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" " "	$1.25
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Poetry.

TOM AND I.

The meadow with its clover sweet,
Stretched far before our view,
The daisies grew beneath our feet,
The hyacinths were blue;
I saw a red head a merry band
Of purple swallows fly,
When we walked through the meadow land
Together, Tom and I.

The fifinot piped amid the sedge,
The blackbird's notes were gay,
On hill and plain, on bough and hedge,
The happy sunshine lay;
He questioned as he held my hand,
I murmured a reply
As we walked through the meadow land
Together Tom and I.

And of the spring has brought since then
The bloom to pear and peach,
The violets to the lovely glen,
The green leaves to the beech,
And scattered with her fairy wand
The gray mists from the sky
Since we walked through that meadow land
Together, Tom and I.

And we have had since that spring day
Our share of gold and ill,
And now, though old and bent and gray,
We're fond, true lovers still.
In perfect faith, and hand in hand,
We wait the parting nigh,
Since we'll meet in the better land
Together, Tom and I

—*Chambers' Journal.*

Select Family Reading.

The Fringed Gentians.

BY L. OGDEN

The way of it was this. Sarah Weller and I each have a class in Sunday School. Of course because I wanted girls they had to give me a class of boys. Not but what I like boys, I love 'em; but boys in Sunday School and out of it are different as hens and bumble-bees. And then Sarah would sit of a Sunday with her seat full of the sweetest, prettiest girls in Pemigewasset looking like peaches and cream, so to speak. They always knew their lessons and when the minister asked any questions they could answer as prettily and promptly as heart could wish. I'd be across the aisle, with my seat not by any means so full, of a wiggling, twisting, uneasy set of restless mortals pinching each other, stepping on each other's toes, roaring out the wrong answer to the minister continually, and threatening to punch each other's heads

The leading spirit of it all was a red head, and it didn't make things any better when the rest of them would remark, *solo voce*, "You red-headed sinner, go home to your dinner," which recommendation he would receive with a sly pin thrust or a punch. Teaching that class wasn't easy work by any means but as a trial and a means of grace it was an electrosilicon success.

Well, one day in November, just after church and before Sunday School, Sarah came up to me and said, "There are fringed gentians over in the swamp by the school house."

"There are!" I cried, for I had never found any, "I'll take my boys and go get some with you."

"Let's take the minister," said she

"I think a minister is too holy to take around gentian hunting," said I. "Besides, they don't like to get their feet wet Now boys do."

"Humph!" said she, "Boys can't talk."

"Can't talk that a wanted on this occasion," I answered "If you've got to take him we will flock by ourselves"

"Pshaw!" said she, "let's all go together."

"Yes," I said, "all together! You and he sit on the bank and repeat

"Blue, blue as though the sky let fall,
A bit of its cerulean wall,"

while the boys and I make a holy show of ourselves wading out in the mud after the bits of "cerulean wall!"

"Well," she said, "you are so good you don't mind making a holy show of your self."

"Ah," said I, "there's a few generally, but in case the spectators get everything"

The delicious air and the soft sky of one autumn day, were so beguiling that I couldn't stand the house any longer

"There isn't a thing more to be done till to morrow," said mother, "and Patience if you want to"

"Mother," said I, "I am going for fringed gentians. Sarah Weller says there are some in the swamp over by the school house."

"But you are not going alone, Patience?"

"No, I'm going to take my hands, school class."

And I did. I gathered them up as I went along Main street, and by the time I got to the forks of the road I had the whole of them

"We are seven!" shouted Jim Doolan with a vault over Deacon Eastman's granite horse posts "Frita, you wild Dutchman, what are you coming for?"

"Fringed gentians of course, you green exile of Erin Aha! White wings they never grow weary," he sang as little Harry Bannigan came flying up the street. "What on earth are you out in a white waist for, Harry? Didn't you know they were called in a month ago?"

"Sure, Mike!" was all Harry's answer as he swept up, but he gave Frita's cap a knock that sent it flying.

"Fortunately the people of Pemigewasset were used to seeing me go up or down the street with those seven unfledged angels hovering around me, so nobody said a word or did aught but smile at us as we sailed by save old Ellen who called out, "Good luck to yo, Miss Patience, with yer byes," and we got to the swamp in fifteen minutes.

