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before I saw Joe look off his book and immediately I informed the

"Indeed!" said he, how did you know he was i'le!

"I saw him, said I.

"'You did? and were your eyes in

your books when you saw him?' "I was caught, and I never watched for idle boys again."

If we are sufficiently watchful over our own conduct, we shall have no time to find fault with the conduct

## PRUDENCE AND COWARD. ICE.

Boys and gir's, as well as men and women, are apt s metimes to mistake prudence for cowardice, and yet no two qualifications can be more

"Pooh!" said a rough boy to his more gentle cousin, "I do believe, John, you're afraid to go near that horse just because he isn't fied."

"There is no need of my going near him, Stephen," was the reply; "and there is danger of his kicking any one who teases him."

"Ha, ha!" shouted Stephen, "you're a bravey, now, ain't you? The idea of being afraid of a horse!" and, with a tantalizing look at John, the foolish boy walked up to the grazing animal, and poked him with a stick. The horse gave an uneasy start, but continued pulling at the

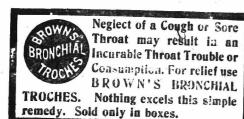
"See here!" exclaimed Stephen, growing bolder, "if you will promise not to faint, I'll present you with a lock of his tail in a minute.

John didn't faint, but Ste; hen did; for as he steadily approached the horse in the rear the animal bounde i away, performing a flourish with his hoofs that sent his tormentor senseless to the dust. John tried to of the window, his throbbing head Hope. restore Stephen to consciousness. He against the window-pane, he beloosened his clothing, rubbed his moaned his fate. But just then a poor the hand of the bright angel-Hope. hands and feet, and, bringing water in his cap from a pool near by, dashed it on the boy's white face; but all in vain; there was no sign of

The nearest house was their own home, and a quarter of a mile distant. am." And it brought a new thought of getting well unless we have hope.

John felt that not a moment was to be lost. He approached the now health, and the world is before me!" back, rode swifely, without a saddle turning to God, he made a resolution yours, enterupon possession.' or bridle, to his uncle's house for that while life lasted he would not

When, after a long illness, Ste phen recovered, he was a wiser boy and told his cousin that he really believed that the horse had managed



to kick a little common sense into

### THE POWER OF HOPE.

The story is told of one of the greatest writers of the last few years, that one day when he came home from his work he put his head down upon his hands and sobbed. His wafe, who was in the room, came to him in great alarm and asked him what was wrong. At first he could not speak, but at length he told her the hornd truth which had so unmanned him, namely, he had lost his situation and was penniless. It was a blow to her, too, but her thought was more for him than herself, and she became to him a saving angel. She put her arms around him and said it was no fault of his (which was true) and they would struggle oif together somehow. Then she went on to say he could write books, if only he would give himself to the work, and she knew he would succeed. He shook his head, and said that what he could do in that way was worth little, and would bring in next to nothing. Still she persevered, and at last he took courage, and said he would try. Hope kindled within him because his wife believed in him and his powers, and he set to work like a man, and won his way from little to much, until his name has become known all over the world, and his genius acknowledged by everyboly. His name is known, hers is unknown, but she was the inspiring power, and benefited the world because she had the assurance he could do much, and she imparted to him the power of Hope. We owe it to her that he is at the head of American writers.

Let me give you another story. One day a broken-hearted man looked out of the window of a miserably furnished room. He had seen better days-days of wealth and position; he had been a rich merchant, but heavy losses had come one after another, and then there came a crash —he was made a bankrupt, and everything was sold to satisfy the demands of his creditors. Sorrow followed sorrow; the blow killed his wife. Thus, he went out into the world alone-without money and without a home. As he looked out give way to despondency, but work on as best he could, and do bravely all that God helped him to do.

The scene changed. Years passed, who was gone. He was one of the cheerfulness. wealthiest of merchants, and one of The truth is, there are in the the largest-hearted of men who was ordinary life a thousand pleasant

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place. It was the same man who had looked out of the window in such sad woe: he was saved by a great Hope. While he lived his business prospered, and he did good on all sides, giving liberally to the poor; seeking out the sin-stained and degraded; building houses for workingpeople, and schools for children, and thus won for himself a name which will long endure, as one who loved God and his fellow-men. Thus did Miss Dalton John Dinham testify to the power of

cripple in the street attracted his There is no lot so poor which is not attention as he hobbed along. His made better by Hope. It is one of clothes were in rags, and he was the the greatest powers life can know. very picture of misery. "Ah!" the Without hope, nothing can be done, merchant said to himself, "there is a with hope, very much. Why, if we poor fellow worse off even than I are ill, we have hardly any chance -"Why not try again? I have Better things are always in store for us, and the angel points onward, as quiet horse, and, leaping upon his Hope sprang up within him, and much as to say, "All things are

## BE CHEERFUL.

We should train ourselves to see and on July 2, 1864, a long and the good things, the bright things of corrowful procession slowly marched life. There are few habits more on its way towards the cemetery of common, even among Christians, Exeter. From far and near people than this of seeing and remembering came to join in the procession to pay unpleasant things, and there is no their tribute of respect to the man habit which is more inimical to

then being borne to his last resting- things to one that is unpleasant. It

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is a shame, therefore, to let roughness of pain spoil for us all gladness of a thousand good thing the one discordant note mar for all the music of the grand symphon

February

Nan was party out a little girls v afternoon a

There w troubled Na the kitchen ing cakes, party, to ta looked so g have stood baked her t every single "Everyth

on the tab have silver "Goodne "what's tha "Things 'member m answered N

best part of

thing," said

ma.' "Oh, yes Well, we m Didn't you kittens dow "Yessum, grandma, y

some of th farm was ge but, grandn if you could the sweetes "Yes," "they alway

them to the "Oh, grai est-you alv est things! apiece and don't mind grandma?

So the nex guests went most charm with them slats fixed s and after t went down came back i

"I wouldr marked, "th lonely withou hope I'm no And gran

The next stairs, when and then, accompanie she burst in very red an with ten box "Oh, gra

party all c their silverr mammas sai obliged, but now they more, and s you think w And of co got through

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There w bright little ful mother. of the great He loved hi Empress En wanted to p him; he wan

When he she wanted ing, he would utes." If hi