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brethren were coarse, jealous rascals, and it is not strange if his father turned to Joseph and threw over him that unlucky robe, oh so unlucky and disastrous!

Love must keep its eyes open, or there will be a fool in the house. To affection, add wisdom.

"We are great friends," my ministerial friend said to me. It interested me on that visit as the service went on, to see that the son proved his friendship by his very acceptable help. He played the organ. That is no easy task. He not only worked his hands and kept his brain on the stretch, but he set his throat to work; he sang. He gave plain proof of his "friendship" for the older man, his father.

If anything is unpleasant, it is that of a son who sits by the fire and lets his father bring in the wood, who greedily laps the syrup at the table, and lets his father fetch it home in a tin pail he himself is ashamed to carry; who in winter lazily saunters over the sidewalk his father has cleared of snow, and in summer cools off at a sea—or lake—resort, while his father sweats in a grimy shop.

I have spoken of Jacob's love for Joseph. How affecting when the latter was ruler in Egypt, was Joseph's remembrance of his father!

"I am Joseph," he told his brethren who came into Egypt to buy corn. His next sentence was, "Doth my father yet live?"

Then what a proof he gave of his friendship! Shepherds were not popular in Egypt, but soon a file of waggons went out of the land of the Nile all for an old shepherd up in Canaan; "ten asses laden with the good things of Egypt, and ten she asses laden with corn, and bread, and meat, for his father by the way."

How unaffected and affecting is this record of the hungry old shepherd at the sight of those good things; "And when he saw the waggons which Joseph had sent to carry him, the spirit of Jacob their father revived." The next verse is not at all unexpected; "And Israel said, 'It is enough; Joseph my son is yet alive. I will go and see him before I die.'"

Beautiful, you say, a friendship that, like a flower stalk with lilies on both sides, bears in the direction of both parent and child, love's fair blossoms.

Is it not sad in the earthly relationship where there are only flowers on one side? Recall the sorrow of the king loving tenderly a son, but bemoaning in Absalom's death the fate of a rebel.

It seems to me I can hear David's bitter outcries echoing down to the room in which I am writing, "O my son Absalom! Would God I had died for thee, O Absalom, my son, my son!"—The Young Churchman.

MAMMA AND JACK.

"Mamma, they called me a coward!" said little Jack, leaning his curly head on mamma's shoulder with tears in his eyes. "Well, my boy, are you a coward?" "No, mamma. I only said I would not pull over the old man's fruit stand, because it was shaky, and he wasn't there." "Then, never mind what the boys say, if you know you have done right. I have just been read-

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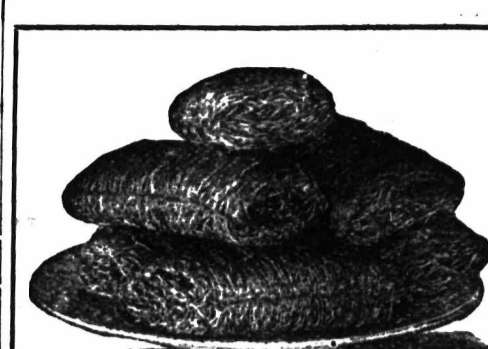
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BESETTING SINS.

Our besetting sins are peculiarly humiliating. They cling to us so firmly after we have determined to be rid of them, they reveal their power so often after we have supposed them conquered and abandoned, they assail us so unexpectedly and often beguile us so easily that we sometimes doubt whether we really have any power of self-control remaining or any trustworthy loyalty to God and duty. It is no excuse for us, but it is comforting to remember that everybody else is tempted similarly and that our Heavenly Father understands the situation even better than we do. It is a strong temptation to make special excuses for such sins. Sometimes and to some extent this is proper. For example, he who, like so many, has inherited the desire for strong drink, certainly has in that fact a special use for committing that sin. He is not to blame for the hereditary taste which he cannot help having. It is his misfortune and not his fault. But this excuse



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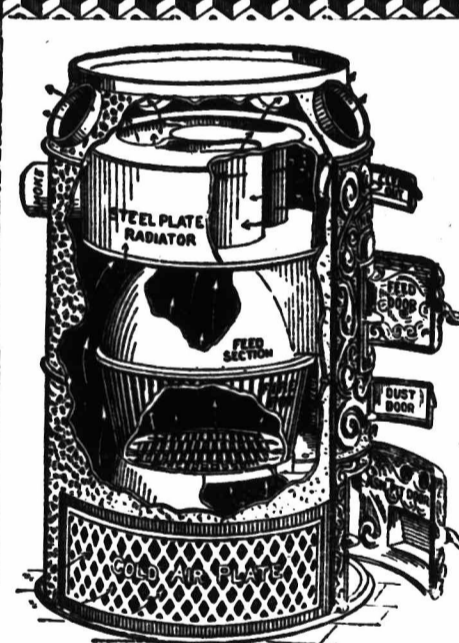
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