

### THE LARGE CABBAGE HEAD.

Two journeymen, named Joseph and Benedict, were once going by a vegetable garden near a village.

"Look here!" said Joseph, "what kind of vegetable-heads are these?" for so he named the cabbage-heads.

"Ah!" said Benedict, who was a great boaster, "these are not large. When I was on my travelling apprenticeship, I once saw a vegetable with a head which was as large as the parsonage-house yonder."

Joseph, who was a copper-smith, immediately replied, "That was very well; but I once helped to make a kettle which was as large as the church."

"But what in the world, could they want such a large kettle for?" cried Benedict.

Joseph said, "Why to be sure, they wanted it to boil your large cabbage in!"

Benedict was ashamed, and said, "Now I see at once what you mean! You always keep to the truth, and have only said this now in order to turn my lying boast into ridicule. I must be satisfied with this, for—"

"The boastful man, who shamelessly deceives,  
The same base coin he utters oft receives."

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### THE EARS OF CORN.

A farmer went out with his little boy, Toby, into his corn-field, to see if his corn were nearly ripe.

"Father," said the boy, "how comes it that some stalks bend so low towards the earth, but others hold their heads so upright? These must surely be people of rank; the others, who bow themselves so low before them, are certainly the common folk."

His father picked a pair of ears, and said, "Look at this ear, which bends itself so modestly; it is full of beautiful grains; but this, which sticks itself up so proudly, is quite barren and empty."

"Who proudly holds his head, at once  
We write him down a silly dunce."

### ALFRED'S PRAYER.

"Mamma," said Alfred, one night, as he was going to bed, "I prayed that God would keep us children from quarrelling, but He has not answered that as yet, for sister Daisy and I quarrelled dreadfully to-day."

"Ah, my son, you will have to help the Lord to answer that."

"Help the Lord, mamma? Can't He do everything?"

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to be a naughty boy, God will be sorry for you; and when Satan tempts you to quarrel, if you turn right to God for strength to resist him, and then fight like a good little soldier to keep down the naughty temper, then God will give you victory. But He won't do the work for you."

"Oh, I didn't understand," said the little boy.

"Yes, my dear," continued mamma, "you have something to do yourself, when you pray such a prayer, to help God to answer it. You must watch and pray, and fight against temptation; and if you do this, you will be able, by and by, to come and tell me that God has answered all of your prayers."—*Kind Words.*

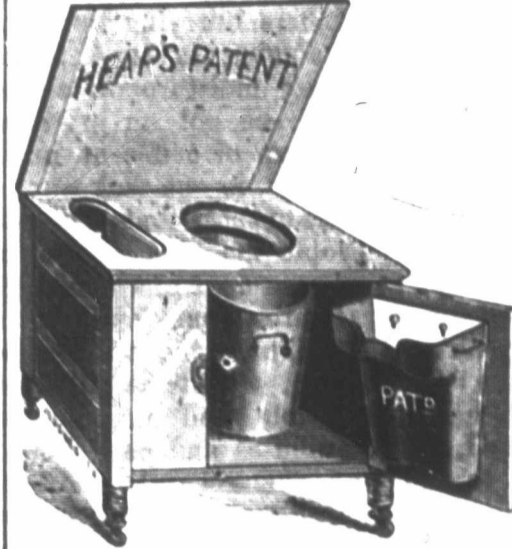
### GOOD ADVICE.

If you talk when you enter the vestibule just before the Service, you will disturb all those in the Church; if you whisper after you get inside, you will disturb the whole congregation: if you help to set up a clatter in the Church after Service, you will help to dissipate every good effect of the Service.

Don't be carried away by the foreign idea that this is the time for fulfilling your Christian obligation to be sociable: the people you are in fear of offending have got brains enough to comprehend that this is God's hour, and not their's; and good taste enough to realize easily the impropriety of robbing Him of one moment of it.

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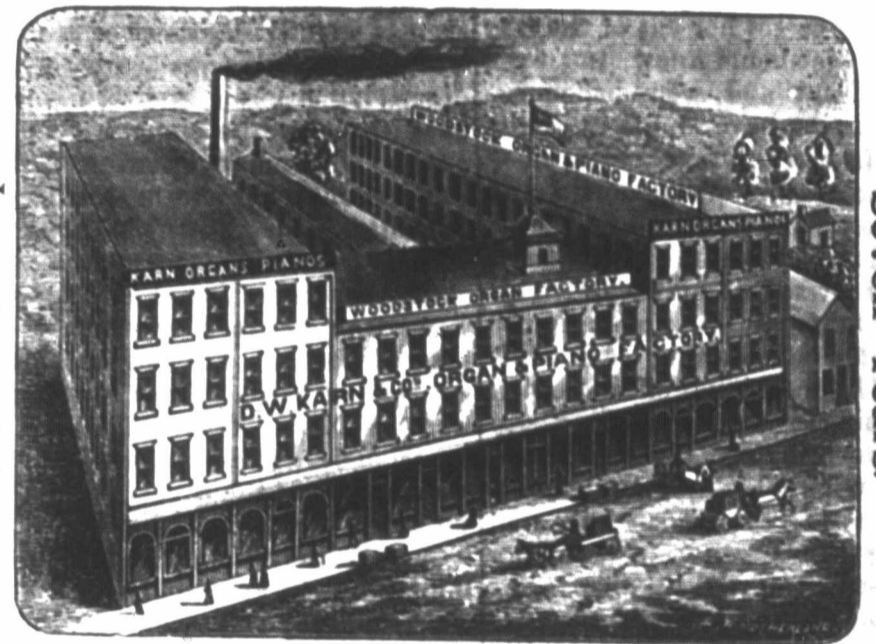
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