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Warning Against Sin.

It is necessary to guard the minds of young people against the idea that it is possible to transgress with impunity. Not that punishment always follows the commission of crime at once or closely. It may be delayed, but the "way of transgressors is hard," and sin will be found out. In looking over the *Eastern Argus*, one of our Portland exchanges, we were much affected by the detail of sad events which have recently occurred in the State of Maine. "It is rare," says the *Argus*, "in our peaceful city, that such a tragedy is enacted." We give the article referred to, for the fervent appeal it conveys to the young, warning them, and older persons too, against every path of vice and wrong:—

The fate of Mr. Arnold Wentworth contains a most solemn and impressive lesson. He was a man who had passed the middle age of life, and by his industry and apparently honest course, commanded the respect of his fellow citizens. Living in a secluded town, away from the temptations of large cities, unimpelled to crime by necessity, comparatively wealthy, with a family to guard and comfort, there was every inducement to happiness.

But he fell! The process by which he gradually reasoned himself into the commission of the forgery, would doubtless disclose a curious chapter in his interior life. We can fancy it to have been somewhat as follows:—When he first