#### TWO COMPLIMENTS

When the present King of Portugal was a youth of seventeen he visited London, and there met Sir Edwin Landseer. Being very fond of natural history, the young king was delighted to meet the great animal painter, and

King Carlos spoke English very well says the author of "Some Eighteenth Century Men of Letters," but like all persons who have learned a language by grammar and dictionary, he used words in an equivocal sense.

"I am so glad to make your acquaintance, Sir Landseer," he said. with much enthusiasm. "I am so fond of beasts."

Landseer accepted the compliment, as it was intended, and always protested that with one exception it was the greatest he had ever received. The "exception" came from a dogseller who was walking along a London street with a terrier under his arm. Landseer, as always, was attracted by the bright little face.

"His ears are not cropped," he observed.

"No, sir," replied the dog-seller. "Landseer says ears ought not to be cropped."

#### HOW ONE GIRL FOUND OPPORTUNITIES.

"Some time ago I was invited to a small gathering at the house of a friend. One of the guests was to come on the train from a neighboring town. On hearing the whistle of the engine, we went out on the piazza to await her arrival. Soon we saw her passing up a neighbouring street carrying a large and heavy carpetbag, while a feeble old lady, poorly dressed, walked by her side.

"'That is just like G-,' said the hostess; 'she's found that old woman at the depot, and is lending her a hand.'

"So it proved. This girl was talented and accomplished, but not ashamed to be seen carrying the burden and acting as a guide for the aged and the poor. Many ladies of far less position and culture would have been horrified at the very suggestion.

"I found that this little act was but an index finger pointing to her whole life. She not only enjoyed helping people who needed help, but made it the rule of her life. Every day she asked God to give her an opportunity to lift some burden. And her burdenbearing was done in such a modest way that the burden-bearer never seemed prominent.

"Helping people! It is more a privilege than a duty."

### CONTROL YOUR THOUGHTS.

Until you have learned to control your thoughts, you will never be able to live a godly and righteous life. "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he," and it is because the thoughts we entertain in the hostelry of the soul are worthless and vain ones that our words and acts often bring so heavy a disgrace on the name we

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Keep thy heart above all keeping, for out of it are the issues of life." When the heart is right, the ear and the eye and the mouth and the foot will necessarily obey its promptings; but when the heart is wrong, filled with tides of ink, like the cuttlefish, it will develop itself in the impurity to which it gives vent.

If you habitually permit evil things to have their right of way through you, or lodging within you, remember that in God's sight you are here equally guilty with those who indulge in evil acts; because you are withheld, not by your fear of him, but by your desire to maintain your position among men.

### THE SCHOOLBOY'S TREASURE.

The contents of schoolboys' desks are sometimes surprising. I lately read an account given by a master at a boardingschool of what he saw on one occasion when he had to superintend the opening and searching of some forty or fifty desks in connection with a supposed theft.

"When I came to the desk of nearly the smallest boy in the room," says the master, "a small parcel fell from the owner's hand. A queer, whitey brown paper parcel it was, bound round with a string in the most intricate convolutions and series of knots. Of course, I had to examine that parcel As I put out my hand for it, the boy hesitated. The other fellows exchanged glances. as much as to say we had run the fox to earth at last. Even older and wiser heads thought the same. There stood the frightened, anxious boy, his blue-grey eyes filled with tears, his fair face all marred with terror, and his soft, wavy, flaxen hair.

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