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good word spoken, and every aspiration to higher and better things which passes through the mind, increases the grace which is conferred upon that soul; but the moment the will is deliberately turned away from its Creator, at that moment sanctifying grace ceases and the soul dies. This death is a real death of the soul; it prevents the soul from meriting anything towards the attainment of its last end, and should any one be unhappy enough to die with but one mortal sin upon his conscience, his soul must by the law of its very being be burned for all eternity in hell.

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There was a certain father of a family who had but little faith and courage. One trial after another came upon him, and, having no confidence in either God or man, he determined to hang himself. Providing himself with a rope, he started out for a solitary place in the woods, where there was little danger of his being interfered with in the execution of his horrid crime. He avoided meeting his wife and children, for fear some tender feeling might be excited in him, and he might be deterred from carrying out his designs.

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