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CHAPTER XIX,

THE TONGUE INSTRUCTED.

Is given, his brother's faults to scan

To search out and subdue thine own

One task is thine-and one alone,

Indulge no murmurings, or refrain

Those lips so ready to complain;

And if they can be numbered, count

Of one day's mercies the amount.

Shun vain discussions, trifling themes,

Let words of meekness, wisdom, love,

Thy heart's true renovation prove.

The time is short," this day may be

The very last assigned to thee;

Set God before thee; every word

And pray unceasingly for aid,

A CRASH IN COPPERS. I was worth forty-five hundred dollars while Bustumups were quoted at tifty. Every day, while they hung at about this figure, I debated with myself the policy of selling, paying my debt, and investing my surplus in some other concern. Perhaps I should have done so, if had known of a company in which I could place entire confidence. I missed Cormorin very

much, for I needed his advice; and had come to regard him as an oracle in the matter of coppers. It looked like mudness to sacrifice a stock which might go up eighty or a hundred, as the Bally back had, and though my debt worried me, I could not make up my mind to let it go. If I could put ten thousand dollars into my pocket my fortune would be made,

for with this sum I could operate on a large scale. There was no danger of another examination my cash at present, and I was secure. But Bustumurs did not advance as rapidly as I wished TROLLOPE CHAPMAN, They bung at about fifty. I was told that parties were investigating Practical Bookbinder. the condition of the mine, and tha as soon as they reported, the stock Descriptions of Binding world go up as rapidly as Bally-Account Books of all Kinds Made to

back had done. I was willing to wait patiently for a week or two, while the stock about held its own. Its trifling fluctuations up and who worked it convinced me that these were only accidental changes. Though I saw my uncle every Ruling Promptly Attended to. day, he did not allude to his own villainy, and I was prudent enough to wait until I was out of the

woods before I did so. In the course of a couple, of weeks, when I had my ten thousand dollars, I intended to resign my position, and then I could afford to express my mind very freely to Captain Halliard. With ten thousand dollars in my exchanger, I could go into any business that suited me, and INSURANCE COMPANY make money enough to support me in a style becoming my abilities.

I still had strong hopes that the fortune of Aunt Ruchel would be \$600,000 | rapidly regaining her health, and l determined to improve my chances The Travelers is a STOCK COMthe Low Rate all-cash plan. No unthe largest Accident Insurance Com-

as soon as she was able. pany in the world, having written The game was becoming intensely day from the time she arrived. exciting. Another week or so

would realize all my hopes. I TOB PRINTING of all kinds | should be free and safe. cheerful condition Aunt Rachel sixty the stock went down to fifty- in dread of the calamity that im- as my wife was a burden in the neatly and promptly executed at the sent for me, and I hastened to five in one day, but it immediately pended. While I was thinking maternal home. Springhaven, for I could not afford rallied, and those who managed it what to do, my uncle came into the I I could not face the emergency, Springhaven, for I could not amora ramed, and those who managed it to neglect her summons. She was assured me it was only because bank. He was a cold-blooded I was determined to place myself. "I can't go and leave this house, Oddfellows as individuals, and the ready to go home with me, and she money was a little tight, and a con- wretch, but he was afraid of me. Needbam street. The old lady was been forced upon the market. I of course, I expected he would.

Guard well thy lips; none, none can lived in elegant style, as she was myself that I would on the first appleased to express it; but then she pearance of a decline. What evils from the tongue may flow; regarded the salary I received, which was double what her minis-

What guilt, what grief may be incurred By one incautious, hasty word ter had, as princely in itself. Simple as was her views of economy, Be "Slow to Speak," look well within To check what there may lead to sin; gance. Lilian understood the mat-Lest unawares thou be betrayed. ter perfectly, and was all tenderness "Condemn not," "Judge not,"-not to

One morning, after she had been at our house three days, Aunt go up and down by turns. Wait Rachel asked me if I knew a cer- till day after to morrow, at least." was an attorney of the old school, a fever of anxiety about my Bust-Dwell not on earthly hopes or schemes her will while she was thus kindly down under the influence of various disposed towards me. She begged | rumors, good and bad, and no one me to see the old gentleman, and could foresee the end. ask him to call upon her during Thy lips pronounce by him is heard;

What care, what caution, would be the forenoon. as I was going out. "I see him nearly every day." So speak that should'st thou ne'er speak "I wonder he has not been up

to see me yet," added the old lady. Thou mayest not this day's words I did not wonder. I had not taken the trouble to tell him that Aunt Rachel was at my house. "Do you wish to see him!" I other. "The Ballyhack mind

" Not particularly. He has done onsiderable business for me." "I know it. He did some you while you were sick." "Did he?"

