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GOOD IDEA.

"Come on now; don't lag! 'Tain't no use ter sit moonin' over them papers when the forge has got ter be blowed." no use ter sit moonin' over them papers when the forge has got ter be blowed." The speaker was a sturdy, strong-armed blacksmith, with rather a stolid face. He held in his tongs a partly shaped horseshoe, which he was about perance," from which these impressive extracts are taken ; were addressed to a lad of about seven-teen, who sat upon a bench at the far end of the smithy. He was large and well developed for his age, and every line of face and figure denoted a strong well developed for his age, and every line of face and figure denoted a strong character. He was reading from a back number of a technical journal, and so ab-sorbed had he become that he did not hear the words spoken to him. With an annoyed expression, the man spoke more sharply, and took a few steps toward the lad, who, becoming aware of what was needed, arose from his bench, laid the paper carefully upon a little shelf above his head, and, with

to combat it are subjects that are re-ceiving the closest study and attention from the hierarchy of the Catholic Church in this country and from thou-sands of laymen in all walks of life. his bench, laid the paper carefully upon a little shelf above his head, and, with a half-breathed sigh of regret, went over to the forge and took hold of the handle of the bellows. It was clearly to be seen that he performed the work mechanically, and that his thoughts still head the properties of the beau But though intemperance is mainlest at every age, it is upon the young man that its results are most to be dreaded. When a boy finishes his High School course and leaves home to enter col-lege, probably in a distant city, the home influence and restraint to which he has been accustomed all his life are mechanically, and that his choughts still dwelt upon the article he had been reading in the paper. Presently he forgot to pump, and was again reprihe has been accustomed all his life are removed—he is, in 2 measure, his own master. Then, with money at his dis-posal and more or less spare time, he

maded. "Wake up, Ned! What sort of a lag are you, anyhow? 'Tain't a mite o' use fer me ter ever try tor larn yer nothin' fer me ter ever try tor larn yer nothin' about shoin' a horse, 'cause yer don't take no heed o' what's done right under

smith as any in the country, and I don't mean ter take a back seat for nobody." The lad stood, silent, a moment, and then asked, rather timidly :--"Father, will you let me shoe the squire's horse, and do it in my own war?"

"Now, what sort of a fool do you take me for? Do you think I'm goin' ter let yer try some of yer crack-brained experiments on the finest horse in the place? Not much! A fine mess I'd get into with the squire. I don't want no more o' your help than blowin' can give till yer git more sense, an' kin pay at-tention ter yer work. Take—" Just then, a clang and clamor outside cansed the man to drop his tongs, spring

caused the man to drop his tongs, spring toward the door, and, without another ord, tear down the village street as though possessed; for the sound had been heavy strokes upon a huge iron riangle, the village fire alarm, and John Slocum was a fireman as well as Jacksmith. It was fully three hours ere he ap-geared at the forget and, meanwhile, will be schen on the day that their been heavy strokes upon a huge from triangle, the village fire alarm, and John Slocum was a fireman as well as

peared at the forget and, meanwhile, Ned had seen and embraced his oppor-is case comes up, and to pass him by for ied had seen and embraced his oppor-unity. Scarcely had the clanging engine dis-peared down the dusty road, followed y nearly every man, boy, and d g in

THE CATHOLIC RECORD.

What shoemaker makes shoes without look at the matter from a practical ly admirable," he comments, "for the standpoint. One of the first questions democracy which obtains in their places

The Banger. " Out of multitudes of temptations

'But though intemperance 1s manifest

seeks amusement and makes acquaint-ances among the other students. Pro-bably a visit to a friend's room is sug-

cause no man who uses intoxicants to excess is reliable and every man who

uses them at all is liable to use them

Ine nad came back to his surround, ing with a start, and (urning a pair of the subscription of the stress way of the stress of the st the success that he feels is surely com-ing to him, and sure that he is com-plete master of himself, he starts io drink—in a very moderate way at first stomach and ruining your digestion. It is the same with drinking—one drink, or two at the outside, is enough, and if you take any more, you are not only in-juring your constitution and health, but are allowing yourself to be per-suaded to take what you do not want. This is one of the prime causes of development of the prime causes of but rapidly becoming worse as the ap-petite increases and his friends become numerous ; and a drinking man's "friends " always increase or decrease

