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Bread,
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Biscuits,
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Poetry.

WHAT I LIKE.

I'll like to see a man, a man,
And act upright and fair,
And one who ne'er would pass by those
Who need a kind friend's care.
This man will ever lobby stand,
And troubles bravely face,
And foremost ever onward run
In life's long tiring race

I like to see a woman kind,
Nor care if she be fair.
To me the beauty of the mind
Is e'er beyond compare.
The woman who makes truth her guide,
Though young or old she be,
Is of her sex the hope and pride,
And what I like to see

I like to see the children play
In innocence of glee,
As long as mirth earth happy day,
And scenes long gone from me
My childhood's home, my friends so kind,
All now are far away,
But memory brings them to my mind,
When I see children play.

I like to hear the linnets sing
High in the greenwood tree,
Their voices with sweet gladness ring
And fill my heart with glee.
God save the bird its bonny voice
To make the earth more glad,
And, oh! it makes my heart rejoice,
E'en when it seems most sad.

F. J. Dash

Select Family Reading.

The Masquerade

"Three girls domiciled in the next room! There's an end of my writing for one month, at least!"

Kenneth Ross pushed his paper into a confused heap, shut his desk with a vindictive snap, and lighted a cigar

Three chattering, noisy girls, each with a tongue three times its proper length. There's my cousin Flora, Alice Aylmer and Rosa Fernall blue eyes, black eyes and melting gray, by the way, that little monkey Rosa, isn't bad looking I rather fancy that peculiar shade of brown hair. She would make a tolerable study for my next heroine I may as well put her to some useful purpose Hi-ghol I think Aunt Meg was crazy to invite all those girls here at once!

He paused a moment, as the merry peal of girlish laughter echoed to the adjoining department

"They're laughing at me Girls always think a bachelor fair game

Tap! tap! tap! sounded softly on the panel of the door, and he had just time to take his heels off the table before Flora Edgeworth put her head into the room

"Cousin Kenneth, are you there?"

"Well, what's wanting now?"

"May we come in?"

"I may as well say yes"

"I just want the girls to see [illegible] you've got here"

Flora threw open the door and [illegible] for two companions

"Here he is girls the old bachelor as he appears in his native wild"

"Now, young ladies, said Mr Ross, throwing his half smoked cigar out of the window I'll trouble you to be a little less indiscriminating"

For Alice and Flora had pounced on his sheets of loose manuscripts like hungry boys on a bed of heliotrope and were laughing over the illegible chirography Miss Fernall stood near the door, a little confused and very pretty in her blushes and uncertainty

Don't be cross Kenneth said Flora We are going down to the post office now, Rosa Fernall has written a twelve page letter to her sweetheart in Canada"

"Flora!" exclaimed Rosa.

"And," pursued the relentless Flora, "we're going to post it. Come girls"

And Mr Ross was left alone with the heavy musk roses nodding at the open casement, and the dreamy murmur of maple boughs and far off hens in his ear

"A 12 page letter to her sweetheart!" he pondered. "She must have had some thing very interesting to write. Canada, eh? I wish it was Van Diemen's Land!"

Mr Ross rose from his easy-chair, and began to walk up and down the floor

"It's too confounded hot to breathe here" he said impatiently taking up his hat "I'll go and take a tramp in the woods"

Flora Edgeworth had succeeded in planting a rankling thorn in her cousin's breast, all unconscious though she had been there

The sun was low in the sky when Kenneth returned from his abstracted ramble in the woods, and the wide, old fashioned country house was very still, as he ascended toward his own apartment

"Hello!"

