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A Face.

Between the curtains of snowy lace
Over the way, is a baby's face.
It peeps forth, smiling in merry glee,
And waves its pink little hand at me.

My heart responds with a lonely cry,
But in the wonderful by and by,
Out from the window of God's "To be,"
That other baby shall beckon to me.

That ever-haunting and longed-for face,
That perfect vision of infant grace,
Shall shine on me in a splendor of light,
Never to fade from my eager sight.

All that was taken shall be made good—
All that puzzles me, understood;
And the wee white hand that I lost one day
Shall lead me into the Better Way.

—*Ella Wheeler Wilcox.*

Be Courteous.

Courtesy is simply kindness. When one is at a loss to know what is the courteous thing to do, he only needs to think what is the respectful, kind, helpful action. The preference of others before self; thoughtfulness of their comfort, pleasure, entertainment; the ready yielding of one's own ease or preference thereto, this is kindness, this is courtesy. Careful attention to the feelings of others, keeping our minds on what may give them ease, or relief, these are the marks of genuine gentlemanliness. Courtesy is a plant of the heart, not of the head. Its great foe is selfishness, love of self-indulgence. Rudeness is simply self impotance in action. Incivility is deep self conceit working to the outside. Better than all the printed rules of etiquette, is the simple guide: Do what is kindest to others. There is no Scripture that should more touch our hearts, and kindle aspirations after loving-kindness to others, than the tender words For even Christ pleased not himself.

To be courteous requires careful reflection, consideration for others. When we grow inconsiderate and do not try to think what others will like, we are sure to neglect their wishes and cross their feelings. Then follows rudeness, appropriation of self of the best place, the best things. Boorishness is the result of self neglect, where natural selfishness of disposition is permitted to run its course unrestrained and uncultured. But true self-respect tends to respect for others. Be courteous, and you will be treated courteously. For genuine courtesy is just doing to others what you would have others do to you.—*The Mid-Continent.*

Eli Perkins on Good Girls.

Girls, you needn't be beautiful to become general favorites. The plainest girl I ever saw was the favorite in my native town. Everybody liked her.

Beautiful! O no, she is not beautiful—that is outside, but inside she is an angel. Nobody thinks of calling her beautiful. Not one of a dozen can tell whether her eyes are black or blue. If you should ask them to describe her, they would only say: "She is just right," and there it would end. She is a merry-hearted, fun-loving, bewitching maiden, without a spark of envy or malice in her whole composition. She enjoys herself, and wants everybody to do the same. She has always a kind word and a pleasant smile for the oldest man or woman; in fact, I can think of nothing she resembles more than a sunbeam, which brightens everything it comes in contact with. All pay her marked attention, from rich Mr. Watts, who lives in a mansion on the hill, to negro Sam, the sweep. All look after her with an admiring eye, and say to themselves, "She is just the right sort of a girl!" The young men of the town vie with one another as to who shall show her the most attention; but she never encourages them beyond being simply kind and jolly; so no one can call her a flirt; no, indeed, the young men all deny such an assertion as quickly as she.

Do girls love her too? I asked.

Yes, wonderful to relate, girls like her too; for she never delights in hurting their feelings, or saying spiteful things behind their backs. She is always willing to join in their little plans and to assist them in any way. They go to her with their love affairs, and she manages adroitly to see Willie or Peter, and drop a good word for Ida or Jennie, until their little difficulties are all patched up, and everything goes on smoothly again—thanks to her. Old ladies say she is "delightful." The sly witch—she knows how to manage them. She listens patiently to complaints of rheumatism or neuralgia, and then sympathizes with them so heartily that they are more than half cured. But she cannot always be with us.

Then she finally gets married.

Yes. A young man comes from a neighboring town after a time, and marries her. The villagers crowd around to tell him what a prize he has won, but he seems to know it pretty well without telling, to judge from his face. So she leaves us, and it is not long before we hear from that place. She is the woman everybody likes.

