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## What is the Use?

What is the use of trimming a lamp, if you never intend to light it? What is the use of grasping a wrong, if you never intend to right it? What is the use of removing your hat, if you do not intend to tarry? What is the use of wooing a maid, if you never intend to marry? What is the use of buying a coat, if you do not intend to wear it? What is the use of a house or two, if you never intend to share it? What is the use of gathering gold, if you do not intend to keep it? What is the use of planting a field, if you never intend to reap it? What is the use of buying a book, if you do not intend to read it? What is the use of a cradle to you, if you never intend to use it?

## UNCLE ABEL & LITTLE EDWARD

BY HARRIET BECHER STOWE.

When any of you born in New England, in the good old catechism, school, singing times? If you were you must remember your uncle Abel, that most perpendicular, upright, down-right, good man that ever labored six days and rested on the Sabbath. You remember his hard weather-beaten countenance where every line seemed to be drawn with a pen of iron and the point of a diamond; his considerate grey eyes that moved over the objects as if it were not to be in a hurry about seeing; the circumpect opening and shutting his mouth; his down-sitting and up-sitting; all of which appeared to be performed with a conviction, a forethought, in short, the whole ordering of his life and conversation, which was according to the tenor of the military order, "to the right about—forward—march!"

Now, if you have supposed from all this triangular exterior that this good man had nothing good within him you are mistaken. You often find the greenest herbs under a snow-drift; and though my uncle's mind was not exactly of flower gardens, yet still there was abundance of the wholesome and kindly vegetation there. It is true he seldom laughed, and never joked himself; but no man had a more serious and weighty conviction of a good joke in his nature. When a word of jest was in his presence, you might see Abel's face slowly relax into an expression of solemn satisfaction, and he would look at the author with a certain quiet wonder, as if it was astonishing how such a thing could ever enter into a man's head. Uncle Abel also had some religious notions, and he was not without a certain reverence for the Bible, with which he gazed at the plates in his family Bible; the likeness whereof I presume you never say of you saw; and he was so an eminent musician he could go through the singing-book at a sitting without the faintest beating time like a windmill all the way.

He had, too, a liberal hand—though the liberality was the rule of thirds and practice. He did his neighbors exactly as he would be done—he loved his God much, but he honored and loved his neighbor as himself; and when he was more exact with himself—expected his God to be more exact still. Every thing in uncle Abel's house was in the same time, place, manner and form from year's end to year's end. There was the Master Clock, a dog after his own heart, who always walked at the fire, and the multiple table. There was the old clock forever ticking away in the kitchen corner. There was the never-failing supply of red peppers and onions hanging over the chimney. There were the yearly hollyhocks and morning glories blooming around the window. There were the evergreen asparagus bushes, its cupboard, with a glass door, in one corner, and the band with the Bible and Almanac on it in the other. There was aunt Betsy, who never looked any older, because she always looked as old as she could; she always had her cat and wormwood in the last of September, and began to clear the house in the first of May. In short this was the land of continuance.

Old time never seemed to take it into his head to practice either addition, subtraction or multiplication on the sun total. This aunt Betsy, as you are informed, was the best and most efficient person in the family, and she was always everywhere, predominating over and seeing to everything; and though my uncle had been twice married, aunt Betsy's rule and authority had never been broken. She reigned over his wives when living, and reigned over his children when dead; and so seemed likely to reign to the end of the chapter. But my uncle's late wife aunt Betsy a much less tractable subject to manage than had ever fallen to her lot before. Little Edward was the child of my uncle's old age, and a brighter, merrier, little bonnie never grew on the edge of matrimony. He had been committed to the nursing of his grandmother until he arrived at the age of discretion, and then my old uncle's heart yearned towards him and he was sent for at home. His introduction to the family excited a terrible sensation. Never was there such a commotion of dignities, such a volute of such high places and sanctities, as this very matter toward. It was all in vain to try to teach him decorum. He was the most outrageous merry little elf that ever stooped a head of curls, and it was all the same to him whether it was Sabbath or any other day. He laughed and tickled with everything and everything that came in his way, not even excepting his solemn old father; and when you saw him with his arms round the old man's neck, and his bright blue eyes and blooming cheek pressing out by the black face of uncle Abel, you always fancy that you saw spring caricatures.

Uncle Abel's metaphysics were sorely puzzled to bring this sparkling, dancing compound of spirit and matter into any reasonable shape, for he did mischief with an energy and perseverance that was truly astonishing. Once he scoured the floor with aunt Betsy's Scotch snuff, and once he spent half an hour trying to make those wear spectacles. In his store, where he was, not the right one which he did not put anything that came in his way. But uncle Abel was most of all puzzled to know what to do with him on the Sabbath, for on that day master Edward used to exert himself particularly to be interesting. "Edward must not play on Sunday," his mother would say, and then Edward would ask his curls over his eyes and walk out of the room as grave as the catechism, but the next moment you might see him scampering through the "best room" with Edward at his heels, to the

manifest discomfort of aunt Betsy and all others in authority. At last my uncle came to the conclusion that it wasn't in nature to teach him better, and that he would no more keep Sunday than the brook in the lot. My poor uncle he did not know what was the matter with his heart; but certain it was he had lost all faculty of scolding when little Edward was in the case, though he would stand rubbing his spectacles a quarter of an hour longer than common, when Aunt Betsy was detailing his witticisms and clever doings. But in process of time our hero compassed his third year and arrived at the dignity of going to school. He went illiterately through the spelling book, attacked the catechism, went from "man's seed" to the "communion"; in a fortnight came home inordinately happy to tell his father he had got to "Amen." After this he made a regular business of saying over the whole every Sunday evening, standing with his hands folded in front, and his eyes fixed on the ceiling, as if he were giving a glance over his shoulder to see if papa was attending. Being of a very benevolent turn of mind, he made several efforts to teach Rose the catechism, in which he succeeded as well as he could be expected.