Mr Ross seemed recently to [illegible] room with something of the bewildered feeling, that might have belonged to the Eastern Prince, when he found himself transported from pole to pole in an enchanted dream

"I'm in the wrong room I believe for there is Flora Edgeworth's light wrap on the bed, and Rosa's hat and no end of ribbons and gloves and lace collars on the bureau

He balanced the coquettish little hat on his hand

"So this is the fashionable style of chapeau ci'? I wonder now whether Rosa's hat would fit me

Mr Ross adjusted the article jauntily on one side of his curls and viewed himself in the mirror

"I pon my word it don't look so bad And now where's the vague? A little light in the shower, but otherwise quite a decent fit, if a fellow holds his arms well back There's Alice's blue muslin dress I've two minds and a half to put it on, just for the joke of the thing!"

A momentary silence ensued, broken by the rustling of the muslin.

"Can't meet round the waist by a good six inches, but I can hold it up and I wonder what makes the thing drag on the floor and cling round one's legs so! Oh, I know the crinoline ought to go under!"

"I'm not certain but what I should make quite a nice looking woman," mused Kenneth, strutting backward and forward before the mirror. "On the whole Tomb of the Prophet! is that the girls?"

Mr Ross gave a blindly desperate jerk at his "vague," and a pull at the crinoline, but all in vain. The gay voices intermingled here and there with a ringing laugh or a snatch of song drew nearer and nearer For an instant Mr. Ross wildly contemplated a rush through the hall to his own door, but a moment's reflection convinced him that such a retreat would be impossible

"I must stay and face it out!" he thought; "but hold on! there's the clothes. It's just possible they will only stay here a minute or two."

And totally oblivious of the "majesty of man," he fled precipitately into the closet.

"Why the mischief didn't I think to secure the key?" he thought, as the girls streamed into the room "However, I can hold on to the door handle, if anyone attempts to get in. By jove, if the girls should see me in this rig, I should never hear the last of it."

He leaned against the shelves and breathlessly awaited the progress of events.

"Why!" ejaculated a soft voice Rosa's own "where's my hat? Was I careless enough to leave it down stairs? Flora, you have bedded it!"

"I wonder what you'll accuse me of next!" said Flora, in an injured voice.

"You told Mr. Ross that Cousin Simon's letter was to do"

"Your sweetheart! Well, he ought to be, I'm sure. He is the handsomest young man I know."

"Oh, Flora! he don't compare with Mr. Ross."

"Rosa, be honest," said Flora, "which do your like best Cousin Ken or Simon Montrose?"

"Flora."

"Tell me honestly"

The answer came in a low, half inaudible voice.

"Kenneth!"

The heart under Alice's sacque gave a great jump! Mr. Ross' head came in contact with something on the upper shelf, and down came a rain of handboxes on his occiput!

There was an instant's terrific silence, and then the three girls began to scream in chorus.

"How silly we are!" said Rosa tremulously, "its only the cat"

"As if a cat could make such a noise as that!" said Flora. "Call Lucio John! Alice do look and see what it is!"

"No you look!" faltered Alice

"I'll look myself," said Rosa Fernall, bravely advancing to the rescue. But when the door handle refused to turn, even she blanched.

"Some one is holding the door inside Call the men"

"There is no necessity speaks a voice from behind the panels, and the next moment the door flew open, disclosing a tall form in blue, and a countenance whose utter sheepishness can never be described!

"Cousin Ken!" shrieked Flora

"Mr Ross!" faltered Miss Fernall

"Why, it can't be possible!" ejaculated Alice

And then the three girls clung to each other in paroxysms of laughter

"The fact is ladies," commenced Ken neth confusedly, "I Won't some one help me off with this mouse trap? Miss Alice, I'm very sorry, I've split your sacque, but Well, if you won't stop laughing I can't explain, that the long and short of it!"

But Rosa Fernall had stopped laughing already, and the pink of her cheeks was deepening into scarlet She had just remembered the words carelessly spoken not five minutes ago

In an inexplicably short space of time Mr Ross had torn off his feminine adornments, and fled unceremoniously followed by peals of laughter of his cousin and Alice Aylmer Rosa strange piece of contradiction had begun to cry!

"Poor little thing! she's hysterical said Aunt Meg, who had just appeared on the scene.

