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The Triple Pledge.

STRONG DRINK.
We will not buy,
We will not use,
We will not take,
Wine, cider, beer,
Rum, whiskey, gin;
Because they lead
Mankind to sin.

TOBACCO.
We will not smoke
The smoker's pets,
Those little things
Called cigarettes.
We will not chew,
We will not snuff,
Or waste our time
In playing puff.

PROFANITY.
We will not curse,
Though many dare
Open their lips
To curse and swear,
Our words shall be
Both pure and plain;
We will not take
God's name in vain.
—Thomas R. Thompson.

The Fireside.

THE GIRL IN THE CORNER SEAT.

"I heard Julia Park say something about you this morning," whispered Sarah Curtis, looking down at Nannie Leach, who, seated at the most unattractive desk in the Cedar Hall school-room, was as usual busily engaged with her lessons.

Nannie, with a pleased, questioning look in her blue eyes, glanced up at the tall, handsome young girl bending over her. Could it be that Julia Park, the acknowledged leader of the school, had by some good-natured remark expressed approval of her unobtrusive self? She was only left to harbor the pleasant delusion for a tantalizing minute, for then Sarah added:

"She said that your father was not worth a dollar, and that so long as you had neither good looks nor good clothes to recommend you, she didn't see why you must come to this school."

"Did she say that?" queried Nannie quietly. "I am sorry she feels that way, but I don't know how I can help it—only by praying for her."

Sarah had expected, or hoped that her communication would draw out an angry retort, and felt a little humiliated and uncomfortable as she returned to her seat after a prolonged look at the neat pages of Nannie's open exercise book.

For an hour she was very busy studying from the same book with Julia Park, who was her seatmate, and who in her turn had crossed the room to Nannie's side and asked:

"What did Sarah tell you when she was here a little while ago?"

"Nothing at all worth repeating," replied Nannie gently. Her blue eyes were full of unshed tears as she raised them to her schoolmate's pretty face, and it took a good deal of self-control for her to speak quite steadily; but a silent prayer brought strength and comfort, and she said nothing further while Julia stood by her side watching while she busily worked an example in arithmetic on her slate.

When at length she went away, Nannie drew a long breath of relief and thought "I must not forget what father told me when I decided to come to this school. He warned me that I was likely to have an uncomfortable time, and he said if I couldn't be pretty looking or well dressed, that I could be the most ladylike, the most obliging, and the best scholar in the school, and although I have tried to be that, no one will ever admit it; but I will not mind that. I will do my very best in every way, and will prove my right to enjoy the best advantages the village affords."

All through the term Nannie had indeed had an uncomfortable time in this school, where the children of poor people were always made to understand that they were not welcome. She had nothing whatever to do with her classmates except to occasionally render them some assistance. She had her champions, however, for her loving thoughtfulness for the younger class won their love, and they stoutly maintained that she was the best girl and the handsomest girl in the whole school.

Just now the first class were preparing for an examination in arithmetic, and Nannie had but little time to think of the ill-will of the two girls who, with every blessing that wealth, indulgent parents, and health could give them, yet seemed to have no better pastime than to render this poor girl's year at academy miserable.

When the report of the examination was given by the teacher, as his method was, he instanced a certain problem that had been attempted by

only three members of the large class, and said:

"Will Miss Park and Miss Curtis, who always work their examples together, be so kind as to tell me how they arrived at that analysis?"

"It brings the right answer to work it in that way," replied Sarah stupidly, while Julia hung her head and was silent.

"Miss Leach hastened this original method as well as all the rules given in the text book; perhaps she can give us a more satisfactory explanation."

"I do not know how the other girls found that rule," replied Nannie cheerfully, "but that example was the only one in the lesson that gave me any trouble. I told my father about it, and he immediately solved it by what he called a common-sense rule, and after I understood it from his explanation the other rules were perfectly plain."

"Those two young ladies evidently stole that common-sense rule from your slate and exercise-book the other day. I noticed them intently scrutinizing your work as they passed your desk on their way to the cloak-room. They each crossed the room to speak to you afterwards. What question did they ask you in regard to this problem, if you please?"

"Not any question at all, Mr. Goddard."

"What were they talking about? They each stood by your desk some minutes."

"Oh, if you please, sir, I would rather not tell," and Nannie's cheeks reddened with earnestness.

"Then they shall report, for it is understood that all whispering done in this room has some reference to the school work."

It was hard discipline for Julia and Sarah; but the teacher was firm, and they were obliged to repeat their foolish remarks in the presence of the whole school, and Mr. Goddard did not check the burst of indignation that arose from the pupils, all the elder scholars now joining with the younger ones.

"I am proud of Miss Nannie Leach," went on Mr. Goddard presently. "She is in every particular my best scholar. I have watched her closely during the whole year, and without an exception she has been neat and nice and ladylike and obliging and sweet, and has pursued her studies with uncommon assiduity. I am to be allowed an assistant next term, as an effort is to be made to gather in a larger class of our young people; the exclusiveness of the school is working its ruin; and I now offer that position to Miss Leach."

