

gratulate me, and he said: 'You are all right now. I have only one word of advice to give you: Be careful whom you walk the streets with.' That was lesson number three."

And what valuable lessons they are: Fidelity in all things; do your best for your employers; carefulness about your associates. Let every boy take these lessons home and study them well. They are the foundation stones of character and honourable success.

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EVIL THOUGHTS.

Beware of evil thoughts. How much mischief have they done in the world! Bad thoughts come first, bad words follow, and bad deeds finish the sad process. Watch against them. Strive against them. They prepare the way for the enemy of souls.

"Bad thought's a thief; he acts his part, Creeps through the windows of the heart; And, if he once his way can win, He lets a hundred robbers in."

A SECRET WORTH KNOWING.

There was a flower-garden in a certain neighborhood that was the admiration, and indeed the envy, of the whole place. It belonged to a good old pastor, and was his great delight. Some of his neighbors came to him one day, and said: "We cannot understand how it is you grow such rare flowers." "Why, I can tell you," he said. "It is easy enough. I always have such a splendid garden because I give all my flowers away."

That is the secret. It is God's order. "Give and it shall be given to you." Out your lovely flowers, and the plant, strengthened and refreshed, will put out more. Give all you have, and you will always have something to give.

DON'T LOOK AT IT.

I once learned a lesson from a dog we had. My father used to put a bit of meat or biscuit on the floor near the dog, and say "No," and the dog knew he must not touch it. But he never looked at the meat. No, but he seemed to feel that if he looked at it the temptation would be too strong, so he always looked steadily at my father's face.

A gentleman was dining with us one day, and he said, "There is a lesson for us all. Never look at temptation. Always look away to the Master's face."

Yes, this is the old way; do not look at temptations, "Avoid it, pass away." When the thought of doing wrong in any way comes into your heart, however small a thing it is, you may be sure it comes from Satan; so do not look at it, but look up at Jesus, and ask Him to keep you and make you more than conqueror over every temptation, through Him that loves you.

THE MONKEY.

A rich miser, who had never given a farthing in alms to a poor man, had a monkey for his companion; but he hoped to sell even him again for more than he had paid for him.

One day the hard-hearted man went out, when the monkey got upon the chests full of money, and threw whole pawfuls of gold and silver out of the window into the street.

The people, who saw this, ran hither in numbers to pick it up; they scuffled and fought for the money, and picked up as much as they could get.

When the chests were now almost emptied, the miser came up the street, and saw with horror what was going on. "Oh, that hideous—that detestable—that stupid beast!" he cried out, and already threatened the monkey with his clenched fist from a distance.

But a neighbor said to the furious man, "Rest satisfied. It is certainly stupid to throw money out of the window like this monkey. But is it, then, much more reasonable for a man to lock it up in chests, and make no use at all of it?"

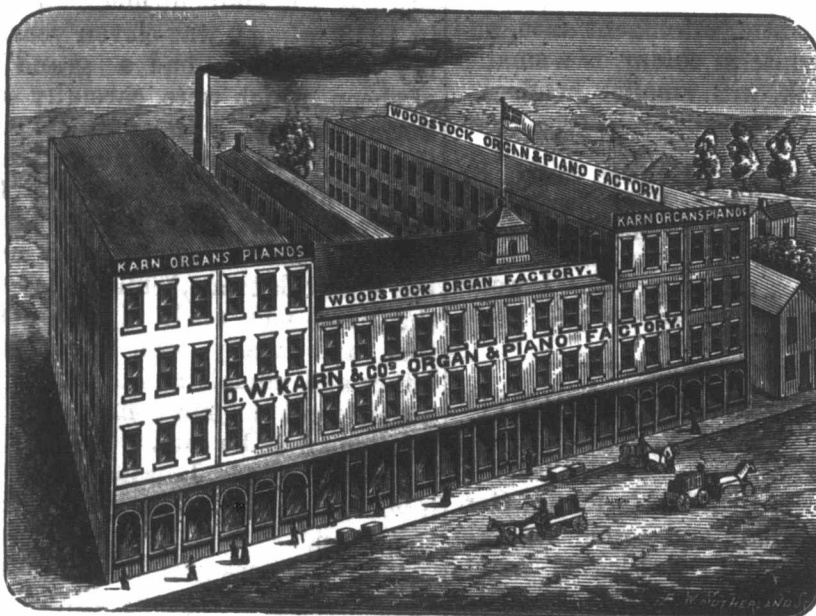
"Happy the man, who, wealth and means possessing, Makes them to others and himself a blessing."

THERE'S LIGHT BEYOND.

"When in Madeira," writes a traveller, "I set off one morning to reach the summit of a mountain to gaze upon the distant scene and enjoy the balmy air. I had a guide with me, and we had with difficulty ascended some two thousand feet, when a thick mist was seen descending upon us quite obscuring the whole face of the heavens. I thought I had no hope left but at once to retrace our steps or be lost; but as the cloud came nearer, and darkness overshadowed me, my guide ran on before me, penetrating the mist, and calling to me, ever and anon, saying: 'Press on, master—press on—there's light beyond!' I did press on. In a few minutes the mist was passed, and I gazed upon a scene of transcendent beauty. All was light and cloudless above, and beneath was the almost level mist, concealing the world below me, and glistening to the rays of the sun like a field of untrodden snow. There was nothing at that moment between me and the heavens."

Oh, ye over whom the clouds are gathering, or who have sat beneath the shadows, be not dismayed if they rise before you. Press on—there is light beyond!

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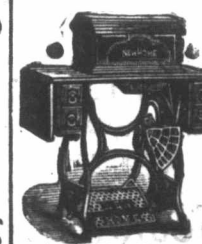
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