## HOME INFLUENCE.

Society is formed by a combination of individuals, each exerting more or less influence upon the rest, in proportion to their natural talents, mental improvement, and consequent power. This influence is good or bad, according to the early home training of each, and if we will have society to cultivate all the better nature of the child, and restrain the evil, they should be able to govern and guide the expanding mind, as the helmsman does the ship; but to do this they must understand their own natures, and be able to govern them selves. A fruitful word or an impatient gesture, indulged toward a child, or in its presence, has a beneficial influence; while a detected effort at deception may forever destroy confidence in a parent, or even plant the seeds of future intrigue and falsehood on the part of the child. When once parents have learned the art of self-control, when they have felt the power of kindness upon the better nature of the child, and when they have learned to control a family of children.

Controlling, or governing, is but one of the requisites to a general home influence. There must be a tender affection felt, not only felt, but manifested, in all the little incidents that make up the whole of a child's life. Without this affection, it is impossible to kindle the heart of the child; with it, with a felt interest in whatever interests the child, with an ever present wish to draw instructive lessons from passing events and present scenes, there is formed a tie that no earthly circumstance can sever; there is gathered an influence stronger than all that may oppose. Increasing years will not diminish the strong affection. Families may be separated by trackless seas, or towering mountains intervene, but the heart of the child will turn to the parent, and feel the power of former influence just as truly as the needle turns to the pole, in obedience to its magnetic mandate.

"Take the bright shell from its home on the sea, and wherever it goes it will sing of the sea; and take the bird from its nest and its hearth, 'Twill sing of the loved to the end of the earth." A certain writer once said, "Give me the first ten years of a child's life, and I will make him what I please, despite all after influence." If this be true, we should not only secure a mother's influence, but a disposition of heart that makes the blessings of the great Parent of the Universe, but should select with care the teachers who are to share in this great moulding process. Next to home influence stands that of the school-room. There, too, must the confidence of the pupils be secured, and this can be successfully aided in gaining a knowledge of the sciences. If children feel that their teachers have not an imperfect knowledge of what they profess to teach, if they see an exhibition of vigor, persiveness, or ill humor, from that moment they lose confidence in their qualifications or judgment. If the teacher respects and loves his hearer, then that teacher can exert an unlimited influence over them.

A lady once had, among a group of scholars, a little boy who was very dull. At the close of the first quarter he had made no perceptible advancement. Those starting with him were beginning to read, while he could not read a letter from another. Sometimes a feeling of impatience would steal over her, as she tried one expedient after another by which to arouse him to think; but at no time was that feeling allowed an expression. Finally, after months of unceasing effort, he began to read easy sentences, when he had been long in suffering and died. His saw him teacher as she stood by his bed; his little life was ebbing away, she was reviewing the past. Presently she expressed the satisfaction she felt, at that solemn hour, that no unkind word had ever fallen upon his ears from her lips. I said to my hearer, "Learn from this, that you may not learn a lesson? We may not meet our influence in the hour of death, as did that teacher, but we shall have to meet it sometime in the future. We shall start face to face with it, see it in its full extent, and feel its potent power. Then, as parents, teachers, companions, brothers, sisters, friends, let us watch carefully our own hearts, keeping pure the great source from which emanates our influence, and thus send forth from our foreheads a hallowed power which shall make the world the better from our having lived."—*Moore's Rural New Yorker.*

**AN IMPORTANT FACT.**—Exercise for the body, occupation for the mind—these are the grand constituents of health and happiness; the cardinal points on which everything turns. Motion seems to be a great preservative principle of nature to which even inanimate things are subjected; for the winds, waves, the earth itself, are restless, and the waving of trees, shrubs, and flowers is known to be an essential part of their economy. A fixed rule of taking several hours exercise every day, if possible, in the open air, if not under cover, will be almost certain to secure exemption from disease, as well as from the attacks of low spirits, or ennui, that monster who is ever waylaying the rich and indolent. "Throw but a stone, the giant dies." Low spirits cannot exist in the atmosphere of bodily and mental activity. Man should carry life like a spirited falcon in his hands, allowing it to swoop into the air, and being able to call it back again to earth whenever it is necessary.

**A SLASHING STORY.**—Talk not of tough stories in Yankee newspapers, after reading the following from a St. Petersburg journal. "A returned traveler from the north tells me of a curious mode they have in Siberia, of procuring the skin of the sable. Their first is in the greatest perfection in the depth of winter, at which time the hunter proceeds to the forest armed with a pitcher of water and some meat; he deposits the bait at the foot and climbs to the top of a high tree. As soon as the animal, attracted by the scent, arrives, he drops some water on his tail, and it instantly becomes frozen to the ground; on which, descending from his elevation, with a knife he cuts him transversely on the face. The sable, from excess of pain, taking an extraordinary spring forward, runs off and (the tail being fast to the ground) out of his skin of course, leaving it a prey to the hunter! Upon expressing as to the probability of this mode of skimming the animals, my friend assured me that he never could have believed it, had he not frequently beheld it himself."

## THE USE OF BEAUTY.

Beauty, as a characteristic of the Creator's work, seems to be an outflow and manifestation of exuberant goodness and love. As far as we are concerned, the attraction and propagation are concerned, the flower that deck the landscape might as well have been of a dingy brown as to have sported those delicate tints which ravish the eye of the beholder. If the sense of smell had been intended to serve only the purpose of distinguishing objects by their subtle odors, it would have been retained as it is in the case of the dog, instead of exuding a beautiful fragrance, had sent forth a peculiar stench; if sounds had been intended merely to indicate the presence or proximity of the objects or agents emitting them, their purpose would have been accomplished if every voice had been a grating discord, and every note of the feathered tribe had been a unseemly croak. But the characteristics of beauty which are manifested through all the normal channels by which nature's God is constantly addressing himself to the senses and intelligence of his offspring man, are so infinitely varied, so diversified, and every note of the feathered tribe had been a unseemly croak. But the characteristics of beauty which are manifested through all the normal channels by which nature's God is constantly addressing himself to the senses and intelligence of his offspring man, are so infinitely varied, so diversified, and every note of the feathered tribe had been a unseemly croak. But the characteristics of beauty which are manifested through all the normal channels by which nature's God is constantly addressing himself to the senses and intelligence of his offspring man, are so infinitely varied, so diversified, and every note of the feathered tribe had been a unseemly croak.

