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Any one having an apparatus that is not giving good satisfaction or who is contemplating the purchase of a heater cannot afford to decide without first investigating this really remarkable system. We would call your attention to their advertisement in this week's issue.

Children's Department.

CHRISTOPHE THE CRUEL.

Little or nothing is known of the early life of this savage monarch, who in 1807, three years after the assassination of President Dessalines, proclaimed himself Henri I., King of the North. He was a full blooded negro, and began life as a slave in the service of a French nabob at Port-au-Prince. In his youth he became valet and confidential agent for his master, and in this capacity picked up what little education he had. Half a dozen West Indian towns lay claim to his nativity, among the persistent claimants being St. Christopher and St. Croix. He was probably born at Grenada, British West Indies, in 1767. His

biographers make the most divergent statements about him. A French writer has him a soldier in the American Revolution; but this seems to be a mere flight of fancy, for Christophe could not have been more than nine or ten years old at the beginning of that war. On the death of his French master, he was sold to a tavern keeper at Cape Haytien, who installed him as a cook.

Christophe had hardly more than got his pots and pans warm before there came, in 1790, the uprising of the blacks that was destined to put an end to French domination in Hayti. With the first outburst, Christophe threw off the yoke of slavery and ran away. Joining the stragglings and unorganized insurgents, he fought in the ranks as a common soldier, but not an inconspicuous one, for he stood six feet four. It was a sort of guerrilla warfare, and in this he was not long in demonstrating his skill. Toussaint L'Ouverture, the revolutionary leader, one day sent for the giant soldier and conferred on him the rank of brigadier general. Up to this time he had ranked only as the leader of a small band of ragged insurgents. He was now placed in command of a force of three thousand men at Cape Haytien, and soon demonstrated to L'Ouverture his skill in the art of making war. When the town was attacked by a superior French force under General Leclerc, brother-in-law of Napoleon I., Christophe made a stubborn defense against big odds, and then showed his genius by sacking the town, and evacuating it in the night, leaving the enemy to "hold the bag." In 1803 Christophe allied himself with Dessalines who had succeeded L'Ouverture in leading the revolt when the latter was captured and taken to France as a prisoner of war. More than three years of conflict followed before the insurgents succeeded in freeing the island from French rule. In 1806 Dessalines was chosen first President of the new republic and Christophe was placed in command of the army. Dissensions speedily arose and in 1807 Dessalines was assassinated. Christophe, who was immediately chosen to succeed him, is said to have employed the assassin.

But the title of President could not satisfy the cravings of the ex-slave. He had visions of a Western empire, over which he could rule with an iron hand. There was to be an end of revolution under Henri I., "King of the North." He waited only until he had his forces well organized, and then proclaimed himself King. He made the crown hereditary in his family, and instituted a hereditary nobility; for his was to be no mean little monarchy. He saw to it that it should have all the tinsel and splendor of the ones he had heard of across the seas. In 1812 he was solemnly crowned and began the organization of his court, which was to be modeled after that of the French kings. He created noblemen galore—princes, dukes, counts and earls—one of them being the "Duke of Marmalade," who, a few years later, yearning for greater things, took the lead in a conspiracy

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that put an end to the little monarchy and sent Christophe to his fathers.—Ernest E. Johnson, in the Century.

The chief duty of a Christian lies in the quiet, unseen life of his own home, and if he does not learn there to practice that noble virtue of unselfishness—that highest type of charity which consists in daily and hourly consideration for the feelings of others, he will have lost one of the strongest resources and one of the most healing memories for all his future life.—F. W. Farrar.

In the quest of a beautiful and happy life there is one important lesson to learn. It is mentioned by Paul when he says, "I have learned in whatsoever state I am, therein to be content." Contentment is a very lovely grace. It differs from satisfaction, for with our great souls we can never be satisfied, but must always aspire.

supply, and takes as much as he desires to satisfy his need. From thence, he always hops to a little tree close by and lifts up his voice to God and sings his carol of praise and gratitude, tucks his little head under his wing and goes fast to sleep, and leaves to-morrow to look after itself. He is the best preacher that I have on earth.—H. W. Webb-Peploe.

Those who defer their gifts to their death-bed, do as good as say, "Lord, I will give Thee something when I can keep it no longer." Happy is the man who is his own executor.—Bishop Hall.

A contented mind is a continual feast.—Old Proverb.

Every right action and true thought sets the seal of its beauty on person and face.—John Ruskin.

Everything that is worth doing calls for resistance, and resistance calls for strength. Therefore it is a simple

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Learn to give, and not to take; to drown your own hungry wants in the happiness of lending yourself to fulfill the interests of those nearest or dearest to you.—Henry Scott Holland.

Would it not be better to leave to-morrow with God? That is what is troubling men; to-morrow's temptations, to-morrow's difficulties, to-morrow's burdens, to-morrow's duties. Martin Luther, in his autobiography, says: "I have one preacher that I love better than any other on earth; It is my little tame robin, who preaches to me daily. I put his crumbs upon my window sill, especially at night. He hops on to the sill when he wants his

duty to be strong, and downright sin to be weak. For strength without limit may be had for the seeking and the using, while weakness cannot long remain mere weakness; as Dr. Alexander Maclaren has well said, "weakness is sure sooner or later to become wickedness." That is because the devil is alert to give interesting occupation to those who are not strong workers on the other side. The only sure escape from the sin of weakness is to find something worth doing, and then to do it hard. The devil never stops his hard work, and it takes strength to whip him.—Sunday School Times.