But Ross was hysterical

The full, delicious moon of summer was in the mid heaven that night, as Kenneth Ross strolled into the garden moodily puffing at a cigar, and contemplating the feasibility of leaving Warburgh to avoid the girls' sarcasm

"I was a fool said he aloud but Who's there?"

It was Rosa, coming from the lower part of the garden By the full, brilliant moon light he saw the traces of tears on her cheek

"Rosa, you have been crying"

"No, I haven't!" And to prove the truth of her assertion Rosa began to cry afresh

"Look here Rosa and the young man gravely, "I have been thinking of leaving Warburgh to morrow"

Rosa cried on

"But," pursued Mr. Ross [illegible] if you'll only tell me to stay for a week or so and you told my cousin when I was hidden away like a foolish rat in a trap Rosa Speak, little one?

"What shall I tell you?" faltered Rosa

"That you love me Oh I you will be my wife"

And she told him in the happiest lovers' test like to ever [illegible] and Mr Ross stayed in Warburgh and braved the ridicule of Alice and Flora, with little Rosa marshalled on his side New York News

BLASTS FROM THE RAM'S HORN

If you are praying for a revival don't do it on a back seat

As long as the devil can make an outsider believe he is as good as a church member he has a sure hold on him.

There are toy many people who never think it worth while to undertake to be religious with their money

The devil never puts on mourning when a stingy man joins the church

A revival is in good condition when, taking up a collection won't chill it

There are so many men who become very pious whenever God gets them in a tight place

The devil has to work very hard to get hold of children who have good mothers

It never pays to do a day's work for the devil, no matter what he may offer to pay you The bank has [illegible] are drawn upon failed long ago

A BEACONSFIELD ANECDOTE.

One day when the late Lord Beaconsfield was walking in his grounds at Hughenden Manor he was accosted by a well known parishioner noted for his ready wit. It being winter time, and the weather unusually severe, the villager, after paying his respects to his lordship, commenced to make an appeal for a little help.

"How often have I told you to be careful and prepare for a rainy day?"

"Ah! that's right enough, so I did my lord," said the ready witted villager, "but then whoever thought of seeing all this snow and hard frost?"

This ready retort had the desired effect.

LIBERAL GIVING.

There is a blessing in store for the liberal giver. But liberality has respect to the spirit and the motive. No matter how large the offering or how great the sacrifice involved, there is no grace in the act if it be done grudgingly, or from an improper motive. Here is an illustration:

When Andrew Fuller went into his native town to collect for the cause of missions, one of his acquaintances said "Well, Andrew, I'll give you five pounds, seeing its you." "No," said Mr Fuller, "I can't take anything for this cause, seeing its for me," and handing the money back. The man felt reproved, but in a moment he said, "Andrew, you are right. Here are ten pounds, saying it is for the Lord Jesus Christ."

This is the thought we should have in every religious offering In making our gifts personal to the Saviour, we will think more of what He did for us how for our sake he became poor, and if this does not make us liberal what will? And then every act of giving will be an act of worship, a means of grace to us, besides advancing Christian work

I have just met with an anecdote about giving which may make it a little easier for some people who have money, to give it without having much fuss made over the method of getting it The anecdote may not be new to all the readers of this paper, and again it may. At any rate, I think it is right to the point and worth repeating Here it is.

There was once more need of money, and the pastor, upon whom too often falls the duty of soliciting it, wended his way to the office of one of his well to do parishioners a merchant to see what he could get from him.

No doubt the man being known to have money to spare had often been visited for a similar purpose, and seeing the minister coming and divining his object, felt a little nettled, as even good men will be now and then, at the prospect of having to part with more of his hard earned cash.

So as the minister entered his office he was greeted in this wise. "Well, I suppose you are out on a begging tour again!"

"Why, no, said the minister, "I am not a beggar to day I am the collector I have information that my Master has money in your hands. He needs some of it to day and I have been sent to collect it for him

"You are mistaken, said the merchant, with a faint smile, "I have nothing for you

"Very well replied the minister, then I will report to my Master, and departed

It is added, that next day the merchant sent the minister collector a check for a hundred dollars.

