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YOUNG FOLKS CORNER.

Jack Tar and the Temperance Folks.

He chinked his money and he drank his gin,
And he felt at the time so jolly
That he cared not so much as the point of a pin,
For the temperance folks and their folly.

Gin slipped down easy and the bag grew light,
And the barkeeper's greedy eyes glistened,
And Jack reeled yarns of the places he had seen,
And the greedy crowd drank and listened.

But when Jack found that his tables had turned,
And the man at the bar chinked the money,
And not one remained of the dimes he had earned,
Oh, then life was not quite so funny.

And he felt of the bag where his money had been,
And he thought, "Ah, indeed! it's sorrfully
For the temperance folk to cry against gin
That has robbed me of all that is jolly."

"Only Five Minutes."

'You've been stopping on the way, Tom,' said a poor widow to her son as he gave her the article he had been sent for. 'Why don't you come straight home, when you know my time's so precious?'

'I did so, mother, until I got to Mr. Gaskill's,' he replied, 'and then I stayed to have a look through the windows for only five minutes.'

'Only five minutes,' repeated the widow, 'means a good deal when you come to reckon them all up.'

Tom Price looked at his mother as if he did not understand her.

'Just reach down your slate,' added the widow, 'and then you'll see what I mean.'

Tom had his slate on his knee in a twinkling.

'What am I to put down, mother?'

'Well, begin with five, and then tell me how many minutes you waste in a day.'

Tom wrote the figures, scratched his head and looked into the fire.

'Would thirty be too many?' asked his mother.

'Very well,' continued Mrs. Price, 'there are three hundred and sixty days in a year, and half an hour for each day gives you a total of one hundred and eighty-two and a half hours, or upwards of fifteen days of twelve hours each, lost in twelve months.'

Tom Price put his pencil between his lips and stared at the sum before him.

'Suppose you put down two hours for each day instead of thirty minutes,' added his mother; 'that will show a loss of more than sixty days in the year.'

Tom Price was a sharp lad, and soon proved the truth of the widow's statement.

'So it does, mother,' he said.

'But when I send you for anything I want, and you stay loitering in the streets, my time has to be reckoned up as well as yours, hasn't it?'

Of course Tom could not deny that.

'Then try and remember,' said the widow, 'what a serious loss even five minutes are to me. You know, my boy, how very hard I have to work to pay rent, buy bread and keep you at school, so you should endeavor to help rather than to hinder your poor mother.'

'I'll run all the way the next time I go,' said Tom.

'No, no; I don't want you to do that. I only want you to bear in mind that our lives are made up of those same minutes, and that we can not afford to throw them away just as we please.'

Like a sensible little fellow, Tom Price took his mother's lesson to heart, and it was a long, long time before he was again heard to use the words, 'Only five minutes.'

Farmers' Sons.

The grandest product of the farm is the boys and girls. In every avenue of life where thrift, capacity, and energy are required, the man who pushes to the front is the son of the farmer. He has the intelligence. There is a sort of broad common-sense running through his acts. He has a constitution that can endure labor. It is a notable fact that in the colleges of our country the best students are the boys from the farm. In the work-shops, in the halls of legislation, at the bar, on the forum, in the pulpit, ninety-nine hundredths of the men who stand upon the summit were once boys on the farm. They were barefooted, wore patched clothing, and worked for their bread. Most one-half of the people of this country reside in town. Where are the town boys in the race of life? Fooling, curling their hair, and polishing their boots, while the rough country boy is plunging barefooted along the road to fame. With a hook under one arm, and a few extra clothes in his hand, he passes the elegant home of the town boy and looks in on ease and luxury almost for the first time. He may be called a tramp and refused a crust of bread; one day he will return and buy that mortgage-covered house, and become the honored citizen of that town. Where did that boy get his noble purpose and his unfaltering courage? They were born to him on the farm; they were woven into his fibre by early years of toil; the warp and woof of his life are threads of gold.

A Good Example.

A poor boy once went to a ragged school, where his face was well washed. When he returned home, the neighbors looked at him with astonishment.

They said, 'That looks like Tom Rogers, and yet it can't be, for he is so clean.'