My sister, who he loved as much as he loved any one, begged him to tell her what he had done with his books. "Well, said he, 'if you will know, I buried them.' " "O, Bryan," said his sister, "do tell me where you buried them. They will be ruined." "O, said he, 'they are buried already. I buried them in the grave-yard.' " There in the grave yard, where his good mother lay sleeping, this strange boy had buried his books. He never went to school again. He said that he would do as pleased, and from that time he did.

Perhaps some of you think that Bryan must have been very happy in following his own will; but we are taught that it is not good for us to please ourselves, and that we can only be happy when we are striving to obey the will of God. I will tell you more about Bryan Richards, and you shall judge for yourselves whether his independence led him to happiness or misery. As he would not study, he became a gunsmith. He was an excellent workman, and earned good money. He would not work, but he would collect a considerable sum. Then he would leave his work, and drink, shoot, and squander his money, until none was left. He was very generous, and it soon vanished. When it was all gone, he would work again, and save his earnings to send it to his father.

When he was about twenty years old his father died. A year after his father's death, when Bryan had just reached manhood, he was coming home one evening intoxicated. His path lay along the railroad embankment, which was a stone wall, forty feet above the bank of the river. It was a lovely spot, and he was looking at the scenery of the most beautiful scenery of any magnificent country can boast.

On the edge of this embankment Bryan stumbled and fell, and was found dead the next morning, on the sandy shore of the river. I have told you a true story. Bryan would not obey his father. He would not obey his God. He would do as pleased. And so ended the life of this independent boy. "He that, being often reproved, hardeneth his neck, suddenly shall be cut off, and that without remedy."—*Children's Magazine.*

**BRYAN RICHARDS.** Bryan Richards was very glad when his father gave him a baby boy, her first child. As day by day he grew larger and wiser, he was a great joy to her; but when he began to walk and talk, she was often grieved to see that her little boy was determined to have his own way in every thing. Still she thought that when he was older, she could teach him to pray daily to his Father in heaven, and to love God's holy will, rather than his own.

As she looked at his beautiful face, his large blue eyes, and soft fair curls, she thought there had never been a finer boy than her Bryan. "The delight of my eyes," she called him. When Bryan was two years old, a little girl was born to his mother. Bryan was pleased; and as his good mother thanked God for her children, she hoped that she might live to teach them to love him. But it was not God's good pleasure that these little children should enjoy the blessing of a fond and pious mother's watchful care in their childhood; for, when Susan was a year old, Bryan's father died, and he was left to his mother's care. Bryan's father died, and he was left to his mother's care. Bryan's father died, and he was left to his mother's care.

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**THE PRAYING MOTHER.** Mrs. L. was the wife of a sea captain of French origin, a Catholic in his earlier religious education, but a decided skeptic in his mature years, tolerating with affability, the religious opinions of others, but utterly reckless of his own. He believed not only in the moral influence of domestic religion, but in the direct answer, sooner or later, of her prayers in behalf of her husband and children. Years passed away without the realization of her hopes; but she persevered, humbly and hopefully, at her altar, till God answered her, though in a way she could not have anticipated. He blessed her by misfortune. She had occasion to correct her son one day by confining him to his chamber. The boy escaped by a window and could not be found. Days passed away, weeks and months elapsed, and no intimation of the missing child was heard. The mother, weary with anguish still clung to the domestic altar. Misgivings, painful misgivings, now her thoughts during these anxious months.

He had embarked in a vessel, and after a long voyage, arrived at Charleston, South Carolina. Here he remained, destitute and dependent, several weeks, till the moment of his extremity, his father arrived unexpectedly in the harbor from Havre, France. The boy, subdued by reflection and sorrow, flew to the arms of his parent, confessing his misconduct with tears. The juvenile romance of adventure had died in his bosom. He underwent remorse of his home, and melted a young heart, and disposing him to return to his deserted altar, and mingle there his tears with those of a mother's anxiety and love.

The vessel sailed for Havana. It arrived at a time when the yellow fever raged in that city. In a few days the poor boy, supposed, perhaps, by his anxieties and grief, was attacked by the dreadful malady. He never recovered, in overpowering force, the recollection of his early religious instructions. The confused ravings of a fevered brain could not dispel them. The statement, the duty of repentance and faith, the terrors of death, judgment, and hell, were ever present to his mind. Alas, even in the extremity, the prayers of the desolate mother were prevailing in heaven.

One day when all hope of his recovery had gone, the father, a man of feelings, entered the broken spirit of the chamber where he lay. The dying man, with his head dropping on the pillow, was sobbing the name of his mother. "My mother! my dear mother! O that she were here to pray for me as she used to do!" "The father bent over him, unable for a time to speak, but mingling with the tears of his own heart, the broken spirit of the father, he exclaimed, "Father I am dying, with my sins upon me! I shall be lost in the present state! Send, O send for some one to pray for me!" "My child," replied the father, trembling with grief, "I will do all in my power to pray for you, but I cannot help you."

"O what shall I do then, father?" exclaimed the son. "Pray for yourself, my dear child," replied the father, "swearing to the destiny of his own soul, he begged the father of the future." "I do," replied the boy; "but I need the help of others. O can you not, will you not pray yourself for your perishing son, father?" "The captain left as if the earth shook beneath him. He had never prayed in his life; but his heart melted over his child's faith and confidence, and he felt that God could melt his terrible emergency of man. As if smitten down, he fell upon his knees by the bedside of his son. His spirit was broken; his tears flowed like rain, and with agonies he called upon God to save himself and his child. The family and servants of the house were amazed; but he prayed on, and before the child's suffering boy had found that peace which passeth understanding.