If the anecdote is true it is to be hoped that especially the last part of it is true For a man wise enough to be a successful business man must, upon reflection, have known how very far from the truth had been his unguarded assertion. "I have no money belonging to your Master *The Witness*

THE USES OF TIME

[illegible] that part of our social [illegible] sustain all others a fixed quantity says an exchange We can have all the time there is, but no more But the example set by some hard workers seems to prove that nothing we command can be in effect so increased

It is an axiom that the more we accomplish the more we can accomplish, though it appears like a paradox The mind that has been so trained to give its undivided power for the time being to whatever it has on hand, can do thorough work and then pass on to the next subject It loses no time by indecision and wavering spirit wondering what it had best take up next. Of all the time wasters, this is one of the worst. One has aptly put it that "a busy man's recreation is more productive than an idle man's work" An ever ready mind will acquire more knowledge by half an hour's reading in a library on just the subjects upon which he wishes information, than an idler will in a day's research. An industrious man seems to strike know ledge on the jump, and he can fill his time so full of useful doings that it resembles an assortment of cutlery from an expert packer. There is no haphazard work in the days of such toilers There is a steadiness of purpose of mind, and of hand that can take up new or unexpected tasks without losing time in fussing and fuming, and then carry them through to success Such workers are generally very quiet about it You hear less of their doings from themselves than from anyone else Their word speaks with a more subtle tongue They do not find fault with or quarrel with their tools and always rejoice in their labors Happy workers are by long odds the most successful ones

It is good to learn in youth the art of making the most of time for it, truly says that "Time is money"

FACTS IN FEW WORDS

England imports $500,000,000 worth of potatoes every year

Twenty million dollars worth of bank notes leave the Bank of England daily

The total cordage required for a first rate man of war weighs about eighty tons and exceeds $10,000 in value

A Tennessee boy had a curious way of proving that he was a child of tender years and entitled to ride at half fare when he whipped the conductor who held a different opinion

The Fates are represented by three sisters, Clotho, Lachesis and Atropos With unwearied fingers they pass their time drawing out the threads of life Clotho holds the spindle or distaff, Lachesis draws out the threads and Atropos cuts them off

MISSIONS IN TURKEY

The eyes of the world have been centered on Turkey since the Armenian massacres more than ever before. All Christendom is aroused Turkey must be evangelized She is not fit to govern Christians There has been a number of agencies at work in the land of the Sultan for several years, and their influence is beginning to be felt Among them are Robert College, in Constantinople, the Girl's College, in the same city Euphrates College, at Harpoot, Central Turkey College, at Aintab, and the Theological Seminary at Marsovan, in Asiatic Turkey. In addition to these there are countless common schools, girls' schools and other educational institutions.

THE LOCAL NEWSPAPER.

All things considered, the newspaper of the smaller city and town has a mission not equalled even by that of the great daily in the largest of our cities. The newspaper in the small place reaches the heart of its readers and keeps in touch with local sentiment as the journal in a large city cannot hope to do. The editor is not a mysterious being, far removed from his fellow townsmen, who have to be reached by a bellboy and a card receiver. His readers know him by sight; he is one of themselves; his interests are their interests.

Just now it is the chief interest of the country outside of the large cities to build up a noble local public spirit. This the local paper can do as nothing else can, and this it is at present accomplishing. The small cities and rural neighborhoods need to be made attractive as places of residence so that they will be a joy perpetual and draw people away from the big cities instead of the big cities drawing people away from them.

Every small city, every neighborhood, needs good streets and roads, good libraries, beautiful landscapes, public improvement societies, first class schools, societies for the learning of civics, good citizenship and good local government. These are things in which every man, woman and child is interested. They are the things in the securing of which the local newspaper can and does aid more than any other agency. Whatever tends to increase the prosperity, refinement and intelligence of the region in which the majority of its readers dwell, that the local newspaper will be found to advocate every time.

