

was wrong, and he resolved that he would stop.

He left his wicked companions, gave back the money to those he had won it of, and went about telling how wicked gamblers were, and how many were ruined by it.

This little boy heard his father say to some company present, "I do not know whether this Mr. Green is a good man or not, or whether he would encourage his meetings."

"Pa," said he, "I believe he is a good man. I have been to hear him, and I have thrown away all my marbles, and I told the boys at school I shall never play marbles any more, for it leads to gambling."

If that boy keeps his good resolution he will never become a wicked gambler. And if all boys should follow the example of this wise little fellow it would not be many years before gambling would be entirely stopped, and a great many saved from ruin.

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### TEMPER.

Bad temper is often the result of unhappy circumstances than of an unhappy organization; it frequently, however, has a physical cause, and a peevish child often needs dieting more than correcting. Some children are more prone to show temper than others, and sometimes on account of qualities which are valuable in themselves. For instance, a child of active temperament, sensitive feeling, and eager purpose, is more likely to meet with constant jars and rubs, than a dull, passive child, and, if he is of an open nature, his inward irritation is immediately shown in bursts of passion. If you repress these ebullitions by scolding and punishment, you only increase the evil, by changing passion into sulkiness,—a cheerful, good-tempered tone of

your own, a sympathy with his trouble, whenever the trouble has arisen from no ill-conduct on his part, are the best antidotes; but it would be better still to prevent beforehand, as much as possible, all sources of annoyance. Never fear spoiling children by making them too happy. Happiness is the atmosphere in which all good affections grow, the wholesome warmth necessary to make the heart-blood circulate healthily and freely; unhappiness the chilling pressure which produces here an inflammation, there an excrescence, and, worst of all, "the mind's green and yellow sickness—ill-temper."—*Education of the Feelings, by Charles Bray.*

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### The Bit of Garden.

Few things afford more pleasure to children than to have a bit of garden which they can call their own. How pleasant it is to dig the ground—to sow the seed—to watch the little green plant peep out of the earth—to see the bud appear, and the full blossom unfold!

Every boy and girl has a bit of garden. That bit of garden is called the heart! The Bible tells us we must take great pains about this garden, so that the weeds of vice may not spread over it, and that the flowers of goodness may grow and flourish. Anger, sloth, pride, lying, and cheating, are weeds that cover all the garden of some children, so that good temper, kindness, and truth, cannot grow there.

There is much hard work to be done in a garden, or else there will be neither flowers nor fruit. So it is with the garden of our heart.—We must be at work every day, trying to pull up anything bad, to cherish anything good, and to make our garden clean and lovely. If