Presently his mother looked at him, and seeing that his face was so clean, she fancied that her own face was dirty, and forthwith she washed it.

The fatherwoon came home from his work, and, seeing his wife and son so clean, he thought that his face was dirty, and so he followed their example.

Father, mother, and son, being clean, the mother began to think that the room looked dirty, so she went down on her knees and scrubbed the floor clean.

A woman living next door, seeing so great a change in her neighbors, thought that her face and her room were very dirty, so she, too, speedily set about cleaning them.

This story shows how two houses and their occupants were made tidy and comfortable, simply by the example of the clean face of one ragged boy.

Words of Wisdom.

Have not the cloak to make when it begins to rain.

Like good cloth, true manhood shrinks at nothing.

Mean souls, like mean pictures, are often found in good looking frames.

When a man's temper gets the best of him, it reveals the worst of him.

He who talks but little may be suspected of knowing more than he says.

Contempt is like the hot iron that brands criminals; its impress is always indelible.

Acts, looks, works, steps, form the alphabet by which you may spell character.

Be grateful for small benefits; it shows that you estimate men's minds, not their trade.

That laughter costs too much which is purchased by the sacrifice of decency and propriety.

The divinity of charity consists in relieving a man's needs before they are forced upon us.

Those are the best instructors that teach in their lives, and prove their words by their action.

In matters of conscience first thoughts are best; in matters of prudence last thoughts are best.

Cunning and greedy people rarely gain much; and ungrateful ones are generally punished in the end.

Have the courage to be ignorant of a great number of things in order to avoid the calamity of being ignorant of everything.

Before you go to law consider well the cost; for if you win your suit, and poorer than before, what do you accomplish?

There are pearl gatherers and dirt gatherers. The latter have by far the largest cargo, but the lawful of the former outweighs it in value.

Not that which goes into the mouth desecrates a man, but that which comes out of it, such as scurrilous, bitter jests, mocks and taunts, and ill natured observations.

Conundrums.

Why is a door like a colored woman? It's an egress.

How did Queen Elizabeth take her pills? In cider.

When is music like oysters? When there is a quart eat.

What animal comes down from the clouds? Rain, deer.

What holds all the snuff in the world? No one nose.

What relation to the door is the door mat? Astep farther.

How did Adam and Eve get out of Eden? They were snaked out.

Why is a lazy young dog like an inclined plane? It's a slow-pup.

"When will there be only twenty-five letters in the alphabet?" asked the bachelor teacher. "When U & I R made I," answered the girl pupil.

Little Robbie went to a show for the first time in his life. When he came home his mother asked him what he had seen. "A animal prant, mamma, that gobbled hay with his front tail."

The man who talk about ceasing to patronize a newspaper which does not agree with them, though it gives all the news, are man whose patronage helps no newspaper. Most of them do not know how to read.—*Hamilton Times.*

It was on a railroad train, and politics had given way to theology, and the young man with a turban hat had the floor and was denouncing the old-fashioned idea of hell: "I tell you," he cried, "man was never intended for such a fiendish punishment. God never made me for kindling wood." "Reckon not," said the old parson, back near the stove. "Too green."

The following which we clip from an exchange, is, we think, the biggest lie on record:

Two men were disputing about the merits of the salve they had for sale. One of them to demonstrate that his salve was superior to all other's, cut off a dog's tail, and in the presence of spectators applied some of his salve to the stump and a new tail immediately grew on. The other man took up the dog's tail that had been cut off, put some of his salve on the raw end and a new dog immediately grew on, and at last accounts the men were quarreling about who owned the second dog.

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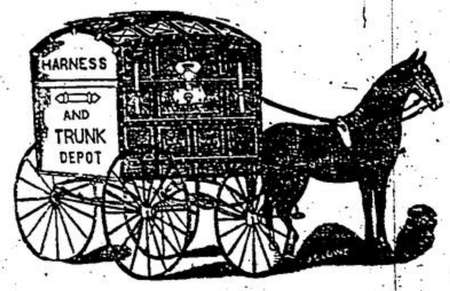

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