THE FARM.

—Denmark is an immense dairy. The export of butter last year amounted to 45 000 000 pounds.

ROUND ENDED EGGS.—We clip the following from an English exchange: A fortnight ago we gave an account of the manner in which a French poultry keeper, by following an American "invention," produced cockerels and pullets as he desired. The report elicited a letter from another Continental breeder, who states that he has tried a simpler method with success. He selected twelve eggs with pointed ends, and twelve with rounded ends; they were placed under diffrent hens, and from the former were hatched out eleven cockerels and from the latter ten pullets, the other eggs having been broken during the process of incubation. There is, however, nothing new in this selection of the large ended or round ended eggs, as many poultry rearers in England make a practice of doing so, in the belief that they are more fertile—more certain to produce chickens—than the sharper pointed eggs. A lady of forty years' experience tells us that she always "sets" round ended eggs, and that she invariably has the good luck to have more pullets than cockerels. This is to some extent a corroboration, though not a complete one, of the French farmer's experience.

—The *American Agriculturist* says: The matter of irrigation in places outside of the regions where irrigation is essential to the growth of farm or garden crops, is receiving increased attention. No one disputes that often irrigation would almost double the crops; but in some places it is impracticable, and in others the cost would apparently exceed the benefit. Nevertheless, thousands of farmers, and especially market gardeners and small fruit growers, would find irrigation profitable. A well known Illinois berry grower has arranged a system of irrigation by sinking a well until he found a very strong flow of water. In this he put a force pump operated by wind power which forces the water through a pipe to a reservoir nine hundred feet away, and sixty six feet higher than the well. The reservoir has a capacity of 538 000 gallons, and is on the highest point of the farm. From it pipes lead through the strawberry, raspberry, blackberry and vegetable grounds. The pipes are provided with hydrants at intervals, and by attaching short hose to these hydrants all parts of the ground can be easily irrigated. A boy walks through the grounds, changing the position of the hose. The cost of the entire plant was only five hundred dollars, and the owner thinks it worth five thousand dollars to him. With a wind wheel, tower and force pump costing one hundred dollars, water can be forced from a well or spring to a reservoir half a mile away and ten times that height above the surface of the water in the well. The reservoir can be made simply of earth by "puddling" the bottom and sides. Such a system of irrigation is practicable on almost every farm, and would be profitable to thousands. Of course it could also be used to furnish the barn, house and pasture with water, if there is a good supply.

To Keep Fruit.

"Cold storage," as it is termed, serves a most excellent purpose to keep many fruits, such as pears and a few others, beyond the natural time of ripening, but it is rather expensive, and not available for a very large number. We have no reference, in writing this article, to any patent method of fruit keeping, but desire to treat the subject from the standpoint of the grower of apples, who wishes to keep his crop in the best possible condition through the winter for the use of his family, or for sale. It may safely be said that fruit cannot be kept to advantage in a cellar where there is a furnace. This is equally true of vegetables. Apples should be kept in the coolest possible condition and not freeze. Some go so far as to say that the the cellar should not only be as cold as possible without freezing, but it should also be as moist one. Apples have been kept in the best possible condition in a cellar where there was standing water most of the time through the winter. This condition is not necessary, but it is no doubt better than an extremely dry atmosphere. There is more or less evaporation taking place all the time when fruit is in a dry, warm atmosphere. Fruit will ripen up quicker in a warm place, of course, and when it is wanted for immediate use it should be placed in such a position. Apples may be hastened or retarded in the ripening according to the state of the atmosphere about them.

How to secure the best conditions for keeping apples is quite a question nowadays, when so many have furnaces in their cellars. We have seen excellent results from bricking off a part of the barn cellar and placing apples there. Every apple grower should have some good place to store apples, for it often happens that the fruit is quite low in price at the time of harvest, when, if kept over, it would pay a handsome profit.