"Now, boys, scatter and hunt, and if one of you gets stuck in the mud, shout"

With a whoop and a a halloo they were off, and I skirted the edge hunting on my own account. I found a lovely clump of black alder berries and gathered a nice bunch of them, then a frost-grape vine with its great clusters of tiny grapes clambering over a low dogwood, but no gentians.

Suddenly I saw them, a little bunch of them just a little ways from me on the edge of a bog.

"O the darlings!" I cried and sprang forward. The ground gave way and my foot and leg plunged into that nasty mud up to the knee

I screamed. The boys were over the other side of the swamp. I struggled, but ah me, "the more I tried to pull it out, the more it stuck the faster!" I caught hold of a tussock and tugged, but in vain Then like the ancient Israelites I lifted up my voice and wept,

Suddenly from behind me came a voice a calm, pulpity sort of voice,

"Can I assist you Miss Patience?"

I looked up. There he stood six feet two inches of ministerial dignity.

"Oh, go away!" I cried. "Do go away!"

"Why?" asked he serenely. "I may be too holy to take gentian hunting but it is to be expected that I should pull people out of the ditch, you know. Give me your hand."

"I won't," I cried. "You can just go and hunt up Sarah Weller and talk to her."

"Duty first and pleasure afterwards" said he sweetly. "Besides, as you justly remarked last Sunday, talk isn't what is needed on this interesting occasion. Give me your hand."

I obeyed this time and in a moment more he had me safe on dry land. I looked up at him.

"Oh, won't you please get me those gentians?" I begged.

"No," he answered quietly, "I don't like to get my feet wet," and he raised his hat and walked quietly off

For two minutes I wished I was a boy so that I could stone him. But it was no use, I knew I couldn't hit him. I couldn't hit a barn door, so I sat there and cried for vexation. However, that wouldn't do for long. Delightful as the air was it was a little cool with one foot and leg all mud. I got up and began to walk around the swamp calling the boys as I did so. In a few minutes they heard me and began to gather with much shouting and laughing and exultant waving of treasures.

"Did you get any gentians, Miss Patience?"

"Miss Patience, look at my beauties!"

"And, Miss Patience, look at the beautiful feet on him Faith you'd take him for a mud turtle! Wouldn't you now, Miss Patience?"

"Humph, that's nothing. Wait till you see White Wings. He kept his feet dry and went in with his arms and he's a sight for a circus."

"Ho! Look at Miss Patience's shoe. Did you fall in Miss Patience?"

"Come dip your foot in the brook Miss Patience, and wash off the mud "You'll faint away and we'll have to carry you down Main street if you try to carry all that mud home on your little feet."

"Come on, boys, let's carry her home and the rest of you march ahead singing and playing You tootle like a fife, Jim There's a tin pan will do for a drum, Harry, and we'll all sing Let's sing "Marching through Georgia."

"I sat right down on the fence "You'll do nothing of the kind if I go home with you," I said decidedly

"There's the minister in his carriage Glory! let's ask him to take Miss Patience home"

Before I could stop them they had surrounded and were besieging him

He looked down at them with a malicious twinkle in his gray eyes. "Did Miss Patience send you?" said he.

"No, I didn't," I cried in wrath and shame

"Well, boys," he said. "I am sorry to disappoint you, but Miss Patience will be a great deal less likely to take a cold if she walks home as she is doing now"

I was. I had started the moment he began to speak

"Tell her," he added benignantly, "to put her best foot forward"

I laughed when I heard that mad as I was, but I did put my best foot forward and it wasn't long before I was toasting myself at the fireplace in the south room The boys had each given me a gentian and I sat there in the low chair caressing them. I love the touch of a flower against my cheek and in my fingers. There's nothing but your mother's dear old, soft, wrinkled face that will compare with it There came a step upon the porch and the next moment that minister was before me.

"Sit still," he said and bending over me he filled my lap with those beautiful fringed gentians.

"Oh! oh!" I cried, "but how did you get them without getting your feet wet?"

