

"DOUBLES."

SOME INSTANCES IN REAL LIFE LIKE
"DR. JEKYLL AND MR. HYDE."

Mr. Stevenson's astounding story of "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde" has struck a popular chord. In the story the doctor becomes, as he sees fit, the tall, fine looking, truly good Jekyll, or the small, ill favoured, diabolical Hyde. In this fine mansion he was Jekyll, a gentleman. In the mean barracks he was Hyde, a villain.

This imaginary gift or power of self-transformation, is utilized in *Vice-Versa*, and other stories.

The peculiar, and hence the fascinating, feature of such tales, lies in the idea of a physical transformation. The discovery that men have been leading double lives has become an almost every day occurrence, as in so strongly illustrated in "Jim the Penman."

There are thousands of men in our communities who are leading double lives. Men who pretend to be saints, but are sinners; Sunday-School superintendents, who turn out defaulters; temperance lecturers who prove to be addicted to strong drink; reformers, for "what there is in it." The world is full of this double living, which indicates positive lack of character.

In the learned professions how they thrive! Hear the lawyer demanding, in the name of justice, the acquittal of the client he knows is guilty; the preacher advocating in public a creed he privately decries. Note the physician professionally tied down to a school he does not follow in his practice. There comes to us a peculiar instance of this duplicity.

Some years ago there was put upon the market a proprietary remedy, Warner's safe cure, a specific for all kidney disorders. Prior to its discovery there had been no sure remedy for these disorders, which lead quickly to bright's disease, and other kidney, liver and blood ailments so much dreaded. The efficacy of the remedy was soon shown, yet because it was a proprietary remedy the medical profession, as such, refused to recommend its use. Nevertheless Dr. Gunn, of New York, a practitioner of so great repute as to be independent of schools, declares "The ingredients of the remedy are among the most valuable medicines of *materia medica*," and says he knows the medicine is used by leading physicians, but they will not let their patients know they employ it.

Dr. Dio Lewis, who represented manful independence in his profession, and who was prone to decry all kinds of medicine, yet spoke in the highest terms of Warner's safe cure, and said, where he a victim of any kidney disease—and most diseases originate in such disorders—he should certainly use it. Thousands of less candid physicians secretly prescribe it in circles of their own.

Is it the fact, that this double living, this moral duplicity among men is a growing evil, that makes this class of books so popular?

THE SONGS OF YOUTH.

A hardened sailor lay in his berth, sick and nigh to death. No words of entreaty or instruction seemed to interest him or reach his heart, until the man of God repeated to him the words of the twenty-third Psalm from the

Scotch version. It was a Psalm his mother taught him, and immediately his attention was gained, and his heart was won to hear the words of grace and mercy and salvation.

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An anxious mother sought in vain for some token by which she might identify her child. At length she stepped back a little and began to sing a hymn which she taught her little one in her early infancy. She had only sung a few words when the liberated captive recognized the old familiar strain, and eagerly rushed into her mother's arms. The dead was alive, the lost was found.

Shall there not be some heavenly recognitions even more joyous than was this, when, amid the strange brightness of celestial forms, we recognise among the melodious voices of the redeemed some tone that strikes a secret chord within our hearts, and recalls to us our mother's song at eventide, and aids us in the recognitions of that blessed world?



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there is mother near, who will lead us back. The wisest and best men have honored their mothers. Few men who have accomplished a special work in the world do not give credit to their mother for the help and inspiration that made their work possible. In giving this credit to their mothers they have honored themselves, for it proves that as boys they honored her instructions, were guided by her advice, and made a confidante of her in their hopes and desires. When the late President Garfield was inaugurated, the first person he saluted was his mother, showing plainly the place she held in his heart, his life.

The world honors and respects the man who honors and respects his mother. The neglect of a mother stamps a man or boy as heartless, ungrateful, if not cruel. The truly great men have never forgotten those to whom they were most deeply indebted. Many letters have been written about mothers, but few that show the sorrow that comes if the full measure of a mother's love has received no return until too late to make it. The poet Gray, in 1765, wrote the following letter to a friend:

"It is long since I heard you were gone, in haste into Yorkshire on account of your mother's illness and the same letter informed me she was recovered. Otherwise I had then wrote to you only to beg you would take care of her and inform you that I had discovered a thing very little known, which is, that in one's whole life one can never have any more than a single mother. You may think this obvious and (what you call) a trite observation. * * You are a green gosling! I was at the same age (very near), as wise as you, and yet I never discovered this (with full evidence and conviction, I mean) till it was too late. It is thirteen years ago, and it seems but as yesterday, and every day I live it sinks deeper into my heart."

Mothers cannot force boys to see their worth. Just stop and think what your life would be without your mother. Then remember to give in return love, courtesy, and obedience. If you treat your mother in such a way that you show your love and respect for her, you will acquire the habit of treating every woman courteously, and earn the title of gentleman.