The harsh, drastic purgatives, once deemed so indispensible, have given place to milder and more skillfully prepared laxatives; hence the great and growing demand for Ayer's Pills, a Physicians every where recommend them for costiveness, indigestion, and liver complaints.

Enormous Demand for Eggs.

An egg merchant who goes from house to house buying eggs, told us a few days since, that he expected to have to pay 50 cents a dozen for eggs before Christmas.

This is remarkable when we reflect that the poultry industry of this country last year amounted to nearly seven hundred million dollars; and even then, we had to import several million dollars worth of foreign eggs. Our own egg-raisers ought to have this money. The demand for fresh eggs for food alone far exceeds the supply. At fifty cents per dozen eggs are as cheap as beefsteak for food. Many persons who keep hens will probably not have an egg to sell when they reach fifty cents. Some one may ask, "what can a body do, when the pesky old hens stop laying, and the pullets refuse to begin until spring?" Why! do as Wm. H. Yeomans, of Columbia, Conn., Editor of the Germantown Telegraph did last winter. He says: Last fall I made an experiment worth giving our readers. Until about Dec. 1st, I was getting from twenty common hens, only one or two egg a day. I decided to try Sheridan's Condition Powder. I confess I had but little faith in its value to make hens lay. Commenced feeding, and for nine days saw very little effect. Then the hens began laying and in three months laid 858 eggs. Part of the time the thermometer was 12 degrees below zero, and my hens were laying a dozen eggs a day, while my neighbors (who did not use the powder) were getting none. I now, without hesitation, believe it is a valuable aid to farmers for egg-production. Well might he believe, for nearly 72 dozen eggs in three months, from twenty common hens, with eggs worth 50 cents, is worth having. I. S. Johnson & Co, 22 Custom House St., Boston., Mass., (the only makers of Sheridan's Condition Powder to make hens lay), will send, postpaid to any person, two 25 cent packs of powder, and a new Poultry Raising Guide, for 60 cents. The book alone costs 25 cents. For $1 00 five packs of powder and a book; for $1.20 a large 2½ pound can and book; six cans for $5 00, express prepaid. Send stamps or cash. Interesting testimonials sent free.

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TEMPERANCE.

Mother's Boy.

It is just as impossible to run a saloon without grinding up boys, as it would be to run a saw mill without logs, or a flouring mill without wheat.

The question is, whose boys? My boys, your boys, or our neighbors' boys will become the first victims, and since all are in danger of gliding into the man-traps, an enlightened statesmanship will suggest the closing up of the dead-falls forever.

How cruel to grind up mother's boy innocent and confiding! I hate the saloon because its hands are red with the blood of mother's darling boy. His footsteps are dogged night and day. He is first plied with lemonade, then a few drops of damnation are added! Guilded saloons, charming pictures, enchanting music, and the "scarlet woman" finish the allurements into this hole of death. How much is mother's boy worth? What's the price? To bring him into life she went down into the very jaws of death. Through weary years, in sickness and in health, her earthly hopes culminated in mother's boy. At mother's knees he was early dedicated to God, but the strain of temptation was too great. In an unguarded hour he fell into the snares of the saloon keeper, [illegible] gave way to despair, the doating [illegible] wishes he had never been born.

From cottage and from mansion it wafted on the breeze the bitter cry: "Where is my boy to-night?" The answer: "In dens of infamy licensed by the votes of Christian fathers!"

