press)

George Washington, then 23 years of age, located Pittsburgh 153 years ago as the "gate of the west," and prophesied that a settlement built here was bound to grow and flourish beyond the imagination.

Allegheny county covers a large area, valued with improvements for assessment at over \$1,000,000,000. Its population is over 760,000, and there are 25,000,000 people within one day's ride. Our fuel resources and rail and water facilities are unparalleled, more coal than underlies all England and twice as much in a year as in all Russia, and 2,000,000 tons more than the production of France. The estimated centre of 50,000 square miles of coal.

Fourteen railroads enter Pittsburgh and five great trunk lines centre here. The clouds of smoke by night attest the greatness of our industries. Gigantic and stately public buildings show forth the faith of our people and the performance of our community. Miles and miles of boulevards and paved streets,