" He made me pay the thousand lollars I borrowed of you. " What, Captain Halliard !" exclaimed the old lady. " He did."

"Why, I didn't tell him to

"I know you didn't, but showed me a power of attorney from you, and I couldn't have helped myself if I had wished to do so but I paid it, and it's of no const mence now.

"I didn't mean you should that money. I shouldn't have cried if you had never paid it. I'll with Squire Townsend about Couldn't you take care of my property for me just as well as your

"Well, I suppose I could," I re plied, rather indifferently. "I never liked your uncle very well. He is too sharp for the.

see what can be done.' " I wouldn't say anything abou neddling with Captain Halliard, at present," I suggested, for I was

somewhat afraid of him myself. " I'll see about it; but I didn't mean he should trouble you about

him at present. I went to the office producing metal and paying hand- tors, as long as my uncle knew it. of Squire Townsend, on my way some dividends. The other com- I felt as though I was living on a that she intended to make a will, fer for my stock, and found that it truth to Mr. Bristlebach. in order to have the instrument Indeed, it could not be sold at any day, so that I could not go to the I explained the matter to her. drawn up by her old friend. | price. In a word, the five thous- bank, my false entries might be Everything looked rosy to me, for and dollars I had borrowed from detected. Even while I was in Paley ? the old lady would certainly leave the bank was a total loss.

whole, of her worldly wealth. noon I learned that Squire Towns a week before, I might have paid year or more without discovery end had spent a couple of hours my debt and had five thousand dol- though the chances were apparently with Aunt Rachel, but Lilian had not heard a word that passed be-

ous to know where they had gone,) ces: What should I do? though I concluded that it was I went back to the bank and re- whether or not I should take the only to the office of her old friend sumed my place at the counter, and chances of detection until the posfor the purpose of having the will did my work till the bank closed, session of her money enabled properly signed and witnessed. sustained by the brandy I had to set myself right with the bank. Now, as always before. Aunt drank. I tried to devise some plan My aunt's health was so much as soon as I could. On the follow- Ruchel kept her own counsel. She by which I could conceal my deficit improved that I could not reasonian down to Springhaven with me, or what she intended to do with ing satisfactory. An examination some time. In a week, a month, a that her whole soul seemed to be valuable allies in this war of and we both used our best efforts her property. She was true to her of the affairs at the bank was sure year—but be it sooner or later, it shine out through them. to win her regard. I took her out antecedents, and during the re to betray me. I was tempted to was sure to come -my deficit would to ride, I read to her, and the old mainder of her stay she never men- commit suicide, as others have done be exposed. It might be discoverlady seemed as fond of me as when tioned the nature of her business under the same pressure of guilt. ed while I was at home, or at least soon as I should be obliged to been started in the town of Guelph. PANY and writes Life Policies upon I was a boy. I was her only with Squire Townsend, as she in- I thought of my wife and my before I had any suspicion that I nephew, and it had been often re- variably called him. She said a eyes filled with tears, as I pictured was in peril. I should have no ported that I was to be her heir, good deal about the worthy lawyer's the fall to which she would be sub time to provide for my own safety. mium at the outset; equivalent to a though on what authority I did not history, and told stories about him jected. It was ruin to her as well I was liable to be arrested in my "dividend" in advance. The Trav- know. I invited her to spend a at school. She was glad to meet as to me. What would she do, own house, without any warning, week or a month at my house in him once more before she left the while I was thinking of her in my and then nothing could save me offer, from a concern in New York Boston, and she promised to do so world, but she did not hint that narrow cell in the State prison? from a term in the State prison. she had special business with him. The thought was madness to me. I. The cold sweat dropped from my A rumor that the parties who The old lady staid her week out, swore this should never be. She brow as I thought of this fearful

