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"That's not the way they do things. The children take the father's chances. The title was a reward of loyalty, and the loyal man's children got the benefit of it. You are talking to me. I am on the losing side; you say, 'What a pity!' But if you were talking to Lord Beaufort's son about the story you would say to him. 'What luck!'"

### "LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION."

"Well, Ben, I've found you two good places," said Jim, a stable boy, to a chum who was out of employment. "Ther'er both of them first-class, but I'd 'vise you take the last place. You'll get twenty dollars a month with board, and now and then a glass of wine. They aint stingy 'bout such things."

"And the other?" asked Ben.

"Well, you'll only get twelve dollars a month and board there, and nothin' to drink but tea and coffee. They'er mighty strong temperance folks and never use wine. You'd better take twenty dollars and the wine."

Ben's face was a study as he thought of the twenty dollars—more than he had ever received—and the comforts it would afford his poor mother and sisters, who were dependent upon his wages.

After a few moments the boy lifted his face and said firmly:

"I'll take the twelve dollars, Jim."

"And nothin' to drink but tea and coffee!" exclaimed Jim, contemptuously.

"That's why I choose the place," replied Ben. "I don't want to be tempted. How could I ever say, 'Lead us not into temptation,' if I led myself in! No Jim, I'd rather be able to say that prayer than to get twenty dollars a month."

### PETER PUT-OFF.

I know a little boy whose real name we will say is Peter Parsons, but the boys call him Peter Put-off, because he has such a way of putting off both business and pleasure.

He can learn his lessons well, but he is almost always at the bottom of his class, because he has put off learning his task from one hour to another until it is too late. He can walk or run as fast as any boy in the town, but if he is sent on an

errand the errand never gets done in season, because he puts off starting from one moment to another; and for the same reason he is almost always late at school, because he never can be made to see that it is drawing near to nine o'clock.

If letters are given to post they never get in in time for the mail; and if he is to go away by the boat or train the whole family has to exert itself to hurry Peter out of the house, lest he defer starting till the hour be past.

He delays in his play as in his work. He puts off reading the library book until it is time to send it back; he waits to join the game until it is too late; and generally comes up a little behind hand for every thing, from Monday morning until Saturday night and then begins the new week by being too late for church and Sabbath School. Peter is quite conscious of his own fault, and means to reform sometime, but he puts off the date of the reformation so constantly that manhood and old age will probably overtake this boy, and find him still only worthy of the name of Peter Put-off.—*Little Sower.*

### HOW TO BECOME HAPPY.

Many young persons are ever thinking over some new ways of adding to their pleasures. They always look for chances for more 'fun,' more joy.

Once there was a wealthy and powerful king, full of care and very unhappy. He heard of a man famed for his wisdom and piety, and found him in a cave on the border of a wilderness.

'Holy man,' said the king, 'I come to learn how I may be happy.' Without making a reply, the wise man led the king over a rough path, till he brought him in front of a high rock, on the top of which an eagle had built her nest.

'Why has the eagle built her nest yonder?'

'Doubtless,' answered the king, 'that it may be out of danger.'

'Then imitate the bird,' said the wise man; 'build thy home in heaven, and thou shalt have peace and happiness.'

Said Professor Henry:—The person who thinks there can be any real conflict between science and religion must be either very young in science or very ignorant in religion."