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Temptation's soft beguiling
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Then to our hearts this promise
A soothing balm doth lend:
"Lo! I am with you alway,
Even unto the end."

O love most condescending!
O grace most full and free!
Which prompts the King of glory
To deign to walk with me.
His presence how delightful!
His smile can chase away
The blackest night of sorrow,
And bring abiding day.

Then let me clasp still closer,
And never let it go,
That hand which safe shall lead me,
Where sweet, still waters flow.
He'll lead at last through portals,
Where many mansions be,
Still whispering: "With you alway,
To all Eternity."

Polite Profanity.

"Oh, mamma, we have two weeks vacation! Hurrah!" and Johnnie rushed past in wild joy, flinging up his hat, and comes with a thump on Mamma's slippered foot. "Great Goodness! You rough boy, how you have hurt me!"

Little Bessie in trying to reach her doll from the shelf, knocks over Auntie's work basket and spills its contents upon the floor. "Heaven's and Earth! Bessie, how careless you are!"

Exclamations like these we hear every day from the lips of sweet faced women and pretty young girls. Lady-like manners and Christian gentleness hold sway, till in a moment of impatience or sudden pain, both are forgotten. Women who are shocked to hear a strong expression from husband or brother, will utter words themselves that will not bear searching examination. Exclamations are vulgar, as a rule, in any case; even such innocent ones as "deary me," "sakes," "law," are shunned by cultivated people; and all women who really try to lead Christian lives should be careful in this respect. Take any one of the common expressions of polite profanity—examine it—and the result in each case will be a direct appeal to heaven or an apostrophe to the Eternal Good. "Oh, Lord!" is a most familiar one. Listen to any group of women who are well enough acquainted to drop "company manners, and at each hitch in sewing or fancy work, each little accident, each exciting piece of news or account of dire illness, a chorus goes up of "Oh Lord!" "Goodness, Gracious," etc. It may be that there is no intentional wrong, no desire to break the commandment; but the continued repetition of such expressions must blunt the delicacy of woman's perceptions and coarsen her religious fervor. Should we lightly call upon our divine Lord to hear witness to our astonishment, or invoke the heavens if we hurt a foot, or run a pin into the skin?

Confine yourselves, my dear sisters, if you must exclaim, to comparatively harmless "oh's" and "my's;" at any rate shun as moral infection, all calls upon the Diety or his attributes. Remember, as ladies, they verge upon the vulgar, and as Christians, that they are certainly profane.

"Swear not at all; neither by heaven, for it is God's throne; nor by the earth, for it is his footstool. Neither shalt thou swear by thy head; for thou canst not make one hair black or white. But let your communication be, yea, yea; nay, nay; for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil."—*The Occident.*

RULES FOR THE HUSBAND.—Husband, love your wife.

1. Never find fault with her before others.
2. *Per contra*, remember the counsel of the good Book; Her husband shall praise her in the gates—that is, before folks.
3. Bear all her burdens for her; even then she'll bear more than you do, in spite of you.
4. If you want her to submit to your judgment, never ask her to submit to your selfishness.
5. A woman's life is made up of little things. Make her life happy by little courtesies.
6. Love is a wife's only wages. Don't scrimp in your pay.

THE FARM.

—A gentleman whose hens do not stop laying in winter says the dust-bath is the most essential part of the hennery. He keeps a box 4 feet by 2½ by 2, filled with four water pails of dry loam, two pails of fine coal ashes, one of dry sawdust, one of fine tobacco dust, the sweepings from a tobacco factory, for the hens to wallow in. He has never had a sick chick, fowl nor a louse in his hennery.

—Some persons seem to think that if a certain quantity of feed will keep a bird or animal in good condition, twice as much should give a corresponding gain. This is a grave mistake, for when fowls are induced to eat too much, and become excessively fat, they suffer correspondingly. Nearly all the diseases to which fowls are subject may be traced to overfeeding. A fowl that is constantly stuffed soon becomes disordered and deficient in digestion, thus wasting the excess of food. Exercise is the best antidote for overfed birds. Reduce the allowance, and compel them to work. Industry means a production of eggs, and the fowls will also keep healthy by having something to do.—*American Agriculturist.*

—The paper barrels recently introduced seem to be proving a success. It is recorded that the chief inspector of the New York Produce Exchange, who has inspected the new pulp barrels and their contents, shipped from a distance, certifies that he found them all sound, with no loss of flour from sifting through cracks. The pulp used in the production of these barrels is obtained from any fibrous substance, and as there is hardly a locality where some such substance does not grow, the barrels can be manufactured almost everywhere.

—On the thorough preparation of the soil before planting seed a farmer says: "I have found that more depends upon the *mechanical* condition of the land, than upon its chemical ingredients—that is the deep, fine, pulverized condition of the land is more important than merely constituents of composition. Deeply, finely plowed land, well pulverized, to allow air and moisture freely to circulate and also to permit the roots to spread and penetrate, will produce better crops and for a greater number of years than land not so prepared; such land suffers less in drought as the moisture can rise from below, while also excess of rain can pass off, in a wet time. Eight acres of land thus prepared will produce more crops, one year with another, for a period of ten years, than ten acres will only peorly plowed to a little depth. Manures, lime, potash and the like, are useful and profitable; but even they will not do their best on land that is but thinly plowed—will not give even half their value. These are not new facts, and, perhaps, most farmers know them; but most farmers do not seem to realize or put them in practice; therefore this little article, by one who knows, is thrown out by way of a reminder. Less land well cultivated is the true policy, if well understood."

