

Youth's Corner.

RUPERT BECOMES AN ARTIST.

(Continuation of the Wax-figure.)

The time for which Rupert was bound to the confectioner expired: he had laid up sufficient money to carry him to Rome; and his ardent desire for advancement allowed him no rest at Weissenburg.

He arrived at Rome, and no sooner did he look about among the great works of art with which that city abounds, than he saw how much there was for him to learn, before he could acquire rank among artists there.

Rupert did look out, but found no artist that would have any thing to do with him upon his terms. And so he became convinced that he must either be content to be great among confectioners, but not to rank among artists, or else he must submit to the training under which his master placed him.

Thus it happened that, though at last he submitted to the terms upon which alone a good sculptor could be found to employ him, he did so with pride unsubdued in him.

His former employment became at this time of the utmost consequence to him, for it was his main source of support.

little earnings were nearly consumed in his journey to Italy and his first arrangements for living there.

(To be continued.)

A FABLE FOR CHILDREN.

There were three little silver trouts, who lived in a stream of clear water, which ran between two high green banks.

The next said, "I am a poor, ignorant little fish, and I do not know how to protect myself from danger; I should like to have a great deal of knowledge, and understanding all about hooks and nets, so that I might always keep out of danger."

The other little trout said, "I too am a poor, ignorant little fish, and for that reason I do not know what is the best for me; my wish is, that God would take care of me, and give me just what he sees best for me; I do not want any thing that he does not choose to give me."

So God gave wings to the first, and he was very happy; and soared away into the air, and felt very proud, and despised his companions whom he had left in the river.

But God loved the other little trout, and took care of him, and kept him from all danger, so that he was the happiest little trout that ever lived.

EASTERN MANNERS.

Illustrative of Luke xiv. 15-21.

When a person of respectable rank in society proposes to celebrate a feast in his house, he forthwith circulates his invitations to the friends he wishes to be of the party, either by cards or by a verbal message, carried by a servant of the house.

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and as the after invitation was sent, according to Eastern etiquette, to the guests invited, they must be understood as having accepted the engagement, so that the apologies they severally made were inadmissible, and could be regarded in no other light than as an affront put upon the generous entertainer, and an ungrateful return for all the splendid preparation he had made for their reception.

—REV. ROBERT JAMIESON.

THE FIRST BRITISH MARTYR.

The first man who laid down his life in Britain for the Christian faith, was St. Alban; Saint he has been called for that reason, and the title may be continued to him in mark of honour and respect, now that it has ceased to carry with it a superstitious meaning to our ears.

SCRIPTURE APTLY QUOTED.

Dr. Dodd was executed in the year 1777 for forgery. On his way to execution, a woman who was acquainted with the doctor and, cherishing infidel opinions, had frequently held debates on religious subjects with him, followed the fatal cart, and with a want of feeling inconceivable under the circumstances of the case, taunted him with the question, "Where is the Lord your God now, Doctor?"

"Rejoice not against me, O mine enemy: when I fall, I shall arise; when I sit in darkness, the Lord shall be a light unto me. I will bear the indignation of the Lord, because I have sinned against him;—until he plead my cause and execute judgment for me: he will bring me to the light, and I shall behold his righteousness. Then she that is mine enemy shall see it, and shame shall cover her which said unto me, Where is the Lord thy God? Mine eyes shall behold her: now shall she be trodden as the mire of the streets."

These words made such an impression on her that, without saying a word to any person, she went straightway to an out house and hanged herself.

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ANECDOTE OF KING GEORGE THE III.

One day in July, 1779, his Majesty, riding from Windsor, was overtaken by a violent storm of rain, and being separated from his company, he made towards a farmhouse, or rather cottage, belonging to a man named Stiles, near Stoke. Here he alighted, and going into the house, found a girl turning a goose which was hanging before the fire by a string.

THE STONE-CUTTER.

It was our Saviour's custom to draw instruction from the daily incidents and employments of life.—Certainly it is lawful for us to imitate his example.

The stone-cutter has hard material to operate upon. It cannot be hewed like a stick of timber, or planed and jointed like a board. It must be chiselled off bit by bit. What a vast number of strokes is necessary to reduce one stone to its proper shape!

The stone-cutter's blows need be directed with skill. He must know just where to strike and with what degree of force, and which of his various tools to employ. It is not a matter of indifference with him, whether his chisel handle points to the right or the left; or whether the blow of his mallet has the force of one pound, or ten, or a hundred.

The stone-cutter's tools need frequent sharpening. We inquired of one of the workmen, how often he sharpened his tools. He replied, "We sharpen every morning." A good hint, thought we, to the Christian. The edge of his piety is apt to be dulled by the labours and cares of the day.

THE PRINTER'S APPRENTICE.

A young man was once apprenticed in this city as a printer. He boarded at the house of his father, who was in easy circumstances, but who required his son to pay for his board from the avails of special perquisites, which furnished his fellow apprentices with a liberal supply of funds for pleasure.

The same man has told me that he was but once in a theatre. On that occasion he had been persuaded to go by his fellow labourers, who were accustomed to it, and who furnished him a ticket. On taking his seat in the box, he remembered that it was precisely the hour his mother was accustomed to retire for prayer, and he well knew that the burden of her prayers embraced the salvation of her children.

The night vision.—If God is to be the reward of your actions, his glory must be the end of them.

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