were investigating the condition of and then said she must go home. should not be the widow of a living contingency. I should not have a the mine intended to make a favor- She did not think the city agreed man who could not support her, moment for preparation; an opporable report sent Bustumups to fifty- with her. She did not sleep as who could give her nothing but a tunity to take the first train defive, and I was very happy. I was well nights as at Springhaven. legacy of disgrace. worth nearly six thousand dollars. Both Lilian and I pressed her to At the end of another week the remain longer, and promised to do of being confined in the prisoner's the city. Cold irons on my wrists, stock went up to sixty, and the everything we could to make her dock, with all my former friends a gloomy dungeon for my restingbalance of worldly wealth in my happy, but she was resolute, and I and enemies staring at me. I place, with the loathing and confavor was seven thousand dollars. attended her home, a week to a

While everything was in this began to look a little shaky. From survive the crash. I could not live not cease to reproach her, as lon accompanied me to my house in siderable portion of the stock had

a little surprised to find that I proposed to sell, as I had promised

"Don't do it," said the operator deep, Paley," said Captain Halliard "Wait three days, and you can take sixty, if not sixty-five, for your stock. If you crowd it upon the market at once, you will drive it down, and cheat yourself out of twelve hundred dollars." " But it looks shaky," I pleaded.

"The best stocks in the market tain Squire Townsend, a lawyer, I did wait, because I did not like wily man of the world, rubbing his whom the old lady had been ac to have twenty-five hundred dollars hands, to indicate that he was too quainted with in the early years of taken out of my pocket at one her life. I had heard of him. He swoop. Two days after, I was in and I hoped she intended to make umups. They had gone up and

Halliard, Paley?" asked my aunt, me. Men spoke to me, and called you have been trapped, Paley. me by name. I replied mechanically, but I could not tell a moment

later who had spoken to-me. "But they are a fraud," said gentleman, seating himself at the table next to mine. "Certainly they are," replied

produced some copper; but they say there is not a particle of metal on the Bustumup track-not an ounce! The managers of this af fair ought to be indicted and sen to the State prison.' " Merciful heavens!" I ejaculat-

ed to myself, "I am ruined "Ballyhack has gone down to forty within half an hour," added one of the gentlemen.

" I heard a man offer Bustumup just now for twenty, and people laughed at him," added the other. "I don't believe they will bring

is an unmitigated swindle."

promises that I should sell at sixty trouble me half so much as the were simply designing knaves, who fear of detection. had fraudulently worked this stock up to sixty, while there was not a dollars. I had "tinkered"

penny of real value in it.

thought of facing my uncle after he tempt of my fellow-men, were all had been called upon to pay the that would be left to me then. bond; of meeting Buckleton, Shay- Lilian, whom I loved with all my During the week that Aunt top, and others to whom I had talk- soul, would be reduced to despair. Ruchel was with me, Bustumups ed so magnificently. I could not My savage mother-in law would He began to talk of coppers, as,

"I hope you are not in very after he had stated the question in reference to the copper stocks. "Not very, but I am bitten somewhat," I replied, trying to look cheerful, for I could not think

of exhibiting to the enemy the state of my affairs. "Did you own any coppers, uncle !" "No: not a copper. I had some but I got rid of them," replied the shrewd to be involved in any specu

lation that could possibly miscarry. "You are fortunate." "Speculation is just as much trade as any other branch of human. industry. It requires brains, forethought, coolness. Novices should

"I'm not badly hurt, though of course the small loss I have experienced must make some difference in my future arrangements. by the way, I should like to avail myself of your kind offer.

"What was that?" he asked rather blandly. "You offered to lend me mone f I was short."

" Just 80." " I want a thousand dollars. "Of course you mean of your aunt's money? "It won't make much difference

to me whose money it is, if I only "You shalf have the thousand ing. I must prepare Lilian for a thousand francs, which the Queen you paid me on her account."

