

Children's Department.

CAST A LINE FOR YOURSELF.

A young man was listfully watching some anglers on a bridge. He was poor and dejected. At last approaching a basket filled with wholesome looking fish he sighed;

"If now I had these I would be happy. I could sell them at a fair price, and buy me food and lodgings."

"I will give you just as many, and just as good fish," said the owner who had chanced to overhear his words, "if you do me a trifling favor."

"And what is that?" asked the other.

"Only to tend this line till I come back, I wish to go on a short errand."

The proposal was gladly accepted. The old man was gone so long that the young man began to be impatient. Meanwhile the hungry fish snapped greedily at the hook, and the young man lost all his depression in the excitement of pulling them in; and when the owner of the line returned, he had caught a large number. Counting out from them as many as were in the basket, on presenting them to the young man, the old fisherman said:

"I fulfil my promise from the fish you have caught to teach you whenever you see others earning what you need, to waste no time in fruitless wishing, but cast a line for yourself."

REVERENCE.

There is no virtue, no grace, in postures and attitudes. This truth we do not question. But if we refuse to express reverence we shall soon cease to feel reverence. This also is a truth. It is not enough to be interested, in a general sense, in the services of the sanctuary. "God is greatly to be feared [reverenced] in the assembly of the saints and in the congregation." True reverence, real worship, will express itself somehow as long as we are compounded of body and spirit. Starve expression, and how long will the feeling endure? We are persuaded that it has declined in many if not in most of our congregations. It is greatly to be wished that it might be revived. But in order for it to become a fixed habit of our souls, we need to adopt suitable methods of expression. We should feel more like praying if we adopted some attitude of prayer. By



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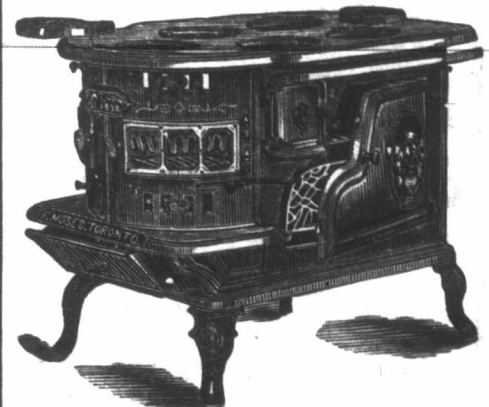
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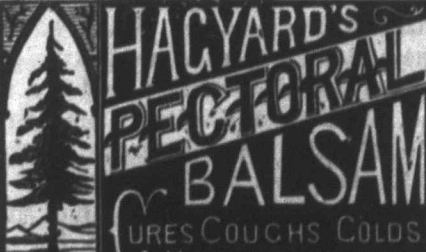
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