

Exactly. And it is just because there is no meaning in it nor necessity for it, because it is only "teasing," that poor tormented, insulted human nature cries out sometimes in a passion against it. If the tease cannot find anything else to annoy, he will torment an animal or a little child, and he thinks it is fun; but it is the most malicious, most dreadful and most dangerous fun in the world.

I think that a genuine tease is always a coward, for he never attacks his equals; his victims are the helpless animal, the little child, the timid woman. If you will notice, it is never the smallest boy who teases the larger one. And then a tease can never bear to be teased himself. Nothing makes him angrier than to be paid back in his own coin.

But, really, the most distressing thing about the whole matter is the effect which the habit of teasing has upon the nature of the one who indulges in it. A confirmed tease becomes positively heartless. He can look upon physical or mental distress quite unmoved.

If there is a boy who reads these lines, who likes to tease his little sister until she runs in tears to her mother, or who torments some little fellow at school just to see him flush crimson and bristle with impotent rage; if you want to make a man of yourself, stop it. For it is a most ignoble and unmanly thing to take delight in causing pain to any living creature, especially if it is smaller and weaker than yourself.—*Selected.*

BROWN CHOCOLATE *versus* BROWN WOOL.

LAST autumn, a young girl was asking me how she could best make use of some clothing she had made for the poor, during some six or seven months spent at the seaside on account of her mother's health. Warm frocks of various sizes, strong petticoats, and comfortable, well knitted boys' socks, filled a good sized travelling box.

"I know a busy clergyman's wife, in one of the very poorest parts of L—," I said, "who will be charmed to give away these things, and will do it herself, so you may be sure they go to the right sort of people. But why do you always use brown material?" I asked, as I saw that all things were made of some shade of brown, varying from bright russet brown, reddish brown, or dark sepia tones of brown.

My young show-woman laughed heartily, as she answered, "You would never guess, I am sure. But to tell the truth, I have a sweet tooth, and though I am nearly seventeen years old, I am a perfect baby for chocolate. About Easter, I heard Mr. Arrowsmith say in an address to young people, that it grieved him to think how much the young spent on themselves, and how much of their pocket-money went for chocolate and such things." "And you felt that the cap fitted," I said. "I did, indeed," she answered. "I cannot tell you the other things that Mr. Arrowsmith mentioned, for I was so struck by that one word, 'chocolate' in the list, and remembering how much I spent on it, that I did not seem to hear the rest. But, as he told of some of the terrible suffering, last winter, amongst poor children in L—, I determined to do something for them. Result—the material for these things is all bought out of what I call my 'chocolate money,' and it is my fancy to always use brown that being the colour of chocolate, you know."

I wish you could have seen my young friend's bright face as she spoke; and then she merrily told me of her difficulty, at first, in denying herself the luxury in which she had so long indulged. "But I used to say to myself," she said, "Brown chocolate *versus* brown wool and winseys, which shall it be?" I am glad to say that the two w's gained the day. I leave you to point out the moral of this little story for yourselves, only begging that, if the cap fits, you will put it on.

If you do so, I feel sure there will be "chocolate-money" and "sweet-money" spent where "the returns" will yield far more pleasure and profit.

—*The Work at Home.*

THINGS are either possible or impossible in any given state of human science; you can easily determine which. If the thing is impossible, you need not trouble yourselves about it; if possible, try for it. It may be "Utopian" to hope for the entire doing away with drunkenness and misery of your city; but the Utopianism is not your business; the work is. It is Utopian to hope to give every child in our land the knowledge of God from its youth; but the Utopianism is not our business; the work is.—*Ruskin.*

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