

TO BE OVERCOME.

The author of a charming book, which every girl is sure to read the second time after having read it once, has said that she wrote the latter part of the volume with her "left hand in a sling, one foot up, head aching and no voice." In that picturesque description there is food for reflection.

The people who make a practice of yielding to obstacles are not the people who are successful. While it is possible that our ambition will spur us to overtax ourselves seriously, the greater danger with most of us is that we shall be too ready to consider ourselves beaten.

The author of whom we have spoken, with her disabled arm and aching head and various physical woes, is not the only one who has done wonderful things in spite of great physical embarrassments. Out from the darkness of pain and weariness and affliction have come gleams of sunshine, which have made this earth brighter. Above the discordant notes of poverty and care and anxiety have sounded the ringing strains which have found an echo in the heart of the world.

We do not get rid of troubles by yielding to them. There are no sufferers like those who think of nothing but their pain. No human beings are more to be pitied than the people whose chief interest in life is their own affliction. When we make the best of any life we find it richly worth the living, and we cannot do this without making a practical application of the principle that an obstacle is something to be overcome.

—To wish to serve God in one place rather than in another, by such and such a way, and not by the opposite one, is to wish to serve Him in our own way and not His. But to be equally ready for all things, to accept everything and reject nothing, to leave oneself like a toy in the hands of Providence—this is serving Him by renouncing self; this is treating Him truly as God, and ourselves as creatures made only for Him.

—Christianity is not a school for the teaching of moral virtue, the polishing of our manners, or forming us to live a life of this world with decency and gentility. It is deeper and more divine in its designs, and has much nobler ends than these, it implies an entire change of life, a dedication of ourselves, our souls and bodies unto God, in the strictest and highest sense of these words.

—What we lose to-day you cannot gain to-morrow. — John Ruskin.

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"What can you do?" said the man of millions.

"I would like some sort of a clerkship."

"Well, sir, I will take your name and address, and should we have anything of the kind open, will correspond with you."

As he passed out, he remarked to his waiting companion: "You can go in and leave your address."

The other presented himself and papers.

"What can you do?" was asked.

"I can do anything that a green hand can do, sir," was the reply.

The magnate touched a bell, which called a superintendent.

"Have you anything to put a man to work at?"

"We want a man to sort scrap-iron," replied the superintendent. And the college graduate went to sorting scrap iron.

One week passed, and the president, meeting the superintendent, asked:

"How is the new man getting on?"

"Oh," said the boss, "he did his work so well, and never watched the clock, that I put him over the gang."

In one year, this man had reached the head of a department and an advisory position with the management, at a salary represented by four figures, while his whilom companion was maintaining his dignity as "clerk" in a livery stable, washing harness and carriages.

THE EASTER FUND.

"Girls, I have a proposition to make," said Miss Maynard, one Sunday morning to her class. "How would it do for you all to join me in contributing to 'The Easter Fund?'"

"What is it, Miss Maynard?"

"I never heard of it."

"Do tell us, dear Miss Maynard," poured in from all sides; and so in a few words the scheme was unfolded. It was this; that each girl, by doing without some little luxury during Lent, by walking sometimes instead of taking a car, and by various little forms of personal denial, should raise a small amount before the holidays. All the contributions would be used to form an "Easter Fund."

"No money will be accepted, girls, which would go to the church or poor, any way," she concluded. "My idea is to raise this fund en-

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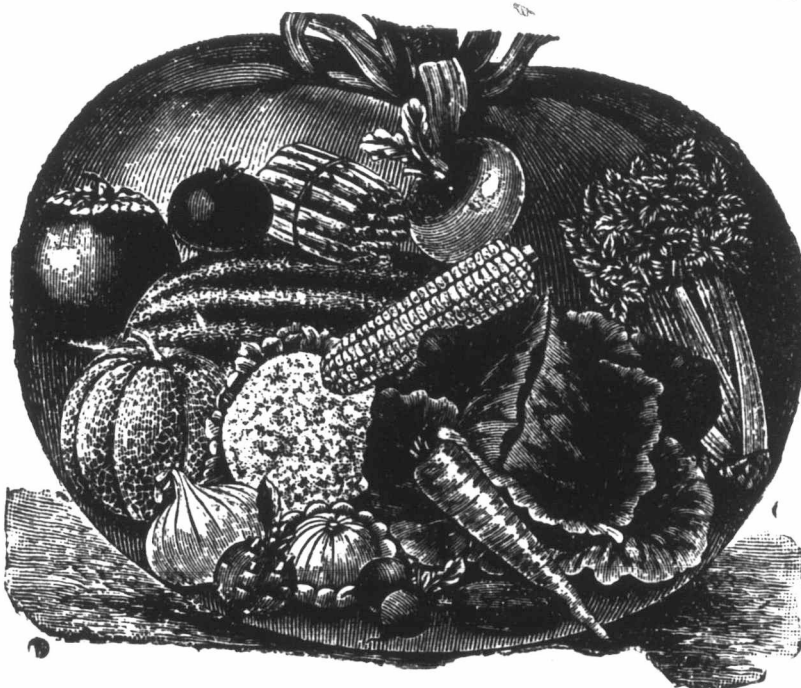
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