He died, trusting in his Saviour and full of tranquil hope. Oppressed with sorrow, the father did not cease to pray for himself; he was deeply convicted of sin, and before long found peace and believing. He returned to B, his child a corpse, but himself a new man; the one is heaven and the other is the way. He brought to his wife the first news she had received of her missing son. She wept, but with tears of gratitude as well as sorrow, acknowledging that in affliction God had blessed her. Her prayers had not failed. Providence had overruled the misconduct of her child for his own and his father's salvation.—*Sketch Book.*

upon a course of obedience to God's will, we enter upon a wise course, for we are entering upon the only course that can be successful. The architect desires to construct an edifice. He must give heed to the laws of nature, both in respect to the nature of the materials and their position, when he constructs his edifice. He knows that in order that the edifice may be stable, the line of gravity must fall within the base. He would be accounted destitute of all practical wisdom, who should proceed in violation of nature's material laws, and still expect to succeed in his undertaking. God governs the moral as well as the material world by laws. It is likely that one can succeed in a God's moral laws? Are they less important than the material laws? Certainly—most certainly not. The first step toward real success in any moral undertaking must be taken in obedience to the law of God. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.—*N. Y. Observer.*

**FAITH AND SELF-DENIAL.** We read in Hebrews, that when Moses had respect to the recompense of reward, he gave up the treasures of Egypt;—his position and prospects as the son of Pharaoh's daughter;—and he went out, enduring afflictions and reproach. It was his faith that led him to this self-denial. It had not believed in something better than the world's honors and pleasures he could enjoy at Pharaoh's palace, he would have remained there. His conduct was controlled, as in all his conduct, by motives. "The recompense of reward," though an object of faith, was more attractive than the objects of sense around him. But his mind had been noble nature, and clear his persuasion of the truth of God, or never could he have broken from the silken meshes and the golden fetters which bound him to the court of Pharaoh.

Over the broad intervening centuries we look back upon the noble nature of the man. We marvel that there could have been such a decision of character and such sacrifices for the future and the invisible, in a man so young and so noble. He stands midway between the splendor of the palace and the gloom which enshrouds the Hebrew's lowly life, as he weighs the promises of Jehovah against worldly prospects, and the highest attractions; so, in the prime of manhood, he turns from these prospects, still every instant of passion, and goes to offer himself as a brother to the bondmen, he seems a hero greater than Alexander. He conquers not only the world, but himself. He believes in something future and unseen—believes in as of practical interest—as a good to be sought or an evil to be shunned. This persuasion presses upon our thoughts and calls forth our energies. We set with the eye and the heart beyond the narrow horizon of the present, so that the objects of sense are neglected or despised. The result of an effort of the will, as of the entire absorption of the mind and the emotions in the objects of faith. We do not feel that it is self-denial—no hardly think of what we are giving up—because we are laboring for a higher good.

Here we can test the reality of our faith. Does it show signs of life and power by leading us to make sacrifices for the objects of it? If we profess to believe in the grace and glory of the gospel, and yet are not making any such sacrifices as Moses and Columbus made, it is not so love the world that it is hard for us to give our time or our property to the cause of Christ, we should fear lest our faith is vain, and we are yet in our sin. We see here, also, how to cultivate, in the churches and in our own hearts, the spirit of self-denial. We must pray to God to "increase our faith." There is abundance of grace in the Church, and yet every effort of Christian benevolence is unproductive, for want of funds. We do not believe! If we had faith, even as a grain of mustard-seed, these mountains of embarrassment that lie in the way of the progress of the gospel would be speedily cast into the sea.

**DANGER OF SIBIRIA.**—We have high medical authority for saying that a great many more persons die in May than in November. The natural cause, says the *Lancet*, is the increased dampness of the atmosphere, proven by the fact that doors which shut early in winter do not do so in summer. 2d.—Nature takes away the spring for man, for heat-giving food, in order to prepare the body for the increased temperature of summer. But two errors in practice at this time, interfere with nature's arrangements, and produce many and painful and dangerous diseases. First, the amount of clothing is diminished too soon. Second, the conveniences of fire in our dwellings are removed too early. All persons especially children, old people, and those in delicate health, should avoid removing the thickest woollen flannel of mid winter, until some time in May, and then it should merely be a change to a little thinner material. Persons should not be removed, nor fire places and stoves cleaned for the summer, until the first of June; for a brief stay in the grate is sometimes very comfortable in the last week of May; that may be a rare occurrence, but as it does sometimes take place, it is better to be prepared than to be shivering for half a day, with the risk to ourselves and children, of some violent attack of spring disease.

By neglecting these things, four causes are in operation to chill the body and induce colds and fevers. 1st. The dampness of the atmosphere is May. 2d. That striking relief in appetite to meat and other "best" food. 3d. The premature and early termination of clothing. 4th. The too early removal of the conveniences of fire. And when the very changing condition of the weather of May is taken into account, it is no wonder that under the influence of so many causes of diminution of the temperature of the body, many fall victims to disease. In November, the healthiest men in the year, we have put on our warmest clothing, shielded our daily fire, we have found a loan relief for substantial food, while the dampness of the atmosphere has been relieved by the coöperation of increasing cold.

might possibly have made the same impression on the others, had not the teacher had the courage to do for a fresh supply of the training. On seeing her, Tom Henson—the boy with the cigar—who knew her opinions on the tobacco question, dropped the head which held the cigar behind him and went down the street with a most majestic tread than before, when the following conversation ensued: "Well, boys, how many of you think that this tobacco pure air is improved by that cigar?" "I like it well enough, said James, whose father smoked, 'I'll need to it.' " "I don't think the birds on powder would say so, if they could speak; and you don't look as if you enjoyed it very much, George," said the teacher.

"No ma'am, I don't; I think people have more right to poison the air than our food or drink, and they shouldn't, if I made the tobacco pure air, I'd smoke it." "Well, boys, how many of you think that this tobacco pure air is improved by that cigar?" "Yes, ma'am, I think so, teacher? I rather say it is." "Yes, one of the most deadly. A small quantity has been known to cause immediate death. A drop or two of the oil placed on the tongue of a cat will produce convulsions and death in the space of a minute. A little boy in Bangor died from using a pipe to blow soap-bubbles with. He was poisoned by the essential oil of tobacco imbibed from the pipe." "That was what made you so sick last winter, boys, when you tried smoking and chewing," said James to the three other boys, who seemed interested listeners, though they did not speak.