The younger pupils, at a smile from the teacher, all clapped their hands in acclamation. Julia and Sarah asked Nannie's pardon for their continued rudeness, and acknowledged that they were jealous of her good scholarship and were determined to drive her from the school.

For many years now Nannie Leach has had charge of the Cedar Hall school, and to what do you think she ascribes her success first and last? I will tell you. It is a rule I wish all the school girls would follow. She says, "I was a professing Christian, I tried to do honest work in the school and to do as I would be done by."

A LION'S AFFECTION.

Prince, a tame lion on board his Majesty's (George III.) ship *Ariopine*, had a keeper to whom he was much attached. The keeper got drunk one day, and as the captain never forgave that crime he was ordered to be flogged. The grating was rigged on the main deck, opposite Prince's den, a large barrel-up place, the pillars large and cased with iron. When the keeper began to strip, Prince rose gloomily from his couch, and got as near to his friend as possible. On beholding his bare back, he walked hastily round the den, and when he saw the boatswain inflict the first lash, his eyes sparkled with fire, and his sides resounded with the strong and quick beating of his tail.

At last when the blood began to flow from the man's back, and the "clotted cats" jerked their gory knots close to the lion's den, his fury became tremendous; he roared with a voice of thunder, shook the strong bars of the prison as if they had been osiers, and finding his efforts to break loose unavailing, he rolled and shrieked in a manner the most terrific that it is possible to conceive. The captain, fearing that he might break loose, ordered the marines to load and present at Prince. This threat redoubled his rage, and at last the captain desired the keeper to be cast off, and go to his friend.

It is impossible to describe the joy evinced by the lion. He licked with care the mangled and bleeding back of the cruelly beaten seaman, caressing him with his paws, which he folded round the keeper as if to defy any

man renewing a similar treatment, and it was only after several hours that Prince would allow the keeper to quit his protection.—*Cincinnati Commercial Gazette.*

IN THE ABSENCE OF SCALES:

One and one-third pints of powdered sugar weigh one pound.
Two and three-fourths teacups (level) of powdered sugar weigh one pound.

One pint (heaped) of granulated sugar weighs fourteen ounces.
Two teacups (level) of granulated sugar weigh one pound.

One pint of coffee "A" sugar weighs twelve ounces.
Two teacups (well heaped) of coffee "A" sugar weigh one pound.

One pint of best brown sugar weighs thirteen ounces.
Two and one-half teacups (level) of best brown sugar weigh one pound.

One tablespoon (well heaped) of granulated, coffee "A," or best brown sugar equals one ounce.

Two tablespoons of powdered sugar or flour weigh one ounce.

One tablespoon (well rounded) of soft butter weighs one ounce.

Soft butter the size of an egg weighs one ounce.

One quart of sifted flour (well heaped) weighs one pound.

Two teacups of soft butter (well packed) weigh one pound.

Miss Parloa says one generous pint of liquid or one pint of finely-chopped meat packed solidly weighs one pound, which it would be very convenient to remember.

Ten common-sized eggs weigh one pound.

Teaspoons vary in size, and the new ones hold about twice as much as an old-fashioned spoon of thirty years ago. The medium-sized teaspoon contains about a drachm.

Four teaspoons are equal to one tablespoon.

HOME HINTS.

GRAHAM MUFFINS.—Two cups sour milk, three cups graham meal, one cup flour, one-half cup molasses, one teaspoon soda, one egg.

IN making pudding where milk is used, place the milk on the fire to heat while mixing the other ingredients, and it will bake in less time.

REMEMBER to plunge your pot roast into boiling water. If it is put into cold water the juice of the meat will be extracted, and you will have soup stock and tasteless beef.

CORN STARCH CAKE.—One half-cup butter, one cup sugar, white of four eggs, one-half cup of milk, one cup flour, one-half cup corn starch. Flavor with almond, or to taste.

WHERE painters have spilled oil paint upon panes of glass, rub the face of a penny upon the spots and they will come off without any trouble, and the glass will not be scratched.

MAKE it a rule to see that every week one closet has fresh paper on its shelves, and is put into "apple pie" order, and you will never see the time that a general overturning is necessary to find where something that has not been used for a time, has disappeared to.

VEGETABLE SOUP.—Two pounds lean beef with bone (not cracked) three quarts water, adding more as it boils away; one teaspoonful salt; when the meat is cooked tender take it, with the bone, out, and add to stock one small carrot, one small turnip and six medium-sized potatoes, chopped fine. Save the meat for mince pies. We can heartily recommend this soup as the best of its kind.

A Monkey and a Dog.