—The *American Cultivator* urges the importance of seeing that all fences are in good repair before the animals are put out to pasture. A weak spot in a fence now, it says, will not only prove a continual temptation to the animals to break out, but form in them a habit of jumping over or breaking down fences, much to their permanent injury. A cow having once found a gate open which permits her to enter a corn or a cabbage field, will seldom fail to examine that gate the first thing every morning after going into the pasture.

How Bulbs Increase.

BY R. J. BLACK.

Lilies, tulips, and some other bulbous plants increase laterally; producing one or more new bulbs annually, by the side or in the place of the old one, which entirely decays. The gladiolus, on the other hand, produces its new bulbs—generally one or two, though sometimes five or six—on the top of the old one, and many little ones, like peas, between the two; and the old bulb, though not decaying, becomes shrivelled and worthless.

A number of the irises produce the new bulbs below the old ones; and if not lifted every few years, after a time bury themselves out of life.

The more rapid way of multiplying the lilies, is use among the Holland bulb-growers and others, is by the scales of the bulbs; each scale, if removed close to the base, or with a portion of it, and planted in the sand in the greenhouse, making in time one or more new bulbs. Hyacinths may also be increased more rapidly than if left to the natural way by splitting up a large bulb half way or thereabouts from the base toward the crown, making two or more cuts at right angles to each other. These partially split bulbs, when treated after the manner of the lily scales, produce numerous young bulbs on the lower edges of the cuts.

TEMPERANCE.

—It is no marvel that men differ in their opinions about prohibition. Some men are intellectually color blind. Some have moral cataracts on their eyes. Some are squint-eyed by heredity. More are short-sighted on account of their unfortunate habits. Some work into a subject thoroughly, but more look superficially. By necessity, on account of the inertia in society, from old customs, moral reforms move slowly. Time must be given for the leaven to uplift the whole lump. It took many years for the principle laid down and demonstrated by Roger Williams to become national. F. D.

For Young Men.

John B. Gough says "Ninety-nine out of every hundred men who are ruined morally, and I might almost say physically, intellectually, and religiously, are ruined by the use of drink. It is the great curse of this country. Then what shall we do? What we want is to stir up the people to move in this matter. We want you to help us, young men. It may cost something, but life is a battlefield. What a grand thing it is to be a young man with all of life before you, to make of it what you choose, to mould it as you will, to make it just what you please. How many are making their life a desert, when it might be a garden; making it a dreary waste, when it might be fruitful in good works and holy influences, stumbling, blundering and aimless. O the beginning! So many go into ruin with all of life before them. You are like a switchman on the railway. Here comes the locomotive and the train of cars, freighted with human life, hopes, and happiness, and your hand is on the switch. You can turn that train on the main track, you can turn it on to the siding, you can turn it down the bank, but when it has passed by, your control of it has gone forever. Never will you have another such an opportunity, and opportunities are passing you day by day.

"Look at the effects of drunkenness upon a man. God made man in His own image. What mars that image and stamps it with the counterfeit die of the devil? Drink does it. 'Man by nature walks erect and lifts his forehead to the stars,' and he is crowned lord of creation. What breaks his sceptre, tears his crown from his brow, and degrades him below the level of the beasts? Drink does it. What sears the heart and dams up the fountain of pure and holy affections? It is the drink. No young man expects anything of this kind to come upon him. I do not say that it will, but I want to warn any young man who is a moderate drinker that he stands on dangerous ground.

"O it is sublime to wrestle with an evil desire, this mastery of self by the force of a high resolve and the power of a mighty will: 'I will; I will; by the help of God, I will.' To him that overcometh I the tree of life, safety from the second death, the white stone with the new name, the morning star, the white raiment, a pillar in the temple, a seat on the throne with Him in whose name he has conquered. To him that overcometh. Then buckle on the armour, brave heart; stand firm in the light. Ay, though you fall ten times, get up again, battered, bruised, covered with scars more glorious than were ever borne by earth's greatest warriors, till by-and-by, standing erect, your armour dented and broken, you shall shout Victory! Victory! as you hang your battered armour on the battlements of heaven, and having fought the good fight, lay your laurels at the feet of Him through whom and by whom you stand redeemed forever from the power and dominion of every evil habit."

The Reward of Perseverance.

At one of the mills in the city of Boston, a boy was wanted; and a piece of paper was tacked to one of the posts, so that all the boys could see it as they passed by. The paper read:

"Boy wanted. Call at this office to-morrow morning."

At the time named there was a host of boys at the gate. All were admitted; but the overseer was a little perplexed as to the best way of choosing one from so many, and said he,—

"Now, boys, when I only want one of you, how can I choose from so many?"

After thinking a moment, he invited them all into the yard, and driving a nail into one of the large trees, and taking a short stick, told them that the boy who could hit the nail with a stick a little distance from the tree should have the place.

The boys all tried hard; and, after three trials, each failed to hit the nail. The boys were told to come again next morning; and this time, when the gate was opened, there was but one boy, who, after being admitted, picked up the stick, and throwing it at the nail, hit it every time.

"How is this?" said the overseer. "What have you been doing?"

And the boy, looking up with tears in his eyes, said:

"You see, sir, I have a mother; and we are poor. I have no father, sir, and I would like to get the place, and so help all I can; and after going home yesterday, I drove a nail into the barn, and have been trying ever since, and have come down this morning to try again."

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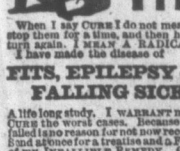
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