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**SHE SOLD HER DIARY.**

How a Girl Turned the Edge of a Joker to the Benefit of the Poor.

There seems to be no limit to a woman's self-sacrifice when she once takes a charitable object to heart. This is the story of a girl who sold her diary, and you have to be a woman to realize all that that means.

It was on shipboard, and it happened when she was on her way back to Toronto from Liverpool last summer. The girl was a millionaire's daughter, and in addition to devoting her pocket money to the Episcopalian church, she was a patroness, she spent most of her leisure time in crocheting, and she had a very useful and wonderful and altogether useless admires to buy at fabulous prices for the benefit of the poor. She had devoted the entire trip to this pretty work, and she had on her a diary which she had spent in filling out her diary with such sentimental observations as misses of 20 or thereabout are apt to find expression for on the innocent white pages of their diaries.

The friends she had victimized on the way over, by having dollars from their pockets in exchange for crocheted things, made much sport of her diary, and at last conspired against her peace of mind.

"Now, say, Miss Blank," said one of them, in pursuance of the plot, "we have decided to pay down the diary to help your tenement house brethren a cent's worth more unless you sell us your diary. How much will you take for it?"

"How much will you give?" asked the girl, after a little thought.

Five dollars was the bid and refused. Miss Blank then playfully put the precious volume up at auction, and she returned in triumph with her little diary.

"The diary is yours, Mr. Jones," said the girl to the successful bidder, "but remember my terms are spot cash, with the further condition that you leave it with me until I can make a copy for myself."

The laugh was on Jones, and his companions forced him to pay down the money on the spot. Miss Blank delivered the diary, and of course all that the unlucky joker could think of was to return it unopened with his compliments.

—New York Herald.

Three Rules for Life.

1. Look for good, not evil, in all things. Cultivate the habit of seeking the best in every person and every event. The more you do this, the more you will find in all things only weakness, only something to be criticized and despised. Seek good as Jesus sought it, and you will find it in goodness; and conversely, faith in goodness is faith in God and leads to Him.

2. Do always the best you can. Be not satisfied with doing as well today as you did yesterday, but look up to something higher and better. Look upon each new day which comes as an opening into a higher world and better life. When an opportunity of doing good comes think that God sends it. Be faithful in small things, because they also are divine duties, full of heavenly peace, and may lead to the greatest blessing.

3. Select the best influences, read the best books, surround yourself with the highest. We can never escape the influence of our environment, so we shall take that into consideration. We shall take the habits of those who surround us, and we shall find it easier as the days go on to be generous ourselves.

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**INCREASING LENGTH OF LIFE.**

Modern Heroines at Least are Much Longer Lived Than Jane Austen's Were.

Is the human race becoming long-lived, despite the fret and fever of modern civilization? It is an interesting question, and it may very probably be answered some day by science in the affirmative. The longevity of professional men is now generally considered to be greater than that of farmers and mechanics. In other words, intellectual activity, although in man respects more exhausting than physical, has in the main a salutary effect upon the human frame. It may be the nerves rather than the muscles upon which we mainly depend, after all. It is a commonplace of observation that the big, hearty men of the world, while those of far more fragile organizations, apparently, live on to a ripe old age.

As to the increasing longevity of the race generally, there is no little interesting testimony on this score. Some of the early heroes and heroines of romance are old before they reach what we should call middle life. And at the beginning of the nineteenth century Jane Austen, whose testimony is always unimpeachable, speaks of the health and vigor of those of 40 or 45 as being that of the young of 20 years of life. And at the end of the nineteenth century, what woman of to-day, who reads the Providence Journal, thinks she herself is falling into decrepitude at sixty? Elsewhere in Miss Austen's pages we run across people who are old with the passage of half a century of life. But now we have Gladstones at eighty and over, and think nothing of it.

"What We are Doing."

The ball season will soon be over, but the debutante's heart has been gladdened by the numerous opportunities she has had of indulging in a great deal of light of all exercises, dancing. The young girl's first public ball is, however, a very trying ordeal to various ways. If she is pretty and has many friends among the patronesses, she may possibly have as good a time as any other ball in New York to which it is considered quite the correct thing to be invited, but which are exceedingly tiresome and formal functions, particularly to the inexperienced. Society manners are not good, as a rule. The devotee of society is usually a very much over-dressed person who has been accustomed to having everything done for her, and whose training has led her to think very little of any one but herself.

Selfishness is the key-note of the fashionable world, and the consequent result is not agreeable to the novice, who is usually a girl who has been reared by her mother; she is doubtless received at the entrance to the room by the patronesses, and then she is left to her own devices, and she is usually left to her own devices, and she is usually left to her own devices.

Not effort is made by the patronesses to see that she is amused. They consider their duty done, and well done, when they have shaken hands with her on her entrance. We have no iron-bound rules in this new country regarding little matters of etiquette, and so it all depends upon ourselves as to whether our entertainment is a success or not.

In Germany a hostess is relieved of responsibility and care by the custom which prevails there, which is for the gentleman to bring to the ladies who are to be entertained, and so they may do their share of the entertaining. This they consider part of their social duty, and they do how little heart there is in it, and what a cold, critical spirit pervades the entire assembly—Harper's Bazar.

This latter fashion strikes the average American as being very strange, for here youth is seldom respectful of old people; it is invariably the elders who look out for the younger members of society. That these fashionable balls are still held, and are still attended, even by those who are acknowledged to be the most advanced and the most intelligent, and yet no one seems to have the courage to endeavor to make them less so. It is often remarked by the ladies who attend these balls that they dread this ordeal for their daughters, knowing as they do how little heart there is in it, and what a cold, critical spirit pervades the entire assembly—Harper's Bazar.

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**YANKEE RAILS ARE LOWER**

A FIRMER MARKET FOR PROVISIONS AT CHICAGO.

Another Decline in Canadian Pacific—Wheat Fairly Active—Latest Commercial and Financial News.

Friday Evening, March 8. Canadian Pacific sold at its lowest price to-day, a decline of 1/2 cent, since Feb. 21.

Insurance was in demand to-day, selling at 150-1-4.

Consols steady, closing at 104 1/16 for money and at 104 1/2 for account.

Wheat—The market for wheat in London to-day at 85-5/8 and in New York at 87-1/4.

A cable from Paris to-day says: The wheat crop has suffered by frost and it is our belief that the damage is serious.

All clearings of Montreal banks this week were \$10,035,562, as compared with \$10,164,765 the same week last year.

The reserve of the Bank of England is \$17,000,000 the past week, and the proportion of reserve to liability is 67.68 per cent, as against 67.65 a week ago.

**WINDSOR SALT IS GRANULATED.**

Toronto Salt Works.

Money Markets. Money is unchanged here at 4 per cent. on call and at 6 to 6 1/2 per cent. for prime discounts. At New York the rate on call is 1-1/2 to 2 per cent. and at London 1-1/2 per cent. The Bank of England is at 3 1/2 per cent. and the open market rate 1-1/8 per cent.

**STOCKS AND BONDS.**

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Foreign Exchange, as reported by Emilius Jarvis & Co., stock brokers, as follows:

New York funds 1/4 to 1/2 [1/4 to 1/2] 1/4 to 1/2  
 Western Union 1/4 to 1/2 [1/4 to 1/2] 1/4 to 1/2  
 Sterling 60 days... 4.89 1/2 [4.89 1/2] 4.89 1/2  
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**Toronto Stock Market.**

| Stock             | 3:30 P.M. | 4:30 P.M. | 5:30 P.M. |
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