Living on Credit.

This is an almost universally adopted in city and country, and when we hear a person say "I owe no man anything," we look at him with surprise and incredulity. We find plants rich in pictures, statuary and books, luxuries in carpets, easy chairs, couches, delicate china, and sumptuous fare, whose inmates do not hesitate to say "We have but very little money, but our credit is good." Persons in near position must dress in rich fabrics fashionably made, tough merchant, tailor, and mantua maker wait long for the unpaid bill. They must keep a carriage and retinue of servants to support a style corresponding to their "set," even though they borrow of one to pay for the other. This borrowing which in ordinary business might more truthfully be called stealing.

The practice of keeping an account with a store is a most ruinous one, for even the most prudent persons will sometimes be tempted to purchase the most "it is pretty cheap," if not obliged to pay cash for it. It is so easy to have things charged that we become careless about expenditures of the house and family, and when the bill, swollen to great proportions with items and sundries, is presented, we are quite horrified and give a peremptory command to send no more orders; to have nothing more charged. But the habits we have been so long accustomed have become a positive necessity, and we really think we cannot do without them. As we receive our salaries, we pay as much as we can of the yearly debt, sufficient perhaps to retain confidence in our credit, and thus we go on from year to year with a debt increasing which, sooner or later, involves us in bankruptcy.

We have become so artistic in our tastes and have cultivated the love of the beautiful to such an extent that we cannot abide the primitive house and plain appointments, and the most modest demand we make is a picturesque cottage, tasteful furniture and pretty adornments. Because we are so universally estimated by our appearance and style of living, few have the moral courage to limit their expenditures to what they can actually pay for, and for that very reason we find so many beautiful homes passed into other hands, and their once respected and apparently prosperous owners in the desperate attempt to save them are tempted to the crime of forgery or embezzlement. Town and city are almost daily startled with the announcement of the defalcation of some prominent and trusted man, whose first temptation to dishonesty was to gratify the vanity of his present false way of living, in a style, and having things which we cannot afford.

This credit system has a very demoralizing influence. At first we are very sensitive upon the subject of not "paying as we go," but we find so many others living upon the same principle that we try to make ourselves believe it is quite right and instead of practicing self-denial we indulge in "purple and fine linen," have a good time generally and put afar off the evil day of "settling up." Can any one wonder that the cry through the length and breadth of the land is "hard times?" And would not a little of the primitive simplicity so long ignored and despised be good for the individual and the nation?

Little Things.

A kross word iz a little thing, but it iz what stirs up the elephant.

A kind word iz a little thing, but it is just what soothed the sorrows of the aching hev.

An orange peel on the sidewalk iz a little thing, but it haz upset manny a giant.

An oath iz a little thing, but it iz reckoned in the grate ledger in Heaven.

A serpent's fang iz a little thing, but death iz its viktory.

A baby iz a little wee thing, but a constable waz once a baby.

A drop of water iz a little thing, but it makes the burden of the dyeman's prayer in torment.

A hornet's sting iz a little thing, but it sends the school boy home howling.

A star iz a little thing, but it can hold this grate world off its arms.

The tung iz a little thing, but it fills the earth with results.

A dog is a little thing, but the huge krokordile kreeps into life out ov it.

A kiss iz a very little thing, but it betrayed the Saviour of God into the hands ov his enemy.

A spark iz a little thing, but it kan light the poor man's pipe, and save the world from ruin.

The akorn iz a little thing; but the blak bear and his family live in the oak that springs from it.

A word iz a little thing, yet one word hak been menny a man's destiny, for good or for evil.

A penny iz a very little thing, but the interest on it from the day of Adam has purchased buy out the globe.

A lap dog iz a little thing, but he iz a very silly thing besides.

Ommission is a little thing, but it keeps many from pull a dozen aking teeth, or to git married and have your own mother-in-law.

Life iz made up ov little things. Life itself is but a little thing; one breath less, and lo! comes the phuneral.—*Josh Billings.*

Jesus Said.

Only believe.

My burden Is light.

Because I live, ye shall live also.

I am the resurrection and the life.

If a man love Me, he shall keep My words.

I am the good shepherd, and know My sheep.

Neither do I condemn thee; go, and sin no more.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

If any man thirst, let him come unto Me and drink.

Herein is My Father glorified, that you bear much fruit.

The things that are possible with men are possible with God.

Your heavenly father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.

Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Blessed are those servants whom the Lord, when He cometh, shall find watching.

In the world ye shall have tribulation; be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.

Whatsoever ye shall ask in my name that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

I give unto them eternal life, and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of My hand.

Whosoever shall do the will of My Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and my sister and my mother.

Were there not ten cleansed? but where are the nine? There are not found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger.

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