" Very well, sir." amount, and I wrote a note for payable to my aunt. The captain wished to ascertain how much I "Probably not. There is not a had lost by the copper explosion, dollar of value in them. The thing but I evaded a definite answer, and intimated that I was bitten to the The whole of the savage truth extent of only a few hundred dolwas poured into my ears. A mo- lars. I had now a thousand dolment later, I heard some one say lars in my pocket, besides about a when I thought what she would be that the managers of the Bustumup hundred in my possession before, if the world knew the whole truth of society than the large number of Company had found it convenient I felt a little easier, though the ter- in regard to my affairs. to disappear. I was almost a ma. rible pressure of my load still restgan to look shaky. The villains upon the guilt of my conduct, for pose. who had comforted me and made really the guilt at that time did not

I owed the bank eight thousand books so as to account for the defi-The first shock bore heavily upon | ciency, but the record would not me, but I soon recovered in some bear a very close examination. measure from its effect. I went The fact that I was mixed up in that money. He'd no business to into the street, and inquired for these miserable copper stock specudo it, and I shall tell him so when myself in regard to the coppers. lations was quite enough to excite There were two or three substan- suspicion, for I could not hope that I did not intend she should see tial companies which were actually the fact was unknown to the direcdown town, and left a message for panies were swindles; and Bustum- powder mugazine which might exhim to call upon my aunt. I was up was the most egregious humbug plode at any instant. The slight ing papers, in which the bursting down troubled me, but the parties fully persuaded in my own mind of the whole. I tried to get an of- est accident might reveal the whole of the coppers bubble was fully de- those for whom he is responsible

the daily discharge of my duties, me the larger portion, if not the I will not attempt to describe the president or the cashier might the misery into which I was sud- be tempted to examine my accounts When I went home in the after- denly plunged. If I sold my stock On the other hand, I might go lars left. Now I was a defaulter all against me. If I ran the risk in the sum of eight thousand dol- of the future, I should live in contween them. Then the Squire had lars. It was horrible to think of. stant terror of an explosion. The called a carriage, and they had gone There was no possible way, that I death of Aunt Rachel, I confidently off together. I was not very anxi- could see, to escape the consequen- believed, would enable me to pay off my debt; and the question was

never told how much she was worth, for a time. I could think of noth- ably expect to have her money for

parting from the city or even to My pride rebelled an I thought | hide myself in the idark places

> awful crash. I was resolved that rent while I am gone." Lilian, whatever she might think

f of me, should never be compelled CHAPTER XX. to look in upon her husband through THE LAST STEP.

> make such arrangements as I pleas-lother day. "The idea of saying ing. It seemed to me than that I did you not say you didn't like it, I had decided to save myself from That's what I always do." the consequences of one tremendous | " Well, it was true," replied the error, by plunging into another. other. "I couldn't afford it." It Of course I could not flee from was too dear for any but a rich per-Boston with only a thousand dol- son.

lars in my pocket. I am surprised The two passed on, the girl who now when I consider how easy it had been so "awfully ashamed" of was for me to think of taking from the other not knowing that she had the bank no less a sum than thirty blushed for a declaration which, thousand dollars. I did not now twenty years ago, Her Majesty flatter myself that I intended only Queen Victoria, was not ashamed to borrow the money, though it to make. did occur to me that Aunt Rachel's | In 1856, a French embroiderer,

Before I left the bank that day, I London Universal Exposition, a put in my pocket ten thousand magnificent India muslin robe, I went into a saloon nearly filled be cautious how they venture be dollars, so that if my errors were worked most elaborately in lace with people, and there was a con- youd their debt, for they are al- immediately discovered, I should stitch. "Do you see much of Captain fused jabber of tongues all around most sure to be bitten. I am sorry not be wholly unprovided for. 1 Queen Victoria greatly admired I went to a broker, where I was it, and asked the price. "Eight

not known, and bought a thousand thousand francs, your Majesty," repounds in gold, which I carried plied the French woman, with a some in a small valise I purchased courtesy. Eight thousand france for future use. I concealed the is about sixteen hundred dollars in gold in my chamber ready for the our money. final move when I should be required to make it. I was intense- is too expensive for me. I cannot ly excited by the resolution I-had afford it. Make me one in the taken, and my thoughts seemed to same style which you can sell for move with tremendous rapidity, three thousand francs, and I will I had decided upon the precise plan buy it of you." I intended to follow; but, of course, Of course this much more modest

it was necessary for me to move robe was made for Her Majesty. with the utmost circumspection. must leave Boston the next even- possessor of the dress worth eight great change in her future. I must of England could not afford.

complete my arrangements. I composed myself as well as I could, and went down to dinner. Lilian was as cheerful as she always was when I came into the bouse, and it al most started the tears in my eyes

"Lilian, I have been unfortunate | but more especially in the latter, I cursed my folly because I ed heavily upon me. I am not to-day," I began, as a suitable in that subscribe to no paper of any

has happened ?" she asked. ping her pretty chin and her

and fork at the same time. "I have lost a good "Lost a good deal of money?"