O fatal delusion! that for the sake of mere party expediency, will make lawful the way that leads "Mother's Boy" to living death and eternal ruin!—*M. F. Abbey, in the Atlanta Commonwealth.*

Charles Kingsley on Gambling

The following letter, says the *Irish Ecclesiastical Gazette*, was addressed by the late Charles Kingsley to a public school boy who had put money into a sweepstake without thinking it wrong:

My Dearest Boy: There is a matter which gave me much uneasiness when you mentioned it. You said you had put into some lottery for the Derby, and had hedged to make safe. Now, all that is bad, bad, nothing but bad. Of all habits, gambling is the one I hate most, and have avoided most. Of all habits, it grows most on raw minds. Success and loss alike make it grow. Of all habits, however much civilized men may give way to it, it is one of the most intrinsically savage. Historically, it has been the peace extement of the lower brutes in human form for ages past. Morally, it is unchivalrous and unchristian. (1) It gains money by the lowest and most unjust means, for it takes money out of your neighbor's pocket without giving him anything in return. (2) It tempts you to use what you fancy your superior knowledge of a horse's merits, or anything else, to your neighbor's harm. If you know better than your neighbor, you are bound to give him your advice. Instead, you conceal your knowledge to win from his ignorance; hence come all sorts of concealments, dodges, deceits—I say the devil is the only father of it. I'm sure, moreover, that the head master would object seriously to anything like a lottery, betting, or gambling. I hope you have not won; I should not be sorry for you to lose. If you have won, I shall not congratulate you. It you wish to please me, you will give back to its lawful owners the money you have won. If you are a loser in gross thereby, I will gladly reimburse your losses this time. As you had put in, you could not in honor draw back until after the event. Now you can give back your money, saying that you understood that the headmaster and I disapprove of such things, and so gain a very great moral influence. Recollect always that the stock argument is worthless. It is this: "My friend would win from me if he could, therefore I have an equal right to win from him." Nonsense. The same argument would prove that I have a right to main or kill a man if only I give him leave to main or kill me if he can and will. I have spoken my mind once and for all on a matter which I have held the same views for more than twenty years.

License Cannot Make It Right.

If the business is wrong in itself, the license cannot make it right. That is too low an estimate of principles which hold as right whatever the law makes right. Human legislation is neither the ground nor the standard of right. There are existing in the relationships of men, not to speak of higher relationships, essential principles of justice which Acts of the Legislature can neither create nor nullify. In these essential principles is found the law that condemns any business or calling that is injurious to individuals or society. No legislative enactment, or formulated law, however sanctioned, can overthrow this essential law of right, which is antecedent to all legislation, and independent of human approval. It is the law of civilization, the law of human brotherhood, the law of God. When the government licenses the business which thighhigher law condemns, it simply becomes partaker of wrong. Herein we see the viciousness of the whole license system when applied to evils. When applied to other things which are not evil in themselves, this reasoning does not hold good. In the case of matrimony, license is not given to make right that which is wrong, for marriage is not wrong in itself, but only in its abuse, and therefore it is rightly regulated by the State, and the license system is both prudent and wise. But if the State should propose to legalize by licensing polygamy, concubinage, or adultery, it would transcent its power, violate the higher law of right, and incur the guilt of the crimes it would take under its protecting wing. This is what it does in licensing the liquor traffic. It becomes the patron of the trade. It starts the business and takes the risks of the evil wrought, and shares in the profits. How, then, can it dodge the responsibility?

It is in wrong to sell, it is wrong to buy. If it is wrong for one man to furnish the beverage, it is wrong for another man to use it. In fact, it is wrong to sell, because it is wrong to buy and use the liquor. Therefore it follows that to the extent that the wrong is required to obtain license so ought the party to the sale to be required to obtain a license. In moral sense he is the "business" licensed, unless both seller and buyer are licensed. I license in the order of the true principle. Let no one sell without license. Take would mitigate the evils of the traffic and revenue to what the Government takes this plan would change one revenue. I would put the Government in funds with which to pay dying widows and ruined families of the drunkards, and to other victims of the licensed sellers.

The grand objection to the license system is poor argument. I legalize wrong. I make in Scripture language in the business. It throws around it an air of respectability without really diminishing the evils that result from the trade, whether it has Government authority or not. It perpetuates the traffic and protects it and shares the proceeds. Such a system does not deserve the name of remedy. It is rather an abuse of the wrong.—*By Bishop S. M. Merrill.*

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