"Rubber boots" he said quietly "By the way you would find them a great comfort if you are bound to go sky larking with those boys"

"Those boys!" I exclaimed indignantly "Those boys love me, anyway"

"So do other people," said he

I hadn't anything to say to that What could I say? In a moment he went on

"When I was ordained to the ministry a dear old brother admonished me that whatever else I lacked I must have Patience I have found that he was right Will Patience come to me?"

Well, she went

GROWTH OF "CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR."

Christian Endeavor has had a marvelous growth in its fourteen years. It has passed the "big boy" period, and is far on the way to matured manhood Its progress is indicated in the following statistics:

MEMBERSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR

	Societies	Members
In 1881	1	40
In 1882	7	481
In 1883	56	4,879
In 1884	145	9,316
In 1885	253	19,364
In 1886	850	50,000
In 1887	1,111	140,000
In 1889	4,000	400,000
In 1892	7,673	650,000
In 1893	11,013	850,000
In 1894	16,274	1,000,000
In 1894	21,000	1,500,000
In 1895	26,200	1,577,000
In 1894 (on record Jan. 1)	26,741	1,141,166

To this may be justly added hundred denominational organizations of young people that have sprung from the Christian Endeavor idea.

The Christian Endeavor movement has reached most of the Protestant churches. The pastor's study has widened, and the world is welcoming the Christian Endeavor Society.

CYCLING PROVERBS.

Grit makes a man, but mars a bearing.

Neither men nor bicycles steer well with tight heads.

Like a friend in need, the handle-bar is only appreciated when the road is rough.

The world, like a bicycle, would soon come to a stop were it not for the cranks.

Ambition is like a bicycle saddle though much sat upon, it generally manages to be on top.

Politeness is like a pneumatic tire there isn't much in it, but it eases many a jolt in the journey of life.

A pleasant disposition, like oil in a bearing, reduces friction and prevents a world of wear and tear.

THE REMEDIAL USES OF APPLES

From Harper's Bazar.

In all temperate climates the apple grows freely, and might be obtained in practically unlimited quantities. That it is not more used than it is is due to the fact that, being so plenty, it is undervalued. Yet almost every one likes the fruit in some fashion, and it should form a part of at least two meals out of three during the year round; for even when the fresh fruit is not in season, canned, dried, or "evaporated" apples may always be had.

"Chemically," says a writer in the *North American Practitioner*, "the apple is composed of vegetable fibre, albumin, sugar, gum, chlorophyl, malic acid, gallic acid, lime and water. Furthermore, the German analysts say that the apple contains a larger percentage of phosphorus than any other fruit or vegetable. The phosphorus is admirably adapted for renewing the essential nervous matter—*lecithin*—of the brain and spinal cord. It is perhaps for this reason—though but rudely understood—that the old Scandinavian tradition represent the apple as the food of the gods who, when they felt themselves to be growing feeble and infirm, resorted to this fruit to renew their powers of mind and body."

Not only the phosphorus, but the acids of the apple are of singular use for persons of sedentary habits, whose livers are apt to be too slow of action These acids aid the liver in its work of eliminating from the body the noxious matters, which, if retained, would make the brain heavy and dull, or in time, would cause rheumatism, jaundice, or skin eruptions, and other allied troubles.

The malic acid of apples, either raw or cooked, will neutralize any excess of chalky matter engendered by eating too much meat

Ripe apples are probably the least fermentable of all fruits, except the banana For this reason ripe and sound apples may be eaten by most persons in even the hottest weather; but even the apple is safest when cooked.

We have the support of eminent medical authority in saying that the most healthful way to cook apples is to pare and core them, and bake in a moderate oven If the apple is of a quite sour variety it may be necessary to add a little sugar, putting about a saltspoonful in the hollow whence the core was extracted. The next best way to cook them is stewing Contrary to common belief, apples baked in their skins are the least healthful of cooked apples.

TO SECURE OBEDIENCE.

One great secret of good discipline is not to require too much. Recall how irksome the commandments were to ourselves when we were little. Remember what sorry little plagues we sometimes were to our elders, and be patient to these rogues of ours.

Govern by principles, not laws. Where possible, keep your hands off. Better too great freedom than too little. Give a little loophole for disobedience. When the daughter goes to spend the afternoon with a friend, don't mention the precise minute for her to return The constant fear lest she may be five minutes late will mar the visit. Say, rather, "Be at home in time to meet papa with hands and face washed and hair brushed," or, "Remember your music lesson at 5." Then, should the little girl be a few minutes late, it is not disobedience, and punishment need not darken a sunny afternoon.

"Better not" will secure obedience, without punishment, when "must not" and "shall not," attached to a threat, will often fail. Unless self-government is taught, parental discipline is imperfect.

Let the children feel that they are necessary to mamma and papa as helpers, companions and confidants.

If you have a growing boy, take his arm when you walk with him and make much of his strength. Unselfish love cannot be widely severed from obedience.

And, finally, you must be interested in all that interests your children. Never be too busy to listen to long tales of happenings at school. Try to be radiant over the good times coming. "Half of a child's happiness consists in anticipation A promised treat next week will keep up a pleasurable excitement that will color with rosy hues the ordinary humdrum life of every day Harper's Bazar

MOTHER'S BIBLE

It is never wise to censure people until you fully understand what you are talking about. Here is a subject to the point.

"What is the meaning of this?" said a minister, coming into a house and taking up a tattered copy of part of the Scriptures. "I don't like to see God's word used so" for, indeed, the book had been torn right in two.

"Oh, sir," said the owner of the half Bible, "do not scold until you hear how it came to be thus! That was my mother's Bible When she died I could not part with it and my brother could not part with it, and we just cut it in two, and his half has been the power of God unto salvation to his soul, and my half has been the power of God unto salvation to mine."

What a change came over the good man's countenance after this more than satisfactory explanation! And he left more than ever convinced that there is a mighty transforming power in God's word.

Children's Friend.

THE GREATEST TRADER IN THE WORLD.

Philip D. Armour, Chicago's richest citizen, is perhaps the greatest trader in the world He is also one of the greatest manufacturers in this or any other country In this capacity alone he employs 12,000 persons, pays $6,000,000 or $7,000,000 yearly in wages, owns 4,000 railway cars which are used in transporting his goods, and has 700 or 800 horses to haul his wagons. Fifty or sixty thousand persons receive direct support from the wages paid in his meat-packing business alone, if we estimate families on the census basis. He is a larger owner of grain elevators than any other individual in either hemisphere, he is the proprietor of a glue factory which turns out a product of 7,000,000 tons a year, and he is actively interested in an important railway enterprise,

It is important to keep the liver and kidneys in good condition. Hood's Sarsaparilla is the remedy for invigorating these organs.

First Tourist—Have you yet beheld the majesty of Niagara? Second Tourist—I Should say I had. He charged me eight dollars for a ride in his hack.

STARTING THE FEEDER.

We never had a coal stove around the house until last Saturday. Have always used pine slabs and pieces of our neighbor's fence. They burn well, too, but the fence got all burned up, and the neighbor said he wouldn't buy a new one, so we went down to Shannon's and got a coal stove

You see, we didn't know anything about coal stoves. We filled the stove about half full of pine fence, and when the stuff got well to going we filled the artesian well on the top with coal. It simmered and spattered about five or ten minutes and all went out, and we put on an overcoat and a pair of buckskin mittens and "went out too"—to supper. We remarked in the course of the frugal meal that Shannon was a "fraud" for recommending such a confounded refrigerator to a man to get warm by.

After supper we took a piece of ice and rubbed our hands warm, and went in where that stove was, resolved to make her drag and burn if it took all the pine fence in the block. Our better half threw a quilt over her, and shiveringly remarked that she never knew what real solid comfort was until she got a coal stove.

Stung by the sarcasm in her remark, we turned every dingus on the stove that was moveable, or looked like it had anything to do with the draft, and pretty soon the stove began to heave up heat. It was not long before she spattered like the new Ronald engine. Talk about your heat! In ten minutes that room was as much worse than a Turkish bath as Hades is hotter than Frank Darke's ice house. The perspiration fairly fried out of a tin water cooler in the next room, but we couldn't stop the confounded thing.

We forgot what Shannon told us about the dampers, and she kept a-biling. The only thing we could do was to go to bed, and leave the thing to burn the house up if it wanted to. We stood off with a pole and turned the damper everyway, and at every turn she just sent out heat enough to roast an ox. We went to bed, supposing that the coal would eventually burn out, but about 12 o'clock the whole family had to get up and sit on the back fence.