The teacher looked inquiringly at the three boys, and James, who was very talkative, said, "When Tom Henson first came to the academy, he somehow contrived to make his boys think that he was something more than common. Charles, Frank and Jo there thought, I suppose, that they would try to be like him; so they got some pieces of cigar and tobacco, and took their fill at lesson. It was just before school, and the teacher, being the ball for us to go before long. At length, Frank asked to go out. The teacher looked at him and then went towards him and said, in a tone of stern, 'Why, what is the matter, Frank and you, too, Joseph and Charles, what has happened?' and he said, 'The boys said nothing, but looked dreadfully so white and so sick, and he asked us if we knew what ailed them.' " "When we told him, he said, 'You have been led to do a very foolish thing, boys, and though I am sorry to prolong your suffering, I believe I must keep you from the school air. I think you will be the same you are entering so thoroughly that you will not forget it.' " "In a little while he let them go out, and I guess they have never touched tobacco since."

The three boys had continued very busy at their lessons, looking up during James' narration, and their teacher turned to them and said, "Do you think you ever shall, Charles?" "No, ma'am, I think, as Ben Franklin says, you have to pay too dear for your whistle." "And what do you think, Joseph?" "I don't know, but I know the lesson you are entering so thoroughly that you will not forget it." "In a little while he let them go out, and I guess they have never touched tobacco since."

"I never would have anything to do with it, boys. Physicians all over the country declare it to be destructive to health. It makes people nervous, irritable and uneasy. It destroys their relish for such wholesome food, fruit in its natural state, &c., as our heavenly Father has provided for us and given us liberty to enjoy; it creates a desire for strongly seasoned dishes and stimulating drinks that leads its users, more than any other class of people, to become drunkards. It makes them indigestible to every lover of cleanliness, both at home and abroad, at last, but not least; it makes its victims such slaves, that when they become conscious that it is injuring their health and endangering their lives, they have no power to throw it away. 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BILLS PASSED DURING THE SESSION.

The following bills were assented to in Her Majesty's name by His Excellency the Governor General on the 18th inst., viz:—
An Act to incorporate the Ottawa Skating and Curling Club.
An Act to amend the Act passed in the twenty-sixth year of the reign of Her Majesty, relating to the Hamilton and Port Dover Railway Company.
An Act to incorporate The Orphan's Home of the city of Ottawa.
An Act to remove doubts as to the limits of certain counties in Lower Canada.
An Act to enable certain county councils in Upper Canada to raise money for assisting persons in certain cases to sow their land.
An Act to incorporate the Society called L'Union St. Michel des Saints in Montreal.
An Act to incorporate the Society called L'Union St. Joseph de St. Joseph de Levis.
An Act to amend the Act incorporating the Quebec Street Railway Company.
An Act to incorporate the Society called La Societe St. Ignace de Montreal.
An Act to incorporate the Society called L'Union St. Joseph de la Ville de Levis.
An Act to amend the Act relating to the Niagara District Bank.
An Act to incorporate the Upper Canada Free Baptist Missionary Society.
An Act to incorporate the Clarenceville Academy.
An Act respecting Police Magistrates.
An Act to amend the Consolidated Statute respecting the Court of Chancery.
An Act to amend the Act twenty-seventh and twenty-eighth Victoria, chapter twenty, respecting the appointment of Magistrates in remote parts of the Province.
An Act to establish the validity of acts performed in Canada by certain clergymen ordained in Foreign Parts, and for other purposes.
An Act to incorporate the Montreal Investment Association.
An Act to authorize the Church Society of the Diocese of Toronto to sell certain Glebe Lots of Land in Darlington, and for other purposes.
An Act to amend the Act respecting Joint Stock Companies for the construction of Roads and other works in Upper Canada.
An Act to enable the London Permanent Building and Savings Society to amalgamate with the Haron and Eric Savings and Loan Society.
An Act to incorporate the Doon and Galt Railway Company.
An Act to amend the Act to incorporate L'Union St. Jacques de Montreal.
An Act to amend the Act to incorporate the Societe de l'Union St. Pierre de Montreal.
An Act to amend an Act to incorporate the High School of Quebec, and for other purposes.
An Act for the relief of the Trustees and Devises of the late John David Smith, and to enable the said Trustees to amalgamate with the Estate of the said John David Smith.
An Act to incorporate the By-laws and Ordinances of the United Counties of Frontenac, Lennox and Addington.
An Act to amend the Act to incorporate the Education Society of the district of Quebec.
An Act respecting the Canadian Engine and Machinery Company.
An Act to enable the town of Woodstock to consolidate the debt of the town, and for other purposes.
An Act to authorize a survey of part of the township of Portland, in the county of Frontenac.
An Act to amend the Act to incorporate L'Union St. Joseph de Montreal.
An Act to amend the Act incorporating the St. Lawrence Tow Boat Company.
An Act to incorporate the Society of L'Union St. Roch de Montreal.
An Act to amend the Act to incorporate the Association St. Francois Xavier de Montreal.
An Act to amend the Act incorporating the Quebec Marine Insurance Company.
An Act to incorporate the Grey and Simcoe Railway Company.
An Act to incorporate the Academy of Music of Montreal.
An Act to consolidate the debt of the town of Ingersoll.
An Act to amend the Act of Incorporation of the Church Society of the Diocese of Toronto.
An Act to incorporate the Sun Insurance Company of Montreal.
An Act to incorporate the Presbyterian College of Montreal.
An Act to incorporate the German Society of Montreal.
An Act to legislate by-law No. 200, of the Corporation of the town of Port Hope, and for other purposes.
An Act to authorize the Corporation of the Village of Lanark to sell a certain piece of land, and apply the proceeds to the erection of a Lock-up.
An Act to continue, for a limited time, the several Acts therein mentioned.
An Act to incorporate the Irish Protestant Benevolent Society of Montreal.
An Act respecting the Weighing, Measuring and Gauging of certain Articles of General Consumption.
An Act for the Punishment of Persons selling Liquor without License, and for other purposes therein mentioned.
An Act to amend Chapter Eleven of the Consolidated Statutes for Lower Canada, respecting Newspapers and other like Publications.
An Act to amend Chapter Sixty-eight of the Consolidated Statutes for Lower Canada, respecting Mutual Insurance Companies.
An Act to improve the Proceedings in Prohibition and on Writs of Mandamus in Upper Canada.
An Act to incorporate the Society of L'Union St. Joseph of Three Rivers.
An Act to amend the powers of the Local Municipality of St. Roch of Quebec Shores.
An Act to enable the Trustees of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Canada more freely to manage and dispose of Trust Properties.
An Act to amend Chapter 160 of the Consolidated Statutes for Lower Canada, respecting Houses of Correction, Court Houses and Gaols.
An Act to facilitate the conviction and punishment of persons enticing Her Majesty's subjects to enter any foreign service, contrary to the provisions of the Foreign Enlistment Act.
An Act to amend the Act of incorporation of the Richelieu Company, and the Act amending the same.
An Act to incorporate the Mechanic's Bank.
An Act to legislate a By-law of the town of Napanee, for the division of the said town into Wards, and for other purposes.
An Act to incorporate the Montreal Homeopathic Association.
An Act respecting Ocean Mail Services.
An Act to incorporate certain persons under the name of The Montreal Warehousing Company.
An Act to amend and extend the provisions of Chapter Thirty of the Consolidated Statutes of Upper Canada, intituled: An Act respecting Interpleading.
An Act to incorporate the St. Thomas Cemetery Company.
An Act to regulate the business of Storekeepers and Licensees in the Harbour of Montreal.
An Act for the relief of the Ottawa and Prescott Railway Company, and for ensuring