" friends " always increase or decrease in proportion to the amount of money he spends. He is not late at nights and consequently late athis business in the morning and unable to give it the clear-sighted attention it requires. He is seen in company and in places that he should not be and his business suf-fers, as no one will consult a physician who is known to be a drinking man, be-cause no man who uses intoxicants to

ates because they take such an impor-tant part in the formation of his chartant part in the formation of mis char acter and because we are often judged by our friends, and the company we keep. But if you are in company of men who drink, and are invited to join them, a to excess, and the possible results of a polite refusal and statement that you never indulge in intoxicants will not give offense and will often win the secret approval of many of the others who wish that they had the strength of will wish that they had the strength of will to enable them to give up drinking. Any man that takes offense because you refuse to drink on the grounds that you are a total abstainer, is either ignorant or wicked, and in either case he is not Scarcely had the clanging engine dis-appeared down the dusty road, followed by nearly every man, boy, and d g in the place, and each adding his item to the hubbub, when Squire Bascombe rode up to the smithy, and, dismouni-ing led a fine bay horse through the "How are you, Ned," he said to the lad, adding: "Where's your father? I'm in desperate need of him, at once." "Father had to go with the engine, "Father had to go with the engine,

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MEETING OUR CROSS-BEARERS. Every Lonely way das its Simon of Uyrene.

When kind and sympathetic friends when the physician, the nurse, or a pious director; when our near relat-ives and subordinates offer their servces to us in the time of sickness ; when they endeavor by spiritual or corporal they endeavor by spiritual or corporal acts of mercy to comfort us; when, to speak figuratively, they ward off the severest blows, soften the sharpest pressure of the cross, seek to help and ease us wherever they can, we should see in them our Simon of Cyrene, sent upon our way of the cross by God's upon our way of the cross by God's love, and we should manifest to them

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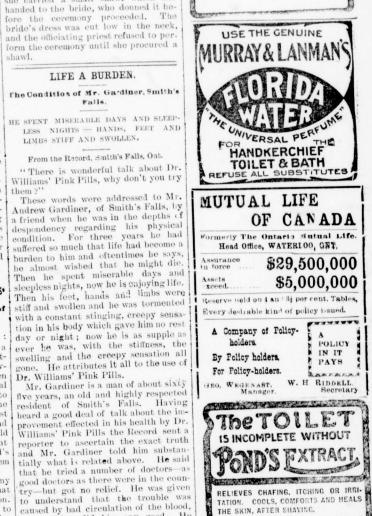
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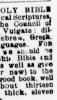
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VALUE OF PERSONALITY .-- "If you

back soon." NED SAW A CHANCE FOR A DEMONSTRA-TION AND TRIED HIS NEW DEVICE. "If he's back in two hours he'll do well. That barn of hay on the hill up yonder is burning like mad, and they'll have a lively time to keep other things from burning, too, or I'm much mis-taken. But I've got to go ever to Greenfield's, and this horse must be shod before he can take me. There isn't another horse in the barn, to-day, and I can't ride this one such a dis-tance with these confounded shoes. Why on earth doesn't someone find a way to shoe a horse in such a way that the shoes will be a comfort instead of a burden to the beast?"—and the squire looked annoyed. Net was finally arrested for set and was finally arrested for dumkenness, tried and sentenced to jail

burden to the beast?"—and the squire looked annoyed. Ned had been softly stroking the handsome animal's neck, and, as the squire ceased speaking, the boy looked as him with a new expression upon his bright face, and a look of resolution came into his fine eyes as he asked, "eggerly: "Smire Bascome, will you lot me

