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YOUNG FOLKS CORNER.

THE LITTLE CONQUEROR

"Twas midnight; not a sound was heard! Within the—!—Papa! won't you look At me my poor little book? I wif on wouldn't read no book!"

"Within the palace, where the king, Upon his couch in anguish lay, 'Twas I!—Papa! I sin't cum An' have a little tenty play!"

"No gentle hand was there to bring The cool delight of lathie his law; His mother, and his pa's gone!"

"'Tum, papa, tum! I want no sue!" Dowd goes the book with needless face, And with expression free from mild, What sellers call and clouded love, I set myself beside the child.

Her little trusting eyes of blue, With most surprise gazed in my face, At it, in its expression, stern Reproach and censure she could trace.

And her little bonny lace, Her may lin begins to cift; And, with a quieting chin, the sole; "Papa don't fur 'tittle dici!"

King, palace, book—all are forgot, The thunder cloud did serve, and lo! Tears fall and mingle with her own."

Maxims for Boys in Business

Be entirely honest. Do not deal in injurious or useless things just because they yield a large "profit." Keep the Sabbath. Make or cultivate the things, or work at only the occupations that are helpful and not harmful. If you have lived upon an honest trade or good business, the following maxims may help you:

"Don't give up a small business till you see that a large one will pay better. Even crumple are bread. Better a little furniture than an empty house. In these hard times he who can sit on a stool and feed himself, would better not move. From bad to worse is poor improvement. A crystal is hard fact, but none at all is harder. Remember, a little trade with profit is better than a large fire that burns you. A great deal of water may be got from a small pipe, if the basket is always there to catch it. Large beans may be caught in small wooden bowls, and stored in a great desert. He who volunteers too much success is in very little."

A Policeman's Testimony.

A number of young men were one day sitting round the fire in the waiting-room at the Norwood Station on the Midland Railway, taking about total abstinence societies. Just then a policeman came in with a prisoner in handcuffs. He listened to the young men's conversation, but did not give any opinion. There was also in the room Mr. Macdonald, a minister of the Gospel, who, hearing what the young men were saying, stepped up to the policeman and said:

"Bro. sir, what have you got to say about temperance?"

The policeman replied:

"Why, all I've got to say is that I never took a testator to York Castle (prison) in my life, nor Wadsworth House of Correction either."

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Slang.

Dear girls: you do not chew tobacco or drink whisky; you are not bent with these temptations.

But are you temperate in all things? Are you temperate in your speech? Do you never use extravagant words or slang phrases?

Don't do it. They are not modest; they are not lady-like. They cultivate a want of reverence for the truth—a want of respect to parents—light estimation of true greatness; fashionable profanity. They are one of the modern improvements for maiming the young, patented by the Devil One. They seem harmless at first, but by and by they eat into the soul—poisoning it with trifling thoughts of God's word, death, and eternity. These develop dunces and lunatics.

Leaves, Plants and Roots,

Here is a remedy for the ill of the flesh and spirit, composed of leaves, plants and roots, which, if taken without a wary face, will make any person respectable and happy:

Leave off smoking and drinking.

Leave off chewing and snuffing.

Leave off swearing.

Plant your pleasure in the home circle.

Plant your business in some honorable employment.

Plant your faith in truth.

Root out your habits in industry.

Root out your feelings in benevolence.

Root out your affections in God.

For directions, see the Holy Scriptures.

Wit and Humor.

All the year round—The earth.

Daybreak is the boss eye-opener.

The best stuff for slippers—Ashes.

First ball of the season—Snow-ball.

A Pacific male—A hen pecked husband.

The funniest part of a dog's tail is the wag.

A dredge is a bivalve, because it is a boister.

A squeeze in grain—Treading on a man's corns.

The barber's apprentice is usually a strapping fellow.

A beggar set up business the other day with a sign, "Help Wanted."

When a pretty Irish girl is stolen away, they suspect some Boycotter.

You can deceive your guileless little wife, but her father's wife—never.

Oysters at the north have been frozen in their little beds.

The fellow who picked up the hot penny originated the remark, "All that glitters is not gold."

Words of Wisdom.

Aim at cheerfulness without levity. One to day is worth two to morrow. To live long it is necessary to live slowly.