" Yes, a large amount." "Why, Paley !" " Don't look so sad, Lilian. you, I need not complain." "But how did you lose

By the fall of stocks. I showed her one of the evenand that she had come up to Boston | would not bring a dollar a share. If I should happen to be sick a but she could not understand it, and ledge of the indving panorams in

"You havn't lost all-have you, "No, not all, my dear. But I change says that a new and dehave something else to tell you. structive insect pest has recently

Paris for a year or two?" face lighting up with pleasure. we may go to other parts of the small fly which destroys the

things !/ I have always thought if makes mincement of the rose, and world. But what do you mean, carrying on business fery actively. Paley? You surely do not intend Now is the time for the gardeners to go to Paris? " I am thinking of it."

ed, opening her bright eyes so wide after. The birds will be found to ink you would not be able to go so

could only go!" she replied with to act as its fluancial agent in

"O, I would go to-night, if

" Accept it, Paley -do accept I shall be so happy if I can only "I don't know certainly that can have the position, but I am pretty confident that I can.

"Don't refuse it, Paley. difficulties in the way," I suggest-

" But we must mind them." "Well, what are they ?" "In the first place we must

I am ready to go to night."

"Can't Afford It."

"Ob, I was so awfully ashamed the bars of a prison-cell. Before of you !" said one American girl the discovery of the deficit, I could to another as she left a store the Afterwards, I could do noth- (right out, " I can't afford it !' Wi y had not a day or an hour to spare. for that it was not handsome enough?

fortune would, in part, pay my debt. | Madam Sacyant, exhibited at the

The Queen smiled and said: "It

But shortly afterwards one of our I had only a day to spare for we American ladies became the proud

lay my plans so as not to excite a I wish we were all as sensible as He gave me his check for the breath of suspicion in any one, that good Queen Victoria, who especially at the bank. I had knew, despite the depth of her hardly twenty-four hours left to purse, that it had a bottom, and that we were not so "awfully ashamed" to make our expenses

Without a Newspaper. Nothing presents a sadder commentary upon the present condition families, both in town and country.

had not sold my stock when it be disposed to moralize in this place troduction to the plan I had to pro- kind. Hundreds and thousands of families are thus growing up utter-"Unfortunate! Dear me! What ly ignorant of what is transpiring drop in the world around them-ignorknife ant of the mighty events of the day. But who can tell the vest amount of injury that is being inflicted on the rising generation—those who are to take our place in the busy world at no distant day-growing up without any knowledge of the present, or any study of the past, this ignorance, too, being imbued into them by the sanction of those who should, and doubtless do, know befter, did they only think of the injurious effects of their insune course. Let the head of every family think of this, and place in the hands of

INSECT PESTS -A western |ex-How would you like to live in made its appearance in gardens in town, namely, alfly which destroys "In Paris!" exclaimed she, her the tomato plant by attacking the leaves. The potato beetle has made "In Paris, Lilian; and perhaps itsappearance; the cucumber beetle, "O, I should like it above all caterpillar, the green fly which could ever go to Europe, I should the curculio, which is the enemy of the happiest woman in the the plum trees, all are here, and and farmers to wage war against the insect pests, every insect now "Are you, really ?" she continu- destroyed being as thousands here-

-A patent harrel factory has -An exchange remarks that pressure is being brought to bear upon the Toronto, Grey and Bruce Railway Company by the townships along the line to induce the Company to change the present harrow gange to that of the lending trunk lines. - It is proposed also to extend the line to Wingham. Various municipalities promise to bonus the road liberally should the improvements be under-

-- The Oddfellows of the town of Stratford form a very important But there are a great many | portion of the community. Numbering 278, their assessment, according to the town roll, amounts O, never mind the difficulties!" to \$426,845. Of this \$309,970 represents the assessed value of property owned by members, and go 13416,875 assessment of members New York to-morrow night." _ | os tenants or occupiers. Their "We can do that well enough. magnificent building is assessed in \$18,000. The total taxes paid property, amounts to one-fifth of the town revenue.