Finally a man came along who had been brought up among coal stoves, and he put a wet blanket over him and crept up to the stove and turned the proper dingus, and she cooled off, and since that time has been just as comfortable as possible. If you buy a coal stove you want to learn how to engineer it, or you may get roasted.

Regina *Standard.*

HOLD ON, BOYS!

Hold on to virtue—it is above all price to you, in all times and places

Hold on to your good character, for it is, and ever will be your best wealth.

Hold on to your hand when you are about to strike, steal or do an improper act.

Hold on to the truth, for it will serve well, and do you good throughout eternity.

Hold on to your tongue when you are just ready to swear lie, or speak harshly, or use an improper word.

Hold on to your temper when you are angry, excited, or imposed upon, or others angry about you.

Hold on to your heart when evil persons seek your company, and invite you to join their games, mirth and revelry.

Hold on to your good name at all times, for it is much more valuable to you than gold, high place, or fashionable attire

Hold up your hand and give your pledge to God that you will never take a first drink of intoxicants of any kind.

HE FORGOT HIMSELF.

When the new boarder came in to dinner it was rather late. Only one or two were at the table beside the landlady. He spoke to no one until the waiter laid a plate of meat before him and then he burst out.

"Great Boots! Do you call this a dinner fit for a civilized man? Why on earth don't you get some victuals fit to eat? What do you call this carrion here"——

He did not finish his question, for as his eye swept up to the head of the table he caught the landlady's stern glance, and she interrupted him with anger in her tones:

"What do you mean, sir, by such questions? I'd have you know that I'm not accustomed to hear such uncalled for criticism of my table, and I won't have it. If you don't like the food, and if you can't behave yourself, you can hunt another boarding-place and do it right away"

The complainant quailed under this rebuke and replied submissively

"I beg your pardon ma'am indeed I do I forgot for the moment that I was away from home and thought I was talking to my wife. It shan't occur again."

TEMPRANCE SAFEGUARDS

A young man of our acquaintance passed through many temptations in town and city, in college and in university, and never formed the drinking taste or habit The secret of his safety lay in the fact that he was taught, from his earliest years, not only temperance principles but to hate liquor in every shape The power of early education is great, and is an important factor in the temperance reform Mothers and fathers who begin in childhood to teach their children the evil effects of strong drink and who create in them a disgust for it, and who follow up their precepts by prayers and example, have little reason to fear they will go back upon their training, or fall into intemperate ways. Intelligent and persistent home instruction and example are among the best and safest temperance safeguards ever invented.—*Presbyterian.*

HISTORICAL.

The Argand lamp was the invention of Argand in 1789.

Cannon were invented in 1330, were used by the Turks at Adrianople in 1453, and were made in England in 1547.

President Lincoln was assassinated at Ford's theatre, Washington, at 10 o'clock p. m., April 14, 1865, by J. J. Wilkes Booth.

Brass pins were first made by the Saracens in Spain, in A. D., 800, and were brought to England by Katherine of Arragon, wife of Henry VIII.

The Boston fire in 1872 was the scene of a conflagration so terrible that it burned over 60 acres of massive stone, brick and iron buildings in the very business heart of the community, and destroyed $70,000,000 of property before its awful fury was stayed.

WHEN MITHER'S GANE.

It mak's a change in a' thing roun'
When mither's gane.
The cat has less contented croon,
The kettle has a dowie tune,
There's naething has sae blythe a soon
Sin' mither's gane.

The bairnies gang wi' ragged claes,
Sin' mither's gane.
There's none to mend their broken taes,
Or laugh at a' their jawky ways,
The nichts are lanser than the days,
When mither's gane.

Wha cheers them when there's ocht amiss,
Sin' mither's gane?
Wha tak's their part in that or this,
An' gat o' trouble mak's a bliss,
Wi' kindly word and gudd-night kiss?
Dear mither's gane.

The father's there; but, losh! puir man,
Sin' mither's gane.
Although he does the best he can,
He hasna sick a tender han'
The bottom's out o' nature's plan,
When mither's gane.

