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Relect Family Reading.

Retribution.

It was one of the bitterest of December's bleak and bitter days. The white flogers of the driving anow were tapping sharp and furiously at the crystal surface of the plate glass we lows, and the marble-mounted thermometer in the vestibule was rabidly lowering its crimson vein toward zero. "It's dreadful cold !" mused Mrs. Angell. as slig sat with one slippered foot on the

fender. 'I'm glad I am not compelled to be out of doors on such a day as this " And she looked complemently round at the elegantly furnished little boudoir where she sat A handsome cotagonal room, its wall panelled in oak, velvet and gold, with A Host of Bright | a heavy tracery of gold vine leaves around the ceiling by way of cornice, it had all the

Mrs. Angell herself was a pretty brunette of about 80, with hard, brilliant black eyes, hair broshed in the fashionable style, away from a equare low forehead; and lips that although father thin, were of the brightest

She looked up quickly, and held out her arms as a rosy little girl of nine, the facsimile ou a small scale of herself, came bounding into the room. "What is st. Nina, dear ?"

"It's Miss Elmer, mams She says, could she see you just for a moment?" Mrs Angell consulted a small watch. "It is 10 o'clock, my child, your lessons should have been begun long ago."

· But Miss Elmor has just come " I'elt Miss Elmer that I will see her. Little Nine tripped away to defiver her message. A minute afterwards there was a low tap at the door, and Juliet Elmer. the daily governess, entered.

"I am surprised, Miss Elmer," began Mrs. Angell, after she had recognized the governous' presence by a stiff inclination of her head "Nine is your hour and it is after ten. Nina, call your little brothers and sisters immediately and tell them to proceed directly to the school room. Sufficient time has already been lost '

She opened her book once more, as if to dismiss the subject and the governess togother, but Miss Elmer still stood by the

"Mre. Angell," she said, to a low, hurried tone, "I am afraid I must beg you to excuse me to-day, for

"Indeed, Miss Elmer, I shall do no such thing," sharply interropted Mrs. Angell 'If you wish to be relieved from the duties of your situation, I beg you will say so at once I know several deserving young people who would be but too glad to take

the position. "I do not, madam, I do not indeed barasament. "But I should esteem it a great favor to be excused to-day. My mother is very much worse, and I have no

one to leave with her.' "Of course I am very sorry for that worthy person, your mother, but I'm not in any way responsible for her illness, por do I see why it should interfere with m children's lessons. They lost two days last week for the same reason. It is quite out of the question, Miss Elmer."

Juliot stood pale and irresolute "But my mother is dangerously til. Mrs Angell turned a new page to her book, and went on reading with a face of placed interest Juliet came a step or two

"Mrs. Angell, I must go." "Just as you please, Miss Elmer, only You forfult your quarter's salary." "Mrs. Angell," slee pleaded.

But the lady hold up her jeweled hand deprecatingly never sgaru to set eyes on this hard-hearted elegantly attired tyrant. But then she membered the quarter which expired that week, and thought of the many comforts and necessities that the fifty dollars were o purchase for her mother. She threw up ber hands with a despair.

ing gesture, and then, her face settled into uncomplaining pellor "Mrs. Angell, you are very truel to me but God to over us all !" Then she went rlowly away towards the

How long the short December day seem ed. How slowly the truy bands of the little school room clock moved over their dial. Juliet could almost have declared that they stood absolutely still, as from time to time she glanced at them with

"your hands are so hot."

TO BOYS OF SIXTEEN. "Doar little Nine, may this trial never

come to you!" It was quite dark at five, the hour at which Miss Elmer was released from he bondage. Nor was the weather out of doors at all reassuring to her state of mind. The enow had turned to a dult, driving sloet, the pavemouts were as slippery glass. But Juliot-was in too great hasto even to think of herself as she sped along. Just as she came opposite a brittlant gas light, however, the roll of music slipped from Ler hand. Bhe stooped to recover !

"Juliotel Miss Etmer!" She gezed at the tall young man wi had seized both her hands in his. "Mr. Clay !" "My dear little school mate, who would have thought of meeting you in the streets

this dismal evening? Where did you come from? and where are you going?" For an instant Juliet had been back the bright ecenes of the past; this question brought her again into the forlorn present Things had changed, sadly changed, since people were went to laugh at the pretty prosperous belle about Paul Clay's mani fest admiration. The two years that had spent among the palm groves of Asia had changed the rich merchant's daughter into a fatherless orphan, who earned he broad by going out as a visiting governess She told Paul these things with quiel dignity, as he walked by her side, carrying,

the little roll of murio as deferentially if it find been a queen's rooptre "Why did I not know this? Why you not write to me !" he asked. "We did not know where you were, she said simply : "and besides

"Bosides what ?" "I had no right to ask aid or sympathy "Juliet, you know better," he exclaimed, passionately, "Juliet, if I had She put her hand on his arm.

He followed her silently up the dark and arrow stairway. She stopped on the "Juliet, have you come to this?" She opened the door and motioned hi

n without replying. "Mother - mother !" There was no voice, no sign of recognition from the quiet figure stretched on the little bed. Ju iet hurriedly lighted the gas wit fingers that trambled, she know not why

n the same instant Paul aprang forward as if to intercept her sight. "Jaliet -my poor Juliet!" And she knew that the quiet repose he marble face was the seal of death.

Like a statue Juliet stood gazing down at her mother's verene deed face -- gazing with dilated eyes and white quivering lips. "Juliet, my dearest," