

Family Miscellany

I never talk. I hate the petty scandal. Always flying to and fro, Stinging like the vile mosquito, I never talk, oh no.

Now there's Nellie Miller, I've heard her cousin say. That her pink and white complexion Could all be washed away.

But I don't believe a word of it, She's like the lilacs fair. Though she shouldn't black her eyebrows And wear two shades of hair.

I don't wonder that the horrid men Are always poking fun. At their best, ladies for gracious me! How woman's tongues do run.

Only an hour ago I heard That Mrs. William Lee Is seen on Broadway every day With handsome Doctor D.

I don't believe a word of it; What would his patients do If he spent every day with her, And every evening too?

And then you'll see, they say she drinks, And don't you sipp it with her; I never saw him drunk but ten Or twelve times in his life;

And have known him quite a month, Yes, one month and a day; And as for her, she dresses well, Somebody has to pay.

Dear me, dear me, this world is queer! How can folks gossip so? It's wrong, unkind, unchristianlike, I never talk, oh no.

THE MAN WHO KEPT HIMSELF IN REPAIR.

(From the "British Workman.") (Continued.)

From time to time the cobbler heard intelligence of the private life of his cousin; and everything seemed to promise that he, and his house, and household, together with their tempers, and boats, and shoes, and all belonging there, would soon be very different from what they had been for many a long day. For, to Jack Thatch's credit, it must be told that he set about all these needless repairs at once. He had a Book like Joe Flicker's, and he took to reading it; and he had knec like Joe's, and he took to using them; and he had a head like the cobbler's, with brains inside, and he began to use it too; and he found, that by reading, and thinking, and praying, and then manfully setting to work, an immense deal could be done. Joe's wife was a sensible woman that didn't talk to mander; and though she greatly wondered, she allowed herself to be repaired, and never said a word about the past. Only at times she felt her heart swelling within her; not as though it would burst, and let out the deep dark waters which once had been within, but as if it were full of all sorts of cordials that ever had been made, together with sunshine, and mountain air, and laughing gas, and happiness, and singing, and hodge-podge of delight, fizzing, and sparkling, and bubbling, and shooting the cork clean out of her head; altogether unlike anything she had ever felt since she was a child.

And when the good woman's heart thus swelled, and she could contain herself no longer, she used to sing out, and praise the One who had looked at her poor husband on his knees, and taught him out of the Book, and put good thoughts into his head, and given him the heart to carry them out. And, at times, she would go to her room, and shut herself in; and while she was there one day, Jack was listening at the door, and without saying a word, he walked in, and knelt down by her side. And neither of them said anything, though they both tried; and they got up off their knees, and looked at each other, and those looks explained all; and they never had much talk about what had passed; for their eyes had tongues—yes, and though they couldn't say a word on their knees, their heart had tongues; and, as once they had knelt together, they seemed to feel as though they could henceforth go well through life together—and so they did.

And under Joe Flicker's directions, and with his helping advice, Jack Thatch started even still more extensively in the repairing line than he had thought of at first. For, when in the course of a little time he came to order a new pair of boots for the winter for his wife, and six pairs for his six children, he and she had another conversation, of which, though it produced further great results, we can't conveniently tell the sun.

Jack Thatch told the cobbler all he went through in his efforts to repair himself, his wife and children, his house, and all he had. He owned, like an honest man, what he felt; that he never could have succeeded if he had not sought help above his own. And he gave his experiences also of his efforts with the various children, for whom he now came to get a supply of boots. "I tried the laughing," said Jack, "and it did with all but little Sophy; you know she's delicate, and she was very shy of me; for 'twas so strange to see me with her brothers and sisters at all. But when the baby tumbled down, and I began to cry, poor little Sophy couldn't stand that, and keep on her stool any longer; so she crept over to me, and kissed me, and wiped my eyes with her little ragged frock; and ever since that we've been like father and child; and to come to an end, we're all as happy as a family can be. To be sure," said Jack "twas rather queer to be knocked down by one's own baby, and to feel it crawling all over one like an earwig; but I got used to it very soon; and 'tis a very cheap way of making a friend."

"Now, Jack," said the cobbler, "you must go on and do still more in this repairing line. You must keep your business in repair, by watching every little thing. Never let a customer be dissatisfied, or have wrong impression of anything, or be dissatisfied; keep always repairing your stock; keep your customers' good opinion of you in repair; never mind trouble—no, not even a little loss—if it is to do a stroke of repair; remember, that nothing will keep right in this world; it must be kept right, and you'll have to be at this work as long as ever you live. And do for your neighbours what you do for yourself. Never pass by a chance of putting them into repair, when you get an opportunity of doing so. If you see a poor neighbour in want, hold out your hand to him; give him a bit of what you can spare. And if you see a poor fellow down-hearted, or down-trodden, give him a kind word. Or if you see a poor foolish fellow going wrong, put him in the right way, and teach him the secret of the Book, the knees, and the head, Yes; and if you see neighbours quarrelling, set them right; perhaps ten minutes' kindly talk will do it, and repair what otherwise may come to ruin altogether. If we do this, Jack, we shall not have lived for nothing. We may be poor, and not have the chance of doing any great thing, or if we get the chance, perhaps we couldn't do it; but our business is to try and do what lies in our power, and 'tis for that we shall have to give our account by-and-by."

Thus did Jack Thatch; and he and the cobbler became fast friends. And though Jack became known as a prosperous tradesman, and a happy family man, and a man who was respectable and respected, that which he took most pleasure in, himself, was the thought that he was "The man who kept himself in repair."

Good reader, you have now come to the end of the story of Jack Thatch; and you have seen how from having been a dilapidated, wretched, good-for-nothing creature, he became a decent, happy, useful man. The writer hopes that you have been interested, and, perhaps, entertained; but he has a further hope, and that is, that you may be profited also. For the end of all reading should be profit. Hence, permit yourself to be asked, whether there be not some points in which you also are out of repair; and not altogether as your best friends, or perhaps, as even you yourself, on reflection, think you ought to be. And if, even at the first consideration of this question, you do not see anything particularly amiss, just take a walk round yourself, and inspect your various ways and habits, both as regards your fellow-men and your own daily life, and it may be that the inspector will report that there are many little holes which want filling; some rust which should be cleaned off; some pipes which should be unstopped; some parts of your premises which need a repairing hand. There are holes through which evil reports get into your brain; stop them up. There is a door which should be generally kept shut, which swings open too easily, and lets out unkind words; get a new lock, and put it on, and keep them in. There are fireplaces which won't draw, for the chimneys want sweeping; and so you are cold to your neighbours; get rid of whatever is hindering warmth and love; and be comfortable yourself, and make others so, by a self-wring, cheery spark of heart. And keep from looking dingy and damp, and train up a few flowering creepers on the walls of your outward life, so as to remind men of freshness and beauty, cheering the hearts of those you pass by, blessing all who see you, even though they know but little of your real inner self. For pleasant smiles and words and looks are good garnishing for solid worth, and it may be that others will be won to what is lovely and of good report; and you in your own sphere will teach many to follow the example of "The man who kept himself in repair."

Why is the treadmill like a true convert?—Because its turning is the result of the man's conviction.

CLEVER WOMAN.—The woman who made a pound of butter from the cream of a joke, and a cheese from the milk of human kindness has since washed the cheese of a year, and hung 'em to dry on a bee line.

GOOD ADVICE.—Every business and professional man should hang out his sign in the press; by card or advertisement—in other words, keep his name constantly before the public. "Out of sight, out of mind," says the true proverb.

THE sale of intoxicating drinks is carrying ruin and dissolution to a million homes, filling our asylums for the insane, our homes for the inebriate, our places of refuge for the poor, our penitentiaries and our hospitals, increasing our public burdens, our national and State taxes, and what is a thousand times worse, destroying our young men faster than disease and war. Yet the Government licenses the manufacture of these alcoholic poisons and derives revenue from it. Our State and Municipal laws authorize the retail and wholesale sale of a paltry tax. But we punish with inexorable and unrelenting virtue the man or woman who gets drunk at his own table and is put in his own bed comatose and unoffensive. It is against him who gets drunk at a licensed saloon, and is put into the street; it is against this impetuous, homeless wretch that the law frowns. We have become so familiar with these anomalies, we have looked upon these vices so long, that we think there is no remedy. This is the mistake of public opinion. The press has made the mistake, and the result is legislators make no effort to eradicate, but only to modify the evil. There is no wrong beyond correction, and all these departures from good morals and good government are within the reach of reform. —San Francisco Chronicle

MISCELLANEOUS.

PHYSIC is the art of amusing the patient while nature cures the disease.

GEMS OF THOUGHT.—"I suppose you are interested in 'Gems of Thought,' Matilda?"—Yes, Angelina; but not so much as in 'Thoughts on Gems.'"

A universal genius is a universal noodle. Nobody can be everything. The attempt to do everything is to accomplish nothing substantially.

CONUNDRUM.—What is the difference between a civilized dinner and a person who subsists at the North Pole?—Attention, again! One has his bill of fare, and the other his fill of war.

PENMANSHIP.—"It's a good thing to have a handsome penman for a beau," said Mary, as she glanced over a bill-doux.—"Yes," replied Julia; "if the penman is only handsome, I don't care how ugly the penmanship is."

A SETTLEMENT.—"When are you going to settle this bill?"—"We've had settlement already."—"When?"—"The last time you called."—"How so?"—"Didn't I then tell you that I mean to settle the bill?"—"Yes."—"Very well, then; wasn't that a settlement?"

A SHARP RETORT.—A German student in theology appeared before the examiner after having waited an unconscionable time for admission, bearded like a pard. The learned examiner fell back astonished, exclaiming, "A theology with a beard!"—"A beard!" cried the student, with an air of equal astonishment, and putting his hand up to his face, "Bless me! why it must have grown while I have been waiting in the ante-room."

"I hold that the Bible permits total abstinence, and I would rather search the Bible for permission to give up a lawful gratification for the sake of my weaker-headed brother, who stumbles over my examples into sin, than to see how far I can follow my own propensities without committing sin and bringing condemnation on any one's soul."—J. B. Gough.

THERE is a little railroad, that runs to Woodville on a very inaccurate schedule. A stranger came in the other day and inquired how often the steam-car made trips to the city. The party interrogated said: "Tri-weekly." "What do you mean by tri-weekly?" The answer was, "It goes up one week, and tries to come down the next."

SOMETIME.—We have all our possessions in the future which we call "sometime." Beautiful flowers and singing birds are there, only our hands seldom grasp the one, or our ears hear the other. But, oh reader, be of good cheer, for all the good there is a golden "sometime"; when the hills and valleys of time are all passed; when the wear and fever, the disappointment and sorrows of life are over, there is a place of rest appointed of God. Oh, homestead, over whose roof falls no shadow or even clouds, and over whose threshold the voice of sorrow is never heard; built upon the eternal hills, and standing with thy spires and pinnacles of celestial beauty among the palm trees of the city on high, those who love God shall rest under thy shadows, where there is no sorrow, nor pain, nor the sound of weeping.

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