the efficient working of its railway and for other purposes.
An Act to legislate and confirm an agreement made between the Grand Trunk Railway Company of Canada, the Great Western Railway Company, and the Northern Railway Company of Canada, relating to the Toronto Branch, and for other purposes therein mentioned.
An Act respecting The Canadian Land and Emigration Company (limited), to facilitate proof of its incorporation, for the execution of instruments and for other purposes.
An Act to define the right of property in swarms of bees, and to exempt them from seizure in certain cases.
An Act to explain Chapter Seventy-five of the Consolidated Statutes for Lower Canada, and to declare certain islands to be in the county of Vercheres for all purposes.
An Act to amend the Act respecting Attorneys.
An Act for granting to Her Majesty certain sums of money required for defraying certain expenses of the Civil Government for the year 1865, and for certain other purposes connected with the public service.

THE AMERICAN NEWS.

The news from the seat of war, in North Carolina, continues most unfavourable to the rebel cause. The latest intelligence is that Gen. Sherman has captured Goldsboro, North Carolina, without a struggle, and that a junction has been formed between his army and that of Gen. Schofield, thus putting the former in command of an army which enthusiastic Northerners pronounce more than a match even for that of Gen. Lee. If the Confederates have been obliged to allow Gen. Sherman to march northward through the heart of the Confederacy, and to capture its towns by the dozen almost or quite without opposition, they can hardly be expected now to impede the northward march of his reinforced army. There is a report, too, that the rebel forces are retreating from Raleigh, the capital of North Carolina, and have fallen back upon Hillsboro—a village about forty miles to the northwest of Raleigh, and about thirty miles from the Virginia border. If that report is correct, the retreating rebel army is considerably less than 150 miles from Richmond. When we remember how much retreating and how little fighting these troops have done for some time, we cannot wonder at the stories of their demoralization, nor at those of the despair of the rebel leaders at Richmond.

The Herald.

CHARLETON PLACE. Wednesday, March 29th, 1865.

The circulation of the C.P. Herald is now very large and constantly increasing. Merchants, business men and all who desire to communicate with the public will secure a wide publication for their notices, by advertising in its columns. Charges as low as those of other papers for less than half the circulation. No charge for publishing births, marriages and deaths.

The following extract from the editorial of the "Times" looks rather ominous for the future of Canada. The "Times" is supposed to speak the feelings of the English people—to be, in fact, the mouthpiece of England. We can only hope that, for once, the "Thunderer" has been mistaken, and that amicable relations will still be continued between the English people and the Americans. But the "Times" says "the signs of Confederate exhaustion have brought us to that turning point which places us within sight of the final scene, and the part we shall be called on to play in it. As the Federal Government maintains the quarrel with England in the shape of claims which she does not acknowledge, the question we have to address ourselves to is simply whether they can go to war with us with fair prospects of success. If they can they certainly will." The "Times" argues that the Washington Government will show its wisdom by not attacking immediately on the conclusion of peace, but it will be for English statesmen at the proper time to see that the quarrel is not allowed to hang over till it suits American convenience and opportunity.

The news from the war continues favorable to the Northern cause. Gen. Sherman has taken Goldsboro and formed a junction between his army and that of Schofield. It appears very unlikely, now, that the Confederates will be able to impede his reinforced army, in any direction they may choose to march. It has been reported from Washington, but requires confirmation, that Richmond has been evacuated, and that Lee is marching to join Johnston, and fall upon Sherman. Richmond papers say that the suspension of Habeas Corpus has been carried in the Southern Congress, and that enlistment of negro soldiers is going on with spirit in Richmond. Some fighting has occurred at Fort Steadman which has been captured by the South and retaken by the Federals. Gen. Grant reports 2,200 prisoners taken. Severe fighting going on at City Point.

The latest news from Halifax state that the Nova Scotia Government, regarding federation of all the Provinces seriously delayed by the result of the New Brunswick elections, will submit a proposal for the present union of the Maritime Provinces, with a view to an ultimate union with Canada and the North-west. It is also said that the Nova Scotia Government has resolved to proceed with certain railway works that were postponed until the question of federation was determined.

