

Company, or all the merchants of London, Liverpool, Manchester or Birmingham; yea, than all the world. Glory to God, "For the merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of silver, the gain thereof than fine gold." It is a better merchandise than that of Egypt, Ethiopia, or the wealth of Peru. "Godliness is great gain."

Who would envy the rich of this world? who would envy their palaces, their castles, their parks, their fish-ponds, their coaches-and-four, that hath all his consolation and happiness in God? If the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost be your portion, don't quarrel with the dogs of this world about the bones; let them have them. You cling to the treasures of eternity. "Lay hold on eternal life." I think I should faint before I left this place, if I had no hope that I possessed something that will be with me in every storm in this world—in the deep waters of Jordan—in the last judgment, and for ever. Glory to God, I almost think, friends, I shall never faint again. God Almighty and I are united together. We are partners, glory to His name. Here is a firm that will never become a bankrupt. There are thousands of poor in it; but there is ONE sufficiently rich to keep the credit of the firm, not only in this world but in eternity.—*Morgan Howells.*

HALF A VICTORY.

I will tell you how it was. Jack had been told that he must not go to see a certain boy called Sam without asking his father's permission. Sam lived in a place where there were a great many boys, and Jack loved dearly to be with them. There were many things to play with, and everything was very pleasant. One day some of the boys said to Jack: "Come, let's go down to Sam's." So Jack started to go along with them, although he knew he was not doing right. But after he had gone some distance, his conscience troubled him so much that he could not bear it any longer. He was disobeying his father, and he could not be happy. He determined he would leave the boys, run home and ask his father's permission, and then he could

go back with a light heart. But he was ashamed to tell all this to the boys, so he pretended he did not want to go any farther, and said: O boys, I don't care to go down there; I'm going home." So he started back to ask his father's permission. This was given, and he went off merrily, almost overtaking the boys in his haste to get there.

Now this was only half a victory. It was better than nothing, but it was not a right good honest victory. If little Jack had done *quite* right, he would have said at first, "Boys, I can't go with you, until I have asked father." That would have been a *whole* victory. He would have told the truth and been obedient too.—*Advocate and Guardian.*

IF YOU PLEASE.—The Duke of Wellington was drawing nigh to death. The last thing he took was a cup of tea. When the servant asked if he would have it, he replied, "Yes, if you please."

This great duke had been used to command large armies, and to be waited on by some of the most noble in the land, but we see how kind and courteous he was to one of his common servants. Learn to be polite.

"If you please" makes people willing to help and serve you.

"If you please" is a key which unlocks many a door of kindness in the family, and is a part of that bond of affection which unites brothers and sisters together in love.

Will you learn to say it?

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 " 14.—Jesus and John.....Matt. 11, 1—11.
 " 21.—The Gracious Call.....Matt. 11, 25—30.
 " 28.—REVIEW.