

The Family.

A BIT OF A SERMON.

Whatever you find to do, Do it boys with all your might! Never be a little true.

Let no speck their surface dim, Spotless truth and honor bright! I'd not give a fig for him

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THE USE OF COWS.

A friend of mine has two bright little boys— Freddy, between three and four years old, and Willie, about five.

"I guess not," she answered with some hesitation. "I'd try and have him not to be a drunkard."

"How would you try?" asked the boy, looking up with a pithy smile.

"I'd ask him to sign the pledge, and keep it. Then, if he did, you see he wouldn't be a drunkard. Can't you ask him?"

"No," I can't, Brownie. You ask him, won't you? Seems as though he'd do it if you ask him."

"Well, my little lady what can I do for you?"

"This question recalled to her the fact that she was not in fairy land, as she had fancied; and extending some papers she held in her hand, she said, 'Please, sir, will you sign the pledge?'"

"What pledge?" was asked.

"The pledge not to drink anything that will make you drunk."

"Who are you, child?"

"My name is Miriam Way, but they call me Brownie."

"I thought, responded the man absently, 'You look like a Brownie. What sent you here?'"

"I come because I'm sorry for Ned."

"Yes, sir. One of the scholars said he was nobody but a drunkard's boy, and he felt bad about it, when the rest all missed; but he didn't care about that, he felt so bad because

his father was a drunkard. And—and please, sir, won't you sign the pledge?"

"Yes, I'll sign it, I can drink just the same if I'm a mind to do."

"Yes, sir; but that would be telling a lie and I don't believe you'd do that if you were sober."

"No, child, I wouldn't. I ain't so far gone as that, I am a drunkard. Sit down in that chair and I'll think about it."

THE FARM.

Mr. R. B. Shepard, of Mt. Vernon, Ind., thus sums up the argument on this much debated question.

This subject has been treated of often by agricultural writers, but, like all other agricultural subjects, it cannot be written upon too often.

The question is often asked which pays the farmer best for all kinds of farm work the horse or ox? Some hold for the ox, but still more for the horse.

A great point in it is to have several apartments, and to feed the horses according to their condition. But avoid sudden changing from food to food.

For breeding stock, clover hay, bran and roots are better than grain.

FALL PLOWING.—Whenever the ground is damp enough, two-horse turn plows, should be kept constantly going, burying the weeds before they have matured their seeds.

SWINE.—Keep the pen clean and dry. See that they are well ventilated. Corn pudding is easily made by stirring corn meal into boiling water.

CLOVER AND GRASS.—We have discussed these crops at such length recently that it is unnecessary to do more than remind the reader of their value.

THE CHILLER.—Whatever you do or fail to do, do not neglect the cellar under the house. Remove every thing that is decaying. Clean up. Wash the walls. Ventilate thoroughly and often.

BLACK KIDS.—To restore the color of black kid boots take a small quantity of good blacking, mix it with the white of an egg, and apply it to the boots with a soft sponge.

SILK DRESSING.—To restore a crumpled black silk dress sponge the silk with spirits of wine diluted with a little water. Then iron it on the wrong side, keeping a piece of muslin between the surface of the silk and the hot iron.

OUT IN THE RAIN.

A round little face, peeping out of a shawl, That was trying to cover it, dimples and all, A fat little hand pushing sturdy up,

God and man if I were not. There is more in the public houses of Glasgow to stir the spirit of a minister, than all that Paul saw at Athens.

THE FERRY-BOT.

Dear little Dick, curled up by the fire, Sat watching the shadows come and go, As the dancing flames leaped higher and higher,

His chubby hand on his side was pressed, And he turned for a moment a listening ear; "Mother, cried he, 'I've got a watch I can feel it ticking right under here."

"Yes, Dick, 's a watch that God has made To mark your hours as they fly by; He holds the key in His mighty hand, And keeps it in order night and day."

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