

### "Experience Teaches."

*Life* relates the apt reply of a lunatic during an inspection of the asylum by the trustees.

Walking through the grounds, they came upon a party of workmen who were repairing a wall. "One of the harmless patients, apparently assisting in the work, was pushing a wheelbarrow along upside down.

"My friend," said a kind-hearted trustee, gently, "you should turn your wheelbarrow over."

"Not on your life!" replied the patient. "I turned it over yesterday, and they put bricks in it."

### How Would You Have Said

There is much in the way a thing is said. "Your cheeks are like roses," said Aunt Flora, when Lois came in from a January walk, glowing from the cold and exercise. Lois smiled lovingly at Aunt Flora. Aunt Margaret entered the room a minute later, and glancing at Lois as she stood by the fire, said, "My! Your face is as red as a beet!"

The red grew deeper in Lois' face, while unconsciously she turned tentatively away from Aunt Margaret, who prides herself on being "plain-spoken." Aunt Flora's way is best. She can say the right word at the right time, too; even the word of admonition and reproof, but she says it in such a manner that one can think only of the scriptural "apples of gold."—*Ada C. Sweet, in Woman's Home Companion.*

### Hands and Feet.

The famous animal painter, Sir Edwin Landseer, could command his left hand almost as well as his right. The following anecdote, well vouched for, illustrates his ambidexterity:

At a gathering in London, a lady remarked that nobody had ever yet been able to draw two things at once.

"You are mistaken, madam," said Landseer. "If you will lend me two pencils, I will show you."

Two pencils were produced, and the artist, sitting down before a table, drew with his right hand the profile of a stag's head, antlers and all, while at the same time, and without hesitation, his left hand produced the head of a horse. Both pictures are said to have been perfect in every detail.

### A Small Boy on Water.

What one schoolboy knew about water is told in a composition printed in a school journal:

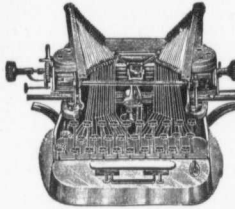
Water is found everywhere, especially when it rains, as it did the other day, when our cellar was half full. Jane had to wear father's rubber boots to get the onions for dinner. Onions make your eyes water, and so does horseradish, when you eat too much.

There is a good many kinds of water in the world—rain water, soda water, holy water, and brine. Water is used for a good many things. Sailors use it to go to sea on. If there wasn't any ocean the ships couldn't float and they would have to stay ashore. Water is a good thing to fire at boys with a squirt, and to catch fish in. My father caught a big one the other day, and when he hauled it up it was an eel.

Nobody could be saved from drowning if there wasn't any water to pull them out of. Water is first rate to put out fires with. I love to go to fires and see the men work at the engines. This is all that I can think about water—except the flood.

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