The case of the St. Alban's raiders has been going on for several days before Judge Smith, who has recovered from his illness. The arguments of the learned counsel on both sides have been very elaborate, and the Judge has referred his decision of the case until Wednesday. Poulin and Turcotte, sentenced to be hanged in Quebec, have had their sentence commuted to ten years' imprisonment in the Penitentiary.

By General Order His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief has been pleased to direct that Captain Hanson's Company, No. 1 of the 1st Prince of Wales Regiment of Volunteer Rifles, be removed from the list of the Volunteer Militia, the officers and men of this Company having been guilty of a gross act of insubordination in refusing to obey the orders of the officer commanding the regiment when directed to equalize the battalion for inspection by the inspecting field officer on the 13th of December last, an act by which that company not only compromised the character of the regiment to which it belonged, but also that of the force generally. Obedience to orders emanating from superior authority is the first duty of the volunteer as well as of the regular soldier, and unless this cardinal principle in military matters is well understood and fully acted upon, no discipline worthy of the name can ever be maintained. It is to be regretted that with this company the want of obedience which it received on a previous occasion, for an offence similar in character, should have produced so little effect as to have rendered it necessary for His Excellency to have resort to the extreme measure of disbanded the company by its rejection in the present instance.

It appears by the following letter that the application made by the County of Renfrew, to the government, for assistance to complete the county buildings, has been refused. Secretary's Office, Quebec, 14th March, 1865.

Sir, I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter and Memorial of the 4th instant praying that a sum of \$6,000 be advanced by the Government out of the Upper Canada Building Fund, to aid in the construction of the Jail in the County of Renfrew. In reply I am to inform you that His Excellency the Governor General is advised that the Government has no power under the Act, to grant money in aid of the construction of new jails. The money can be granted legally only, in the case of additions and alterations to old jails, in the event of such alterations, and additions being made at the instance of the Board of Inspectors of Prisons, Asylums, &c. Your application on behalf of the County of Renfrew cannot, therefore, be complied with.

I have the honour to be, Sir, Your most obedt. servt. E. A. MEREDITH, Asst. Secy. R. McIntyre, Esq., M. P. P.

The following is the verdict of the Court's jury, sworn in on the inquest held on the body of the late Nassau C. Gowen, who was killed in a late accident on the Grand Trunk:— "We find that the death of Nassau C. Gowen was caused by injuries received on the Grand Trunk Railway near Peterborough, on the evening of Thursday, 23rd February last, when part of train No. 1, upon which he was a passenger ran off the track and over an embankment. We further find from the evidence adduced we are enabled to ascertain the cause of the accident to the train, but from very careful consideration of the statements of the witnesses, we are led to the conclusion that it was in no way owing to carelessness on the part of the officers of the Grand Trunk Railway Company, or to any defect in the engine or cars in use on the occasion, or to the state of the track."

Godey's Lady's Book for April is now before us, in its usual enticing form. A good idea of the Spring styles can be obtained from its excellent coloured fashion plate, and the accompanying wood cuts. A fine steel engraving, "The Recognition," forms the frontispiece, and there is also an amusing wood cut, the "First of April." The careful housekeeper will find in it many excellent receipts, and those who are fond of fancy work will not be disappointed in the patterns. As regards reading matter, we would recommend those who wish to spend a pleasant hour to judge for themselves by enclosing the sum of \$3 to L. A. Godey, Philadelphia.

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The Lady's Friend.—The April number of this interesting magazine has just come to hand. In the front we find a beautiful engraving, entitled "Grandmother's Story," which is followed by a brilliant coloured fashion plate, as well as several wood cuts, showing the latest styles. It contains a great deal of good reading matter, both in prose and poetry. It can be had, for the small sum of \$2.50 a year, by addressing to Deacon & Peterson, 319 Walnut St., Philadelphia.

Two full pages of our form fell off the press on Saturday last, and were broken into "pi." The consequence is we have been very much hurried in getting out our paper and have been obliged to leave out some advertisements and other matter which was on the press at the time and shared in the misfortune. We shall endeavour to have everything in its place next week. We understand that a teamster, named Rivington, from the township of Huntly, died suddenly in Sucey's tavern, on the river du Moine, on Sunday week. He had been driving all day, and it is supposed hurt himself in trying to assist his horses over some bad parts of the road. It is rumored that Messrs. Currier, Galt, Macdonald and Brown have been selected by their colleagues to undertake the mission to London.

For the C. P. Herald, Smith's Falls, March 24. DEAR HERALD.—I want to let you know before I go any farther, that the subject of this article is Skating, that is, the subject of all your correspondents. I have no doubt that some of your readers will be inclined to imagine that S. F. is afflicted with an attack of "Skating on the Brain." However this may be, I am sorry to say that there will be very little more said on the ice question this season, as the warm weather that we are having is fast qualifying that article on all the Rivers. Perth, determined not to be behind its neighbours in the matter of Rinks, resolved to have a "Masquerade, and a Masquerade it had, universally acknowledged to be superior to any that have ever taken place in Ottawa, Kingston, or that well town Brookville. Seeing an advertisement in the Standard that there was to be such a magnificent entertainment, and that, moreover, Mr. Cooke had promised to allow visitors to go and return on one fare, I put on my top hat on Tuesday evening, and obtained a pleasant walk through that beautiful piece of road between the school house and the depot. It certainly isn't a very long road; but then it is deep enough to make up for it. It's a credit to Smith's Falls, I must say. On asking for a return ticket I found that as long as there was no snow, and that the ice was not too thin, there was no supply, as no orders had been received from headquarters in regard to the affair. I think the managers of the Perth Rink owe the public an explanation about this, as they ought not to have advertised return tickets unless they had been perfectly certain of the demand for brooms was well, to Perth, and to the Rink, and having pacified the Cerberus at the door with a sop in the shape of a Yankee quarter, I entered. A cheerful and exhilarating sight met my eyes, and I at first imagined that a curling match was in progress. A number of youths armed with brooms were serving notices of ejection on the water which had collected on the ice, sweeping it into the corner, with such apparent ease as if they had been the keenest of players. A Brass Band occupied the centre of the platform. It was splendid, Brass Bands always are; and it in a most agreeable manner, rendering conversation, except in screeches, almost an impossibility. Every few minutes some queer object passed by me to the dressing room, and became an object of attention to various small boys who delighted in poking fun at every new comer, especially if his costume was very extraordinary. At the same time a number of peculiar moving things, which from their destination I am inclined to believe were ladies, passed into the dressing room in the North corner of the Rink. The seats on the platform were being fast filled up with spectators, and after waiting some different positions in favouring ladies, I gave up the attempt and stood it out. At a certain signal the ice became the scene of most bewildering confusion. For five or ten minutes it was an utter impossibility to see any thing clearly. Like a whirlwind of water under a microscope, before the exact focus is attained, there was a constant movement, whirling, sliding, tumbling, bobbing, dancing, but nothing clear. After a few minutes, however, the parts of the picture began to show more clearly, and the spectator was enabled to make out some of the principal characters, and their costume. A few of these I will endeavour to enumerate. Ladies first.—In my opinion the best rig was the Spanish Lady, the Shepherdess, and the Nun. The Quakeress, too, was very good; and there was any number of maskers who ranged in and out very prettily. 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Blinnor et al vs Sumner—Assumpsit—Action brought to recover amount of two promissory notes...

