

thened Him." Christ knew the power of prayer, and so when he found His disciples troubled in heart He told them to pray, and He set before them in farewell address the power of prayer.

A BRAVE COWARD.

In a recent address at Chicago, Bishop Whipple related the following incident as an illustration of the moral courage of Christian Indians:

One day an Indian came to our missionary and said, "I know this religion is true. The men who have walked in this new trail are better and happier. But I have always been a warrior and my hands are full of blood. Could I be a Christian?"

The missionary repeated the story of God's love. To test the man he said, "may I cut your hair?"

The Indian wears his scalp-lock for his enemy. When it is cut it is a sign he will never go on the warpath again. The man said, "Yes, you may cut it. I shall throw my old life away."

It was cut. He started for home, and met some wild Indians who shouted with laughter, and with taunts said, "Yesterday you were a warrior; to-day you are a squaw."

It stung the man to madness, and he rushed to his home and threw himself on the floor and burst into tears. His wife was a Christian, and came and put her arms about his neck and said, "Yesterday there was not a man in the world who dared to call you a coward. Can't you be as brave for Him who died for you as you were to kill the Sioux?"

He sprang to his feet and said: "I can, and I will!"

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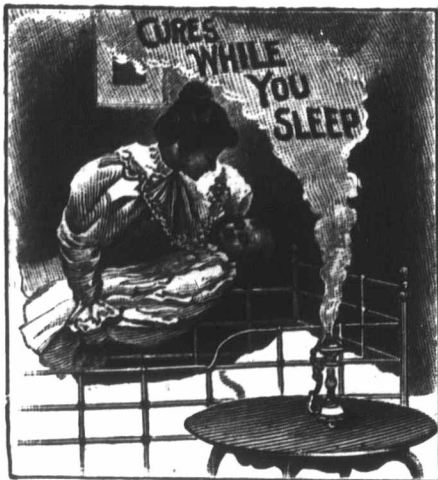
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—A bitter word dropped from our lips against a brother is like a pistol fired amongst the mountains. The sharp report is caught up and intensified and echoed by rocks and caves till it is like thunder. So an unkind word, in passing from mouth to mouth, receives progressive exaggeration, and snowball-like, increases as it rolls. Scandal-mongers are persons who tear the bandages from social wounds and prevent their healing. A whispered word of slander is like that fox with a fire-brand tied to his tail that Samson sent among the standing corn of the Philistines. It brings destruction into wide areas of peace and love. Evil speaking is like a freezing wind that seals up the sparkling waters and tender juices of flowers, and binds up the hearts of men in uncharitableness and bitterness of spirit, as the earth is bound up in the grip of winter.

SEED THOUGHTS.

A little child was one day playing with a very valuable vase, when he put his hand into it and could not withdraw it. His father, too, tried his best to get it out, but all in vain. They were talking of breaking his vase, when the father said "Now, my son, make one more try; open your hand and hold your fingers out straight, as you see me doing, then pull." To their astonishment the little fellow said, "Oh, no, pa, I couldn't put out my fingers like that, for if I did, I would drop my penny." He had been holding on to a penny all the time! No

wonder he could not withdraw his hand. How many of us are like him! Drop the copper, surrender, let go, and God will give you gold.

—Do you believe in so plain a thing as "Thou, God, seest me"—that in every thought and deed and purpose you are seen by God? What, then, is the thought you think, the purpose you intend, under that secret blazing inspection? What the sentiment you express, upon the faintest features of whose expression that unearthly, penetrating light falls? What good and righteous purpose shall I not make predominant in all the frame of my mind and all the work of my hands, if "Thou, God, seest me!"

—The officious givers of good advice are pretty sure not to be good judges of the case in hand, and their council is therefore, worth nothing!

—Every stroke of sorrow that issues into light and joy is God putting into your hand the key of that sorrow, to unlock it for all the poor souls whom you may see approaching it through all your future life. It is a noble thing to take that key and use it.

—You are letting miserable misunderstandings run on from year to year, meaning to clear them up some day—if you could only know and see and feel that the time is short, how it would break the spell! How you would go instantly and do the thing which you might never have another chance to do.

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