

The Old Man Passed.

BUT ST. PETER HADN'T ROOM FOR THE OLD WOMAN TOO.

The following lines contain a lesson that many wives will do well to ponder. The author believes that something more than church attendance and Sunday devotion are necessary to receive a reserved seat ticket or even a place to the gallery, when the grand orchestra strikes up:

St. Peter stood at the golden gate
With a solemn mien and air serene,
When up to the top of the golden stair
A man and a woman ascended there,
Applied for admission. They came and stood
Before St. Peter so great and good,
In hopes the city of peace to win—
And asked St. Peter to let them in.

The woman was tall, and lank, and thin,
With a scraggy beardlet upon her chin,
The man was short and thick, and stout
His stomach was built so it rounded out,
His face was pleasant, and all the while
He wore a kind of a gentle smile,
The chorus in the distance the cellos woke
And the man kept still while the woman spoke.

"Oh, thou who guardest at the gate" said she,
"We two come hither beseeching thee
To let us enter the heavenly land
And play our parts with the angel band,
Of joy, St. Peter, there is no doubt,
There is nothing in Heaven to bar us out;
I've been to meeting three times a week,
And almost always I'd rise and speak."

I have told the sinners about the day
When they would repent of their evil way,
I've told my neighbors—I've told them all
About Adam and Eve and the primal fall;
I've shown them what they'd have to do
If they'd pass in with the chosen few,
I've marked their path of duty clear—
Laid out the plan of their whole career.

I've talked and talked to 'em loud and long,
For my lungs were cool and my voice was strong,
So good St. Peter, you'll clearly see
The gate of Heaven is open for me;
But my old man, I regret to say,
Hasn't walked in exactly the narrow way,
He smokes and he swears, and grave faults he's got,
And I don't know whether he'll pass or not.

He never would pray with an earnest yin,
Or go to the revival, or join in a hymn,
So I had to leave him in sorrow there,
While I with the chosen united in prayer,
He ate what the pantry chanced to afford,
While I in my purity sang to the Lord,
And if eucumenes were all that he got
It a chance if he merited them or not.

But oh, St. Peter, I love him so
To the pleasures of Heaven let him go;
I've done enough—a saint I've been,
Won't that atone? Won't you let him in?
By my grim gospel I know it is so,
That the unpurged must fry below,
But isn't there some way you can see
That he may enter who's dear to me?

It's a narrow gospel by which I pray,
But the chosen expect to find some way
Of coaxing, or fooling, or bribing you,
So that their relations can amble through;
And say, St. Peter, it seems to me
This gate isn't kept as it ought to be,
You ought to stand right by the opening there
And never sit down in that easy chair.

And say, St. Peter, my sight is dimmed,
But I don't like the way your whiskers are
trimmed,
They are cut too wide and outward too,
They look better narrow, cut straight across,
Well, we must be going, our crowns to win,
So open St. Peter, and we'll pass in."

St. Peter sat quiet and stroked his staff,
But, in spite of his office, he had to laugh,
Then said, with a fiery gleam in his eye:
"Who a tending this gateway—you or I?
And then he rose in his stature tall,
And pressed a button upon the wall,
And said to the flap that answered the bell:
"Escort this lady around to hell."

The man stood still as a piece of stone—
Stood sadly, gloomy, there alone,
A life-long, settled idea he had
That his wife was good and he was bad;
He thought if the woman went down below
That he would certainly have to go—
That if she went to the regions dim
There wasn't a ghost of a chance for him.

Slowly he turned, by habit bent,
To follow wherever the woman went;
St. Peter standing on duty there,
Observing that the top of his head was bare,
He called the venturist and said:
"P lend, how long have you been west?"
"Thirty years" (with a weary sigh),
And then he thoughtfully added, "Why?"

St. Peter was silent. With head bent down
He raised his hat and scratched his crown,
Then scoring a different thought to take,
Slowly half to himself he spoke:
"Thirty years with that woman there?
No wonder the man hasn't any hair!
Hearing is wicked. Smoke's no good,
He smoked and swore—I should think he would."

Thirty years with that tongue so sharp?
Not Angel Gabriel! Give him a harp!
A jewel harp with a golden string!
Good air, pass in where the angels sing
Fabrics, give him a seat alone—
One with a cushion—up near the throne!
Call up some angels to play their best,
Let him enjoy their music and rest
So that on finest Arabias he feels,
He's had about all the hell he needs.

There are several well-known sayings
with regard to the paring of finger nails,
and among them are the following:—
"Cut them on Monday, cut them for
health; cut them on Tuesday, cut them
for wealth; cut them on Wednesday, cut
them for a letter; cut them on Thurs-
day, for something better; cut them on
Friday, you cut for a wife; cut them on
Saturday, cut for life; cut them on Sun-
day, cut for evil, for all of that week
you'll be ruled by the devil."