Smith vs Condie—Assumpsit—Action brought to recover amount of a promissory note...

Deacon vs. Miller et al—Assumpsit—Action brought to recover amount of a promissory note...

White vs. Curry—Assumpsit—Action brought to recover amount of an unsettled account...

Dickson vs. Andrew et al—Trespass—Action brought to recover damages from a dog...

Whicher vs. Arribald Craig—Assault—The prisoner was indicted for committing an aggravated assault...

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Mr. Davis' Last Message. Mr. Jeff. Davis has sent a message to the Confederate Congress...

Among the witnesses before the rebel Senate Committee to enquire into the condition of the Confederacy, was General Lee...

The following insolvents are gazetted: Hugh Ross, Woodstock; Richard Chamberlain, Hull...

Stratford, March 25, 1865. John McCulloch and James Watson, residents of this place, were arrested for taking men to Detroit...

On Monday a deserter was passing through one of the streets of Philadelphia, when he broke from his guards...

The Godefrich Signal says: As expected the question of food for the cattle has become a serious one...

Birth. In Beckwith, on the 18th inst., the wife of the Rev. Mr. Ross of a son.

Home and Colonial Assurance Company, Limited. AUTHORIZED CAPITAL, \$2,000,000...

Smith's Falls Foundry and Machine Shop. Frost and Wood, Manufacturers of Threshing Machines...

W. Tennant & Co., Almonte. ARE now receiving a large and general stock of new Spring Goods...

HOUSEKEEPERS, FARMERS, MECHANICS, BLACKSMITHS, AND LUMBERERS. CAN BUY Every Description HARDWARE AT EXTREMELY LOW PRICES...

FOR SALE. The Subscriber offers for sale that STONE HOUSE in the Village of Carleton Place...

IMPORTANT TO FARMERS. THE SUPER-PHOSPHATE OF LIME—A STANDARD MANURE FOR ALL CROPS...

NOTICE. The undersigned would notify his friends and customers that he has refitted and opened the old Glasgow Street, Perth, where he hopes to merit as good a patronage in Hotel and Livery Business...

NOTICE. All those indebted to the Estate of the late John Kinoh, of the Township of Ramsey, by Note or otherwise, and that is now due, are requested to call and settle the same with the undersigned...

RECEIVED AND RECEIVING weekly, a general Stock of Goods at Prices Lower than ever. The Subscriber is pleased to state that he by this time realizes the advantage of buying his Goods for Cash...

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SINGER'S celebrated Sewing Machines have been successfully used in almost all parts of the World for the last 16 years...

COLIN SINGLIER, THE SUBSCRIBER BEGS LEAVE TO RETURN HIS SINCERE THANKS TO HIS CUSTOMERS and a generous public for the very liberal patronage...

THE Municipal Council of the Township of Ramsey will meet in the TOWN HALL, on Saturday 19th April at Ten o'clock...

FOR SALE. That House and Lot in the Village of Annapolis, known as the Brewery lot. There is a Dwelling House and a large Building suitable for a Brewery or Machine Shop...

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FALL and WINTER GOODS. THE SUBSCRIBER has received and is now opening a Splendid Stock of Goods, amongst which are: Silk Patent and Terra Velvets...

Mathew Anderson, COMMISSIONER in Queen's Bench, C. S., issuer of Marriage Licenses, Conveyancer. Conveyancing done as usual with correctness and promptness...

INSURANCE AGENCY. INSURANCES effected in the following Companies at rates as low as those of any reliable Company: LONDON & LANCASHIRE Fire and Life Insurance Company...

UNION HOTEL. (Late Wilson House). SMITH'S FALLS. The Subscriber begs leave to inform his friends and the travelling public that he has opened the above Hotel...

COLE'S HOTEL. ALMONTE. JOHN K. COLE—PROPRIETOR. THE PROPRIETOR takes the opportunity of announcing to travellers that he has opened his new Hotel...

FOURTH HOTEL. THE SUBSCRIBER WISHES TO inform the inhabitants of Carleton Place, Beckwith and travelling public that he has reopened the Hotel on Bridge-street, South of the Mississippi river...

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DR. GREEN'S Vegetable Tolu Syrup. THIS OLD, time tried, standard remedy still maintains its popularity. When all others have proved inefficient, the Syrup alone continues to give satisfaction...

DR. WARD'S DEAD SHOT WORM CANDY. I do hereby certify that I have analyzed Dr. Ward's Dead Shot Worm Candy, and to the public I would say that they contain nothing that is in the least injurious to the youngest infant...

THE Medicine has been prepared by the proprietors for a number of years; has been used with the most decided success in numerous families of the first respectability, and has received the approval and recommendation of several eminent medical gentlemen...

GROCERIES. Liquors and the best of the best brands of Whisky and Champagne at the lowest prices. The Subscriber is pleased to inform his friends and the travelling public that he has opened the above Hotel...

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