Oh! lonely house, oh! empty chair
The mither's gane,
Yet fancy aften sees her there,
Wi' a' the smiles she used to wear,
Whilk brings oo' hearts maist to despair
To think she's gane.

—*Detroit Free Press.*

THE DUTY OF YOUNG PERSONS TO MARRIED PEOPLE.

A little observation will convince any young person that it is important to be able to command the fullest respect and confidence among the home-controllers of his or her acquaintance, for, in our country especially, social success begins and ends in the home, and there is no royal road to the happiness looked forward to by youths and maidens save that which leads through the flowery gateway of a suitable marriage.

It is to married people then that young persons must look for introduction, instruction, and advancement, and from them they must receive almost everything preliminary to a full draft of rational and healthful amusements, pastimes, recreations, as well as all of those broader yet more formal opportunities to see life at its best in the season of greatest receptivity and capacity for enjoyment. This is the practical basis upon which rests the social obligation binding the young to treat married people with a certain formal respect and to concede to them leadership and at least conventional precedence and superiority. The moral obligation holding young people to the strictest reverence of age and wisdom need not be considered here. The rule of social life is that, for all practical purposes, married people are not to be classified by age. What is due to one is due to all. A woman of twenty, married and mistress of a home, is a queen so far as absolute power in that home is concerned. Marriage has invested the twain with a dignity which demands the respect of all the world and has given them an influence in society which can be of immense benefit to their young unmarried friends.

The respect due to married people from young persons, considering it with the most practical view to social economy, and leaving the ethical elements out of sight, is a debt of honor; in paying it youth shows both prudence and fine business tact. It is one of those obligations which when discharged turn themselves into life long annuities of profit. *The Chautauquan*

THE WORK OF DUST.

Dust has a very large share in nearly all the phenomena of the earth's atmosphere. It is what makes the clear sky appear blue; and when we look up into the sky we see the dust in the atmosphere illuminated by the sun. There is nothing else before us that can permit the light to reach the eye. Light goes invisible, straight through all gases, whatever their chemical composition. The dust catches it, and reflects it in every direction, and so causes the whole atmosphere to appear clear, in the same way that it makes the sunbeam visible in the darkened room. Without dust there would be no blue firmament. The sky would be as dark as or darker than we see it in the finest moonless nights. The glowing disk of the sun would stand immediately upon this dark background, and the same sharp contrast would prevail upon the illuminated surface of the earth blinding light, where the sun's rays fall, and deep black shadows where they do not. Only the light of the moon and the stars, which would remain visible in the daytime, would be able to temper this contrast in a slight degree The illumination of the earth's surface would be like that we see with the telescope on the lunar landscapes; for the moon has no atmospheric envelope that holds floating dust We then owe to dust the even moderately tempered daylight, adapted now to our eyes, and it is that which contributes much to the beauty of our landscape scenery

COURTSHIP IN BURMAH

Mr. Mortimer Menpes, in travelling in the east in search of subjects, came upon a curious form of courtship. Sketching one day in Burmah, he noticed a man a little distance off glaring fiercely ahead of him at some object he could not see from his position. The man sat with the same fixed glare the whole of the afternoon and was at it again the next morning. Mr Menpes had the curiosity to ask an English visitor what it meant. The reply was, "Oh, he is in love." And it was explained that this was their method of courting. The object of the man's attentive glare was a girl in a neighboring bazar. When a man falls in love, he has to seat himself at a certain distance from his adored one and waits for her to do the do the rest. If she looks in his direction once or twice on the first or second day, he is wildly encouraged, and if on the third day she nods at him and smiles it is time to go to the parents with reference to the marriage settlements.

SCRAPS OF SCIENCE.

Five volumes of air contain one volume of oxygen.

The moon is apparently brought within fifty miles of the earth by the largest telescope.

The total work performed by the human body during five hours mountain climbing is equal to 1,326,000 foot pounds, not count other forces exerted, which Dr. Buchleister says will run the grand total up to 1,380,000 foot pounds.

Carbonic acid gas, which is ejected in large quantities from the earth, is being utilized in several localities. At Burgbrohl, near Coblentz, a carbonic acid spring opened during boring operations, and which is eight inches wide and thirty or forty feet high, is being used to the impregnation of mineral waters.