No Longer a Mute.

Mrs. Jerry Cartell, of near Trimble, Tenn., has just broken a rash vow which she made over twelve months ago, and which she sorrowfully regrets having ever made, says the *St. Paul Dispatch*. About eighteen months ago Mrs. Cartell was Miss Fanny Brammoy, a beautiful young lady of eighteen years, and Jerry Cartell was her favored suitor. But, as is generally the case with young lovers, a quarrel arose between them, and in the heat of passion Miss Fanny angrily bade her lover to leave her presence and vowed by high heaven she would never speak to him again. The disconsolate lover took his departure, but as he fairly worshipped the girl he ardently set out to effect a reconciliation. At last, in answer to a pitiful pleading letter, Miss Fanny penned him a loving, forgiving message.

Overjoyed at the happy termination of affairs, he hurried to the home of Miss Fanny, and was received warmly and affectionately, but without a word of welcome. Taking a tablet and pencil from the desk, she began a written conversation, as though she could not speak a word. Cartell pleaded the uselessness and foolishness of such proceedings, but in vain, as his sweet-heart positively refused to utter a word to him. She is very devout, a member of the Methodist Church, and was firmly impressed with the idea that if she would break her rash vow God would punish her by striking her dumb, when she could speak to no one. She was constantly on her guard for fear she might speak to her lover, bringing this terrible visitation upon her.

The courtship proceeded with pencil and paper for several months, when they were joined together in the holy bonds of matrimony. During their married life of a year Mrs. Cartell never spoke to her husband until some days ago.

Last Christmas Mr. Cartell made his wife a present of a handsome and costly pair of vases. The other morning the husband was bringing in an armful of wood and struck one of the vases and knocked it to the floor and broke it into a hundred different pieces.

"Oh, Jerry, look what you have done!" cried Mrs. Cartell. She was horribly shocked at speaking to her husband, and believed that she had been stricken dumb. To ascertain the correctness of her belief she spoke to him again, and was overjoyed to discover that her organs of speech had not been in the least impaired.

In the happiness of hearing his wife speak Jerry thanked God for the breaking of the vase.

How to Walk Well.

In walking, the body never entirely quits the ground, the heel of the advanced foot touching the ground in each step before the toe of the rear foot leaves it. The advanced limb supports the body, while the rear foot propels it. Suppose a man to be standing with his heels together, and he be now made to take some steps, starting with the left foot, then the motion will be the following: The body is inclined forward, by this means the centre of gravity would fall in front of the base formed by the feet if the left limb were not raised and the foot thrown forward. The toes just clear the ground and the heel is made to touch the ground first. This prevents the body from falling. Meanwhile the right leg is straightened and the heel raised. When the heel of the left foot touches the ground, nothing in the right foot but the big toe is in contact with it. This member serves as the propeller. The step is now complete and the work of each limb is exchanged for the next step and so on. The cause of waddling is the inability of people to bring the leg forward in a straight line, but by force of habit they describe a semicircle with their legs at each step.—*New York Journal*.

Boxing the Ears.

Never strike a child on the head. This is not only cruel, but it is dangerous. "Boxing the ears" should be made an offense punishable by law, for a "box" as likely as not will break the drum of the ear and destroy the hearing perhaps permanently. Children have often died from brain troubles produced by a box on the ear. No parent or teacher should ever think of administering chastisement in this way.—*Hospital*.

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EVERY SUNDAY.—Primary pupils at 9 a.m.; senior pupils at 11 a.m.; General Lecture at 2:30 p.m., immediately after which the Little Class will assemble.
EACH SCHOOL DAY the pupils are to assemble in the Chapel at 6:45 a.m., and the Teachers-in-charge for the week, will open by prayer and afterwards dismiss them so that they may reach their respective school rooms not later than 7 o'clock. In the afternoon at 3 o'clock the pupils will again assemble and after prayer will be dismissed in a quiet and orderly manner.
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The Printing Office, shops and Sewing Room to be left each day when work ceases in a clean and tidy condition.

Pupils are not to be excused from the various Classes or Industrial Departments except on account of sickness, without permission of the Superintendent.

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Persons who are interested, desirous of visiting the Institution, will be made welcome on any school day. No visitors are allowed on Saturdays, Sundays or Holidays except to the regular chapel exercises at 2:30 on Monday afternoons. The best time for visitors on ordinary school days is as soon after 1:30 in the afternoon as possible, as the classes are dismissed at 3:00 o'clock.

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R. MATHISON,
Superintendent.