bright face, and a look of resolution came into his fine eyes as he asked. "Squire Bascome, will you let must if you will bet me try a plan I have in good one. Please, sir, do! I ve thought of it such a lot, and I know can do it." Squire Bascome looked at the eager face before him, and some impulse the tarned upon his heel and let the says. "Yes. Go on. FII trust you,"— and he turned upon his heel and let the shop. "Yes. Go on. FII trust you,"— and he turned upon his heel and let the shop. "Yes. Go on. FII trust you,"— and he turned upon his heel and let the shop. Two prefectly the hole in which he was placed, for the somothly rounded. The ide to which he had bits of the basices or and show to him, and whee ners college that I say 'Don placed for the sonothly rounded. The ide the shop. Two eard bits are therefore more glare of the pratice is no one who is without fruit. It was nothing but a little pad-ding of India subber, placed decreores by between the iron horseshoe and the tender foot of the horse before the does showed the frong from the small stones. Thas did he explode the pavement, and saved the forg from the small stones. Thas did he explode the pavement, and saved the forg from the small stones. Thas did he explode the pavement, and saved the forg from the small stones. Thas did he explode the pavement, and saved the forg from the small stones. Thas did he explode the pavement, and saved the forg from the small stones. Thas did he explode the pavement, and saved the forg from the small stones. Thas did he explode the pavement, and saved the forg from the small stones. Thas did he explode the small stones. Thas did he explode the basices of asched the babits of the basiness AFFAIRS. — Then, again, baby a have a chought as to whether, a mather a catholic sare thorought as to whether and the asplate. The remarks on the immense congrega-tion and the way in which all ediases of a context and the asplate in the church. The Roman Catholics are thorought as to whether and the asplate. The the sthe dust and one and thirty he can make no excuss but its not alone to the young man who enters college that I say 'Don't drink,' for while the life and the habits of the business or professional men are is a catholic prefers to die a Catholic entreles. This Quaker writer saw no such paucity is faults are therefore more glaring than those of the man in a very humble station, there is no one who is without influence on those about him, and whose example whether good or bad has not is effect upon others, and if, as the great Archbishon Ireland recently suid, we will be asked when we present our selves at the gate of heaven, 'How must have a thought as to whether our encomed to the man in a work whether is are a scandal to another. But sixess AFFAIRS. — Then, again,

enjoy yourself just as well as they do but that you are all right and ready for

work in the morning ; and then when you see a good opening speak a word or two about the sin and folly of a young man allowing any habit to overcome his reason and his manhood, and you will surely make converts somer or later. And it is a great time to rescue even one soul from the danger of becoming lost through drink.

A QUAKER IN CATHOLIC EUROPE. Sacred Heart Review.

Looking at things from a purely natural standpoint, it is little wonder that the French people do not take to Protestantism. A writer in the American Friend—a Quaker paper—

says: "The spirit of oppression and of congregations in Catholic Europe is particularly noticeable in France. Not much cheer has been added since Calmuch cheer has been added since Car-vin dampened enthusiasm with his pre-destination ideas. The young people, men especially, in France, are notice-able in Protestant ranks, and it is strange more becoming cheerfulness is favor, he himself received the greatest benefit.

cise moment when I was utterly dis-contented and disconsolate, and this perception of how the dear God's in-little while longer. When he had taken perception of how the dear God's im-mediate consolation entered into my poor heart filled me with holy awe. He Himself endured every pain and woe. He sank under the burden of the cross. He certainly knows when it will become too heavy for us, and when we will re-quire a helping hand. He will send one then—He will not permit us to be over-come by dread—He will assist us to climb Calvary, to reach the final goal ! It is not impossible that we discover in our Simon one who does good, who confers favors on us through purc-ly human motives—what a grand op-portunity will then be ours of imitating

ly human motives—what a grand op-portunity will then be ours of imitating the example of our divine Mas-ter in our conduct towards him! Does it not frequently happen so in life? Was not the heathen of Cyrene forced to the good deed, and did not Jesus re-warded him for it with His love? Did He not give him a place in His heart ville Ont. He not give him a place in His heart and become a benefactor to him? While Simon thought he conferred a

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