# RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCER.

### Cumbered About Much Serving.

Christ never asks of us such busy labor As leaves no time for resting at his feet; The waiting atti ude of expectation He oftentimes counts a service most complete.

He sometimes wants our ear, our rapt at tention,

That he some sweet secret may impart Tis always in the time of deepest silence That heart finds deepest fellowship with heart.

We sometimes wonder why our Lord doth p ace us

Within a sphere so narrow, so obscure, That nothing we call work can find an entrance;

There's only room to suffer--to endure.

Well, God loves patience. Souls that over or to squander. They seem to dwell in stillness.

Doing the little things, or resting quiet, May just as perfectly fulfil their mission, Be just as useful in the Father's sight,

As they who grapple with some giant evil Clearing a path that every eye may see Our Sayionr cares for cheerful acquiescenc, Rather than a busy ministry.

And yet he does love service, where 'tis given

By grateful love that clothes itself indeed; But work that's done beneath the scourge of duty,

Be sure, to such he gives but little heed; generation. They toil and make

Then seek to please him, whatsoe'er he bids occupy good positions and cherish thee--

Whether to do, to suffer, to lie still ; Twill matter little by what bath he leads

If in all we seek to do his will. Christian at Work. What They Live For.

Every neighborhood is a world in fection. And when it seeks the miniature. At or near our Clinton highest good of those around whom Four Corners there are a dozen its tendrils twine, God blesses it. families. They live on adjoining But the parental affection whose ings and evenings and does the farms, get their mail at the same horizon is that of time, the love post-office, get their horses shod at which seeks not for its loved ones the same smithy, raise about the that culture which will fit them to same crops and stock-and yet, in shine in the light of God, is a detheir ideas of life, and in their lusion and a snare. The young peocharacters, they are as far apart as ple in that family are captivated by the pol-s. We have all sorts of the semi-infidel literature of the d y. people in this small community. They think that they show their We can study human nature in nearly all its phases without going historical Christianity, and o'dtwo miles from home. Let me tell this week about some of my neighbors, and I be ieve every reader will say : "Why we have the same sort foundations on which rest the hopes of folks where I live." First of all, because lowest in the been taught that the fear of the scale, is the Drudge family. Mr. Lord is the beginning of wisdom. and Mrs. Drudge have a good farm, We turn sadly from these sinand a house full of children. They clouded habitations to one over work hard, and make their children, which shines a supernatural light. work as soon as they are big enough. [ It is They seem to believe that the only object in life is just to live. They don't think or p'an, but merely plod. They do everything in the rudest and hardest way. They carry water half a mile, because they are too shiftless to dig a well. They scatter their fodder over the barn yard, and let the cattle tramp'e and waste a good part of it, when they could easily build sheds and racks. They take no papers; have no books in the house but those that their children bring from school. They have very little company and seldom go anywhere. They say that it is all they can do to make a living. They work, eat and sleep, and that is all they expect to do until they die. Their children go a few months in the year to a district schoo', but are growing up as aimless and idealess as their parents. They will perpetuate the mere animal type of existence. They, too, will live just to live. How sad it is to see men and women, made in the image of God. who don't deem to realize that they have immortal souls; that they have duties and destiny as moral beings.

or the land that has to be sacrificed not continued in our homes-if we They had failed to pass the rigid ex-He is one of those men, so common become these materialists, or Morin this country, who seem to think mon-worshipers-if we bring up our plomas a vision of the future. that the great end of human life is children to adore the "almighty dolto die rich. He uses all his powers | lar" instead of the true God, and to gentleman. "She has the loveliest and improves all his opportunities seek intellectual culture rather than in raking up heaps of filthy lucre. moral character-the walls will be-

He despises his shiftless neighbors, gin to crumble, even before we are and thinks that he is a great deal in our graves.

wiser than they. But he does not seem to realize that he is but a as he sits and muses on the evening judge believe that she is a nobody. pilgrim in the earth; that he is to of Thanksgiving D.y. Oh, let us She is the most magnificent reader go in a little while where his materi- all try to purify and elevate our al riches will be of no value, where home-life. that we may train up citithe test of work and talisman of zens for our country and for heaven. destiny will be character. Alas! -Senex in Journal.

# Only a Hired Girl.

up treasures in heaven, they gather Two young ladies, school-girl riches for their children to quarrel fashion, were promenading through the large chapel. They finally paus be successful. The newspapers euloed near the window where the new gize them. But in the sight of God girl was standing. Her desolate apthey are among the saddest of the pearance wou'd have touched as y failures which show that this is a heart not burned with worldliness fallen world. But we will go on and selfishness. The sad eyes were from the home of this prospective gazing, not on the goigeous garb of millionaire to a neat and tasteful autumn, but far beyond, to a ne glected grave-yard near an old log cabin in the forest. A new-made The parents care for wealth only grave was there, in which lay an that they may educate their chil. only earthly friend-her mother. dren, and give them a good start in

But these vain, silly girls saw life. Thier heaven is in the next only the faded calico dress, made in such an old-fashioned way, and the sacrifices that their decendants may beautiful hair arranged in any thing but the latest or most artistic style grateful memories of what they did "How do you like the cut, Maud

Won't you want your new party dress made after this fashion?"

John will go to Parliament, one of "Yes; and I've just been dying these days, and that his success will for a new way to fix my hair. Now cast a halo of glory on their graves. I have it! She's brought the latest There are few things in this world s yle from the backwoods, while purer and nobler than parental afwe've been away behind the times who is she, any way?"

> "O, a mere nobody! Only Mrs Noell's hired girl. She works mornwashing and itoning on Saturday

amination, which made their di-"Who is she?" repeated the eyes I ever saw." "A mere nobody," replied Maud.

"Only Mrs. Noell's hired girl."

"O no, young lady. You can These are an old man's thoughts, never make even a moderately good I ever heard, and her language is eloquent. There is a grand career before her in some sphere, let it be what it may."

Mrs. Noell lost her hired girl, but the school wherein she had graduated gained a teacher who won the admiration and respect of all .- Selected.

### Charles Kingsley on Gambling.

The following letter, which is quoted by the Irish Ecclesiastical Gazette, was addressed by the late Charles Kingsley to a public school boy who had put money into a sweepstakes without thinking it was wrong:

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"MY DEAREST BOY .--- There is a matter which gave me much uneasiness when you mentioned it. You said you had put into some lottery for the Derby, and had hedged to make safe. Now, all that is bad, bad, nothing but bad. Of all habits, gambling is one I hate most, and have avoided most. Of all habits it grows most on eager minds. Suc- 1880 cess and loss alike make it grow. Of | 1882 all habits however much civilized 1884. men may give way to it, it is one of the most intrinsically savage. Historically it has been the peace excitement of the lowest brutes in human form for ages past. Morally it is unchivalrous and unchristian. (1) It gains money by the lowest

and most unjust means, for it takes

money out of your neighbor's pocket

without giving him anything in re-

turn. (2) It tempts you to use

knowledge of a horses merits--or

anything else-to your neighbor's

harm. If you know better than

your neighbor, you are bound to

give him your advice. Instead, you

conceal your knowledge to win from

his ignorance; hence come all sorts

of concealments, dodges, deceits. 1

say the devil is the only father of it

I m sure, moreover, that the head

master would object seriously to

anything like a lottery, betting or

gamb'ing. I hope you have not

won. I should not be sorry for you

to lose. If you have won, 1 shall

not congratulate you. If you wish

to please me, you will give back to

its lawful owners the money you

have won. If you are a loser in

burse your losses this time. As you

had put in, you could not in honor

draw back until after the event.

Now you can give back your money,

head-master and I disapproved of

such things, and so gain a great

moral influence. Recollect always

that the stock argument is worth

win from me if he could, therefore

I have an equal right to win from

him.' Nonsense! The same argu-

ment would prove that I have a

right to maim or kill a man if only

I give him leave to maim or kil

me if he can and will. I have spok-

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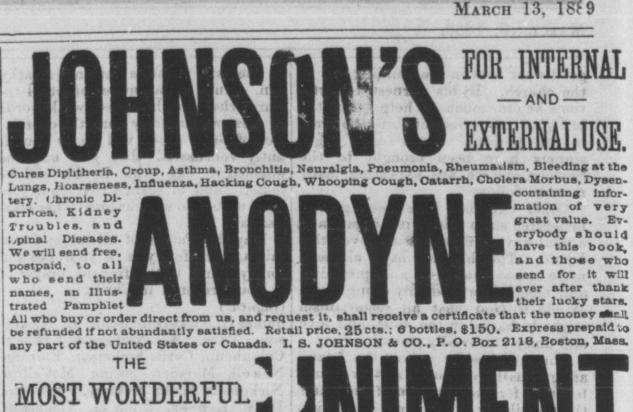
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#### THE FUDGE FAMILY,

who live next to the Drudges, are triflers rather than toilers. They work just enough to earn a living, and spend all the rest of the time in gossiping, visiting and amusements. If a circus comes along they must all go, if they have to take the bread money to buy tickets. The Fudges are a shallow, care ess, jolly set, who frisk about like kittens, chatter like

mental independence by rejecting fashioned ideas of moral obligation. In that home will be trained up a generation that will help to sap the

alas! for the covetous, grasping men

all around us. Instead of laying

house near by. Here lives

A CULTURED FAMILY.

for them. They dream, as they toil

on the farm and in the home, that

of humanity, because they have not

### A CHRISTIAN HOME.

Here we have industry, cheerfulness, thrift, faith, hope and charity. nome try to accumulate property, ing had been ready to flow. that of the world. In that home less open in their persecution. \* \* whose atmosphere is prayer will be The chapel was crowded. Anx-

that is old fashioned to error newly dresses of the white-robed girls who the each of the most meagre purse. varnished. The parents who toil in stood before the vast audience. such homes do not live in vain.

for her board and tuition. Mrs Noell says she's awfully stupid and absent-minded; but she's cheaper than regular help would be, and then she's sure of her. You see, she can't be running off all the time, and leaving her mistressin astrait. "Well, I think it is a shame that we should have such trash placed side by side with us in our classes. There should be a separate and distinct school for such peop'e."

"You needn't cut up about her reciting with us; she'd never do that-that's one blessing we're sure of. We are far enough ahead of her, and will graduate before she learns the multiplication table." "I don't know about that; some of those low people would surprise you with their abili y to acquire knowledge."

The girls mocked and tittered Here the Bible is the text-book, and until Ada Hartwell, becoming gross thereby, I will gladly reimthe life that now is valued and im- aware that she was the subject of proved because it is related to the their remarks, could no longer relife to come. The parents in this strain the tears which all the morn-

saying that you understood that the out not for themselves only, or for [ "For shame, girls!" said Nettie heir children. They believe in Weldon, who walked past them to stewardship-that God gives us all the window and talked so gently that we have, and that we ought to and pleasantly to the new girl that use it all for his glory. They are for the first time since she had stood not their own, but the Lord's. by the grave of her mother, Ada Their children are not their own, felt that she could claim one friend. but the Lord's. They have no right | True, Ada was only a hired girl, to live merely to live, or to enjoy but by means of her own natural themselves. Their business is to do abilities, together with the help and good here, and to prepare for encouragement of her new friend, neaven. The parents believe in she made such rapid progress in her culture. They want to educate studies that she won the approba their children. But they put the tion of her teachers, and the respect moral before the intellectual. They and esteem of all those students ire anxious that they should be whose esteem was worth having. good men and women rather than Maud and her companion had not brilliant and popular. They regard ceased trying to wound her feelings the favor of God as worth more than but fear of their teachers made them

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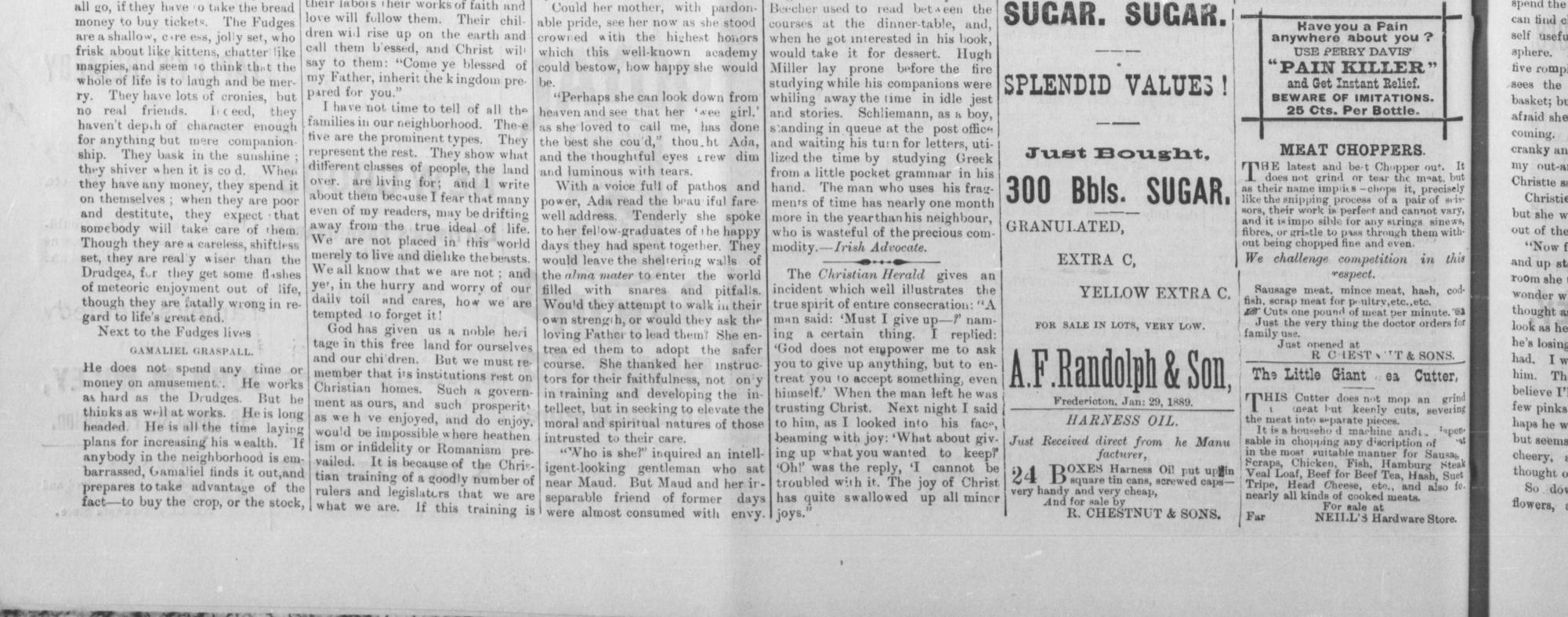




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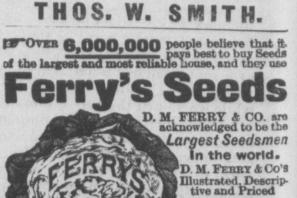
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