It is not a mere medium for the circulation of gossip. It is the herald and promoter to the extent of its circulation of the culture, progress and prosperity of its readers

FARM AND FIRESIDE

Fancy leaves, spread freely among [illegible] and furs, are a protection against moths.

To justify the air in a newly painted room, put several tubs of water in it, and it will absorb the odor

When onions are being cooked the strong disagreeable odor may be lessened by placing vinegar on the stove

Fine shavings from soft pine wood make a pleasant pillow They have special curative virtues for coughs and lung troubles

For catarrh, snuff up considerable salt and water from the hollow of the hand every morning Salt and water used as a gargle just before going to bed strengthens the throat and helps to prevent bronchial troubles, it is also excellent for sore throat

A squeaking gate and a door that sticks Quote more to one than it does to fix

If your collar is damp put a box of corn starch to absorb the moisture It will also serve to prevent foul and unwholesome odors Lime is a great purifier and we are somewhat too chary in its use

Give your farm credit for furnishing you a home, rent free, and for a thousand and one necessaries and luxuries which you would have to pay cash for in a city

There is a vast difference between the flavor of eggs laid by hens that are fed upon clean wholesome food and those that "root about for themselves" in all kinds of filth There is even an observable difference in the color and appearance of eggs after they are broken between those laid by scrubs and those laid by thoroughbred fowls Those who have had no opportunities of comparing may question this, but it is only one of the instances where ignorance is bliss.

VARIETIES.

Begin the day with God
Kneel down to him in prayer
Lift up thy heart to his abode
And seek his love to share
Go through the day with God
What'er thy work may be
Wherever thou art at home or
He still is near to thee

[illegible] sty fingerboard pointing [illegible] eye, "Start now"

One of the things for which we find most fault with people is for not agreeing with us.

The handling of a situation better has a good deal to do with the working of the hinges on the windows of heaven.

One trouble with the church is that there are not enough people in it who are being persecuted for righteousness sake

Bishop Foss says "One of the greatest sources of weakness in the church to day is unconverted church members They dilute its energy fill it with a spirit of worldliness, and act as perpetual drags on the whole of its progress

A clergyman in Maine propounds a query that is peculiar portinent and perplexing "At a pastl lecture people go away from the sale disgusted because all the seats but those miserable pews at the rear are taken and the following Sunday night at the preaching service or prayer meeting those six or eight back pews, which were so undesirable on a week day, are all filled, and those very desirable front seats are empty notwithstanding the polite request of the pastor and of usher to the people to come and occupy them Why is it that folks are so bashful on Sunday and afraid to attract attention, but lose their reticence as a matter of pastime?

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Mamma "Robbie, didn't I tell [illegible] not to go swimming"

Robbie "I didn't swim the other fellows had just all they could do to keep me from drowning

Tired Harry "Lady, could you be a poor fellow a little? I've got a hacking cough and a headache

Mrs Kindlings "Well, I've got a little wood outside you can hack and it might cure your headache

Tired Harry "Much obliged, mum, but yer see my headache ain't of the sphittin kind

Willie's composition on soap "Soap is a kind of stuff made into nice looking cakes that smells good and tastes awful Soap price always tastes the worst when you get it into your eye My father says the Eskimos don't never use soap I wish I was an Eskimoe

Patent Medicine Doctor "Take some of my preparation and you will be cured.

Patient "And then will I look like those men whose pictures appear in the papers?"

"Er yes, I presume so.

"Then I don't want to be cured"

Druggists say that their sales of Hood's Sarsaparilla exceeds those of all others. There is no substitute for Hood's.

VICISSITUDE.

When fades the day's last glimmer
And night o'er earth is drawn,
Somewhere Aurora's kindles
The rosy hue of dawn

When autumn leaves are falling,
And all is brown and bare,
Some far sweet clime doth Flora
Bedeck with blossoms fair

When silent snows are drifting
And block the wintry scene,
Somewhere the birds are singing
In groves of living green

And when some hearts are breaking
And life seems quite forlorn,
To others long remaining
New life with hope is born.

