

\$5 A WEEK,

AND HOW TO LIVE ON IT.

"A Junior Clerk" with a salary of \$5 a week, writes to ask how he is to be expected to live on it, as he is married and has two children. Mr. GRIP is ever desirous of giving information for the benefit of those who need it, and as "Junior Clerk" seems to be one of these, he shall have some advice. Every man's income is limited more or less; and he must limit his expenditure accordingly, but \$5 per week may be said to be decidedly limited, and any employer who would offer such a sum to a married man with a family must be a very contemptible person, though such individuals undoubtedly exist, and their name is Legion. A man is not always necessarily compelled to accept such remuneration, but when it comes to be a toss up between doing so and starving, he had better, perhaps, do the former. To live upon it, a man must first cut down his expenditure to the fewest possible branches, and secondly apply the closest possible shaving to each. They can hardly be reduced below three: food, clothes, and lodging; but if he finds he can do without any of these the difficulty would be much simplified. As to lodging;



the cheapest to be had must be chosen; the more unpleasant the situation the better, as the rent will then be more reasonable, or rather, more easy to pay. A dilapidated hovel in the suburbs of the city, or a single room for the whole family in some tenement may be recommended. Chairs, tables, bedsteads and other movables may be dispensed with; the entire furniture should consist of a few blankets and some straw; and the blankets ought to be begged: if the straw dealer will accept a note at twelve months for the amount of the value of the straw, so much the better. Fire must be dispensed with, except to cook a few potatoes with or to avoid being frozen to death.

With regard to clothes. These must be obtained, if possible, through charity: there is another way of getting them which it would be hardly right to hint at. By a proper economy they may be made to last till they fall to pieces, which they will not altogether do for years. If it is necessary to buy clothes they must be bought, but the purchase should only include indispensables. Shirts and stockings are superfluities, and the younger children may do without shoes during the warmer months of the year. Food must be confined, in general, to oatmeal, bread and potatoes, but perhaps a little flank beef that is spoiling and can be obtained very cheap may occasionally be indulged in. Tea and sugar are luxuries not to be dreamt of, and water must be the only drink. Possibly "Junior Clerk's" wife may



UP BEFORE HIS BISHOP.

(What we may expect when Christianity is properly understood.)

THE BISHOP.—MR. SMALLSOLE, I AM GRIEVED TO HEAR THAT YOU REFUSED TO PREACH FOR OUR METHODIST BRETHERN LAST SUNDAY. WHAT HAVE YOU TO SAY FOR YOURSELF?

THE REV. GENT.—MY LORD, THE WORLD, THE FLESH, AND THE DEVIL GOT THE BETTER OF ME. I HAVE NO EXCUSE, BUT I HOPE IT MAY NOT OCCUR AGAIN!

be fortunate enough to secure the weekly washing from some family, and if she has been brought up as she ought to have been, with no ridiculous notions about her, she will be glad to obtain such work. Quite possibly she may possess an education far superior to that of the 'lady' for whom she washes, but what is education after all? Nothing—compared with cash.

"Money makes the man; the want of it the fellow. And all the rest is leather and prunella," as Pope would have said had he lived in these degenerate days, instead of employing the the word 'worth' in the place of 'money.'

By following the above rules it is perhaps possible to live honestly on \$5 a week, with a wife and family. Medical attendance is out of the question, and death is a visitor who should never be allowed to enter the house. What are called comforts must be considered unattainable, for any man, even though starving and perishing, to help himself to a meal, a stick of wood or anything of the kind, is highly immoral; the law respects not persons but property, and severely visits such wickedness. S.

GRIP'S WIZDOM.

False friends, like ice, melt away at the approach of hot water.

The bluntest men generally make the most cutting remarks.

Lying is as hereditary as the gout, and both are almost incurable.

When you commit matrimony omit the 't.'

Beauty is often drawn by a single hair.

No woman rails so bitterly at unpunctuality as one who is, by accident, punctual—just once.

No baby has less idea of walking than a woman of the genus "shoddienis communis" who has just started a carriage.

Women, as a rule, hide their faults more successfully than men. The same may be said of their virtues: not always, but very often.

Rowing is a sort of marine sport, and yet it's regular arm-y work.—*Philadelphia Herald.*

"You see that young gentleman opposite? You should know him. He comes from a very old family." "Indeed! and he so fresh!"—*Boston Transcript.*



READY FOR ANOTHER ERRAND!