Every good in man leans on something higher.

A good man will never teach that which he does not believe.

Man's knowledge is but the mirror, his ignorance is the sea.

He who is reckless of the future must have had a desperate past.

Better be upright and want than wicked and have superabundance.

A quarrel is nine times out of ten merely the fermentation of a misunderstanding.

Nothing is so rare as that of acknowledging sincerely that we deserve all that we suffer.

A false friend is like a puddle that only looks bright when the sun shines upon it.

They who are very indulgent to themselves seldom have any consideration for others.

Many have felt the leech upon their backs for the want of a bribe on their tongues.

Ambition is like a wild horse which prances unceasingly until it has thrown off its rider.

When the world has once got hold of a lie it is astonishing how hard it is to get it out of the world.

Speak little, speak truth; spend little, my cash. Better go supineless to bed than run in debt.

In talking, everything is unreasonable that is private to two or three; or to my portion of the company.

Adversity does not take from us our true friends; it only disperses those who pretend to be such.

Caution Recall the Rest.

A correspondent wants to know if we can recall the rest of that beautiful poem commencing—

A former sat in hirsute chair,
Smoking his pipe of clay,
With his feet on the floor, his bare legs away,
Was cleaning the dinner away!

A sweet little girl with fine blue eyes
On her grandfather's knee was catching flies.

It gives us a great deal of pleasure to say we cannot. In the first place, we have not found an easy chair on a sofa. Secondly, no farmer ever left any dinner for his old wife to clear away. Thirdly, there never was a child that could catch flies—we used to try it.

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Teach Your Children to Encounter Troubles.

Would you send a sailor to sea with the assurance that he would always find the ocean as calm as a summer morning?

No more should you start a son or daughter on life's pilgrimage without information that the way is encompassed with difficulties and dangers. Children should be instructed in the skill to avoid these, and in the courage and fortitude to overcome them. Then we should have fewer suicides and fewer furlough endings of human endeavor.

Odd.—A written notice pasted in the window of a store on King street east reads:

WANTED—A COOK, CAPABLE

of washing and ironing.

And a young girl.

Some was pasted a piece of paper over the word and, after which everyone who read the notice wondered what on earth was wanted of a cook capable of washing and ironing a young girl.

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STILL GREATER REDUCTIONS IN PRICES AT THE "RIGHT HOUSE."

Watkins has been busy this week marking down goods to still lower prices. Just see the Black Cashmere, good and wide, all wool fast Fringed-blankets at \$35. 40, \$30, \$20, \$15, \$10, \$8, \$6. His black Cashmere trunks have more than trebled. His blankets have enormous sale. Remember these blankets were bought late in the season after the great fall in prices of blankets, and he has marked them down far below their former prices. His sale of Bed Quilts is also very large. During January he sold over 100 Quilts, and in February he has gone even after ours. The Silks and Velveteens are all new off the spool and style. An immense reduction made on Silks in both black and colors for dress lengths. The flannels are at such low prices as convince you that they cannot be beaten in Hamilton, and they are going off rapidly. Dress Goods are still selling at a great reduction in prices. Just see the Crompton's Countess Corsets at only \$6. 00. The Rising Sun White Cotton at only \$6. 00. The Rising Sun White Cotton is beautiful, fine, well made pools, full yard wide at only 10c. Both light and heavy makes of White Cotton at all prices, from 8c up. Cost's best corset in all sizes, up to 25, at only \$7. 50. The Winona Coat is a guitar of chequered, and Crompton and Dr. Walker's Coats in all marks and styles. Be sure to see Crompton's Countess Corsets at only \$6. 00. The Rising Sun White Cotton is beautiful, fine, well made pools, full yard wide at only 10c. Both light and heavy makes of White Cotton at all prices, from 8c up. Cost's best corset in all sizes, up to 25, at only \$7. 50. The Winona Coat is considered to be the best in the world. The Winona Coat is a guitar of chequered, and Crompton and Dr. Walker's Coats in all marks and styles. Be sure to see Crompton's Countess Corsets at only \$6. 00. The Rising Sun White Cotton is beautiful, fine, well made pools, full yard wide at only 10c. Both light and heavy makes of White Cotton at all prices, from 8c up. 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