As true as hours have pinions
And seasons swiftly fly,
The night shall yield to morning
And spring come on and on

And though bowed down in sorrow
If we but live aright,
There comes a blessed morrow
Aglean with golden light
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HINTS TO CHURCH MEMBERS.

Religious life needs culture Nourish it by the study of the Bible, by prayer, and by the faithful performance of Christian duty.

Make it a rule to attend at least one devotional meeting a week besides the Sabbath services.

Connect yourself actively with some department of church work

Consecrate to Christ a service something in proportion of your income, as the minimum of your gifts

Keep yourself informed as to the progress of Christ's kingdom throughout the world

Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy

Cultivate, so far as you can, the acquaintance of your fellow members in the house hold of faith

In your business and your recreations, let your light shine While in the world, be not of it

Welcome strangers and introduce them

Strive daily to grow in grace, in knowledge, and in the spirit of obedience to Christ Remember constantly, "Ye are not your own."

Let each individual member of the church make a personal application of the question, "What do you more than others? In what respect does your life rise above the dead level of the world and of a nominal Christianity? By the fact of your church membership you profess more than others what are you doing more than others? The question is a solemn one, the answer involves your present duty and your future destiny

PARENTAL DUTY.

Thousands of kind hearted parents are unconsciously educating their children in habits of selfishness The boy for whom everything is done, and who is not required to do anything for himself or for anybody else, is effectually spoiled for all the higher uses of life unless, indeed, his natural disposition is so kindly as to neutralize the effect of his vicious training. The same remark may be made of the ordinary girl Let the parents who are working and worrying themselves to death in order to exempt their children from the necessity of toil bear this thought in mind Such a policy is essentially cruel Whatever the difficulty of the task children should be taught from their earliest years that they owe something to other people, and should be required according to their ability, to discharge the claim

IF YOU WOULD BE POPULAR

Don't find fault
Don't believe all the evil you hear
Don't gore at anybody's religious belief
Don't be rude to your inferiors in social station
Don't repeat gossip even if it does interest a crowd
Don't underrate anything because you don't possess it
Don't go untidy on the plea that everybody knows you
Don't contradict people, even if you're sure you are right
Don't believe that everybody in the world is happier than you
Don't conclude that you have a set and any opportunities in your life

CUTE HATTIE

Cute Hattie had been [illegible] Mamma "Don't you think that papa that is should [illegible] just as you do mamma and papa?"

Cutie answered nothing Papa repeated the question but still there was no answer from the little girl, who stood with clasped hands gazing out of the window

"See here" exclaimed her father impatiently, "when I speak to you I want you to say something do you hear?

Without turning her head the little girl quietly remarked

"I think it is a very nice day, papa

GOOD READING

Reading is companionship, education, culture It upholds, and furnishes, and beautifies the soul It develops conduct, nourishes conversation, and cultivates grace The knowledge of good books is the food of youth, the delight of age, the ornament of prosperity the comfort of adversity It is an open door to the best society, a stepping stone to the highest fame, a crown of honor that outshines the sun These things being true, it is one of life's necessities that the young should read good books and not weary therein

HE USED HIS BRAINS

The Coburg princes were visiting [illegible] They wanted to see elephants at work Sir William Gregory was the governor of the island, and he applied to the guardian of the temple at Kandy for the loan of two elephants, as none were used in the department of public works. The elephants did everything they were ordered to do, carrying large stones wherever they were told to place them, fixing the chains to the stones and unfixing them

One of them, a tusker apparently of his own accord, performed an act which greatly struck all of us

He was carrying a long and very heavy stone down a steep declivity The stone was suspended from his neck by a chain, and as the chain was too long, the stone struck repeatedly against his knee. He stopped, made what sailors call a bight of the chain, gave it a roll round his tusk, and, having thus shortened it, carried the stone to its destination without further discomfort."