


Whosoever believeth in Him shall receive remission of sins.

Acts x. 43.

## SEVENTY PAIRS OF HANDS.

 HE variety and number of needles made in these days are wonderful; the surgeon, harness-maker, bookbinder, felt-worker, saddler, glover, embroiderer, and housewife, each wanting needles of all shapes, and sizes, and lengths. And when you think that each needle has to pass through seventy pairs of hands before it is finished and ready for use, you see what pains is taken to reach excellence in a very small thing.


Seventy pairs of hands to make a needle! and each pair necessary to make the needle perfect. If only one pair refused to do their part, the whole would be a failure—not a needle would be right.

You see it is painstaking in little things and in small parts which leads to excellence and success. We are apt to slight bits of work, thinking it is no matter and of no account. But it is not so. The details of a plan must be faithfully carried out in order to make the plan a success. If the parts of a work are all well done, the whole will be complete, and only then.

And it is just so in making and moulding character. It must be well done in parts, faithfully finished in bits, in order to make a complete and beautiful whole.

Always be sure that all the small and common work which you have to do is thoroughly done. It is faithfulness in little things which makes you reliable in great things.

## UNTIE THE STRINGS.

 AID one of the most successful merchants of Cleveland, O., to a lad who was opening a parcel: "Young man, untie the strings; do not cut them."


It was the first remark that he had made to a new employee. It was the

first lesson the lad had to learn, and it involved the principles of success or failure in his business career. Pointing to a well-dressed man behind the counter he said:

"There is a man who always whips out his scissors and cuts the strings of the packages in three or four places. He is a good salesman, but he never will be anything more. I presume he lives from hand to mouth, and is more or less in debt. The trouble with him is, that he was never taught to save.

"I told the boy just now to untie the strings, not so much for the value of the string as to teach him that everything is to be saved and nothing wasted. If the idea can be firmly impressed upon the mind of a beginner in life that nothing was made to be wasted, you have laid the foundation of success."

## LITTLE THINGS.

 IND the little things. A lie is a little thing. Boys, you have told a lie; just one single word that is not true, but let us see what else you have done. First, you have broken the law of God. If it is a sin to break a law made by man, how great a sin it must be to break a divine law—the law of our Creator. Second, you will have to tell many more to maintain that one. Third, you lose the love and friendship of your school-mates. Fourth, if you practice lying, that will lead to something worse. Lying is the entrance-door by which other and greater vices enter the heart. Think of it! all of this from one false saying. Words are little things, but they accomplish great things sometimes. A kind word or act might often have saved many a boy or girl from ruin.

Lying lips are abomination to the Lord; but they that deal truly are His delight.—Prov. xii. 22.

Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls.

1 Peter i. 9.