

56. Name some bad habit in the use of language.

57. How may we learn good habits "

By constantly trying to do right.

58. What is meant by character?

By character is meant the sum of a person's habits.

*Good Habits make Good Character,*

Amos Lawrence, the senior member of the long-known house of A. Lawrence & Co., was one of the most successful business men of Boston. He won success by his habits of industry and his business talent. His life is worth reading by every young person, as a help in the formation of his character. When a clerk in a store it was the habit of the other clerks to mix a little liquor for drink and to enjoy a good cigar. Young Amos, though often tempted to imitate their example, resisted resolutely.

He said, "During the rest of my apprenticeship, five years, I never drank a spoonful, though I mixed gallons daily for my old master and his customers. I decided never to be a slave to tobacco in any form, though I loved the odour of it then, and even now have in my drawer a superior Havana cigar, given me not long since by a friend, but only to smell of. I never in my life smoked a cigar, never chewed but one quid, and that was before I was fifteen. I never took an ounce of snuff, though the scented rappee of forty years ago had great charms for me. Now, I say to this simple fact of starting *just right* am I indebted, with God's blessing, on my labours for my present position.

59. State what helped to form Mr. Lawrence's character.

60. How may a bad character be formed?

*Benedict Arnold's Boyhood.*

Benedict Arnold was the only general in the American Revolution who disgraced his country. He had a superior military talent, great energy, and remarkable courage. The capture of Burgoyne's army was due more to Arnold than to Gates. Had his character been equal to his talents he would have won a place beside Washington and Greene, inferior only to them in ability and achievements.

But he began life badly, and it is not surprising that he ended it in disgrace. When a boy he was detested for selfishness and