A delightful little incident is told in the *Irish Times* about a monkey and a dog: "A brave, active, intelligent terrier, belonging to a lady friend, one day discovered a monkey belonging to an itinerant organ-grinder seated upon the bank within the grounds, and at once made a dash for him. The monkey, who was attired in jacket and hat, awaited the onset in such undisturbed tranquility that the dog halted within a few feet of him to reconnoitre. Both animals took a long, steady stare at each other; but the dog evidently was recovering from his surprise, and about to make a spring for the intruder. At this critical juncture, the monkey, who had remained perfectly quiet hitherto, raised his paw, and gracefully saluted by lifting his hat. The effect was magical. The dog's head and tail dropped, and he sneaked off and entered the house, refusing to leave it till he was satisfied that his polite but mysterious guest had departed."

Grabbing a Ride.

That boy thinks he is doing a smart thing because he is managing to keep himself out of the sight of the driver

of the "bobtail" car while stealing his ride. For it is stealing just as really as if he took five cents out of the driver's change-box. We ought to think, we adults as well as you boys and girls, that the sin of a wrong thing is in the doing of it, not in the being found out in it. Then, too, great wrong-doing begins in little wrong-doing. The grown man would hardly be tempted to steal rides on the step of a "bobtail" car, but the stealing rides may be the beginning of bigger stealing, which may land the thief—the bribe-taker, the "defaulting" cashier, the betrayer of trusts—in the state prison. Look out for the beginnings of wrong-doings, boys—and girls, too! These little beginnings seem so small, but their consequences are anything but small. Look out for them!

Neatness in Girls.

Neatness is a good thing for a girl, and if she does not learn it when she is young, she never will. It takes a great deal more neatness to make a girl look well than it does to make a boy look passable. Not because a boy, to start with, is better-looking than a girl, but his clothes are of a different sort, not so many colors in them; and people do not expect a boy to look as pretty as a girl. A girl that is not neatly dressed is called a slob, and no one likes to look at her. Her face may be pretty, and her eyes bright, but if there is a spot of dirt on her cheek, and her fingers' ends are black with ink, and her shoes are not laced, or buttoned up, and her apron is dirty, and her collar is not buttoned, and her skirt is torn, she can not be liked. I went into a little girl's room once, and all her clothes were on the floor, and her playthings too. Learn to be neat, and when you have learned it, it will almost take care of itself.

Young Folks' Column.

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PUZZLE DEPARTMENT.

The Mystery Solved.

(No. 52).

No. 350.—We wish you a happy and prosperous New Year!

No. 351.—

1. Samuel. 4. Simeon.
2. Isaac. 5. Demas.
3. Laban. 6. David.

No. 352.—James 1:27.

No. 353.—Constantinople.

No. 354.—St. Luke 8:26.

No. 355.—e m u
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No. 356.—Develop.

No. 357.—Finger-ring.

The Mystery.—No. 3.

No. 17.—DECAPITATIONS.

1. Behead an organ, and leave to disembark.
2. Behead what Jacob saw and leave a venomous serpent.
3. Behead a boy's name and leave a degree.

LOTTIE STEEVES.

St. John.

No. 18.—DIAMOND PUZZLE.

A letter; a resting place; a weight; a bird; a consonant.

"MAYFLOWER."

Barrington, N. S.

No. 19.—HOUR-GLASS.

Grass-eating
Brave.
Thought on.
An officer.
Under.
A liquid.
A letter.
Old.
Bright.
Winding.
Of the throat.
Deadly.
Of law.

The centrals name a welcome visitor.

St. John.

No. 20.—CURTAILMENT.

Astronomers can clearly prove, My whole is ever on the move; The world curtailed, beyond dispute, A joiner's tool will constitute; Curtailed again, and then I ween A form or model will be seen.

Kings.

No. 21.—DROP-LETTER PUZZLE.

E-e-n-t-i-e-y-n-o-o-t
-o-y-u-o-d-r-n-l-u-d-r
-a-y-u-e-r-t-b-i-k,
-i-s,-e-o-n-

MARTHA COLWELL.

Nortendale, York.

No. 22.—NUMERICAL ENIGMA.

My whole, consisting of 7 letters, is one of the titles given to Christ. My 1, 3, 8 is glee.

My 1, 6, 8 is used by ladies.
My 5, 7, 8 is a metal.
My 4, 2 is a negative.

LIZZIE A. KERR.

Stanley, York.

No. 23.—SQUARE WORD.

**** To hang loose.
**** Delay.
**** A particle.
**** Buds.
FAY ROBINSO.

St. John.

No. 24.—DOUBLE ACROSTIC.

The primals and finals give two glorious words of creation.

1. The days we are commanded to keep.
2. The animals seen by a king in a dream.
3. The first word that the tempter said to Eve.

"SALVATION ARMY."

Grafton.

(The Mystery solved in three weeks).

The Mystic Fountain.

The result of the Word-Hunt competition will be made known as soon as the lists are examined.... Aid the puzzle editor!

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