

POLITENESS PAYS.

It is pleasanter to praise than to censure, but there are times when the one is as much a duty as the other. "If you will give me your name or number," a shopper was lately overheard to say to a dry-goods clerk, "I will inform the proprietor that I have bought all my presents at this counter, instead of going to a jeweller's, simply because you have been so suggestive and patient." Unfortunately there is a different type of servants of the public.

The Duke of Norfolk, having heard complaints against a young woman in charge of a certain branch post-office in London, went there to send a telegram. The insolent clerk threw back his message.

"Put your name to it. What's your name?"

"That will do," said the Duke, pointing to his signature, "Norfolk."

"That is not the name of a man; that is the name of a county!" snapped the young woman.

The Duke took the telegram, and proceeded to write another: "Permanent Secretary, G. P. O., London.—Clerk at this office exceedingly insolent to the public; reprimand severely; dismiss on second complaint. The Postmaster-General." As he handed it back, he observed, "This is official, and will go free."

When the young woman read it, she nearly collapsed. As the Duke intended only to give her a lesson, he consented, after many promises of amendment, to destroy the telegram. — *Youth's Companion*.

SINGING THE PAIN AWAY.

An eight-year-old child with a cut in her hand was brought to a physician. It was necessary for the best results to take a few stitches with a surgeon's needle. While the physician was making preparations, the little girl swung her foot nervously against the chair, and was gently admonished by her mother who stood near to assist.

"That will do no harm said the doctor, kindly, "as long as you hold your hand still," adding with a glance at the strained anxious face of the child, "You may cry as much as you like."

"I would rather sing," replied the girl, with a smile.

"All right, that would be better. What can you sing?"

"I can sing 'Give, Give, said the Little Stream.' Do you know that?"

"I am not sure," responded the doctor.

"How does it begin?"

The little patient proceeded to illustrate.

"That's beautiful," said the doctor. "I want to hear the whole of it."

All the while the skilled fingers were sewing up the wound, the sweet, childish voice sounded bravely through the room, and the only tears shed on the occasion came from the eyes of the mother.

It is, I believe, a physiological fact that some expression of one's feelings tends to lessen pain. — *Contemporary*.

AN AGGRESSIVE FORCE.

Dr. Chalmers, the famous Scotch divine, defines Methodism as "Christianity in earnest." A recent writer says that Methodism is pure Christianity, and pure Christianity is an uncompromising, aggressive force for the conquest of the world, and its subjugation to Christ. The Methodist preachers ought to be an invading army of evangelists from the high tops down to the humblest local preacher. What the Methodist church most needs is the doctrines of the church in the life of the church, beginning with a deeper conviction and ending in entire consecration of life to God. — *Catholic Christian Advocate*.

SEVEN GOOD REASONS.

During a temperance campaign a lawyer was discussing, with no little show of learning, the clauses of the proposed temperance law, says *The Presbyterian Review*. An old farmer, who had been listening attentively, shut his knife with a snap, and said:

"I don't know nuthin' about the law, but I've got seven good reasons for votin' for it."

"What are they?" asked the lawyer.

And the grim old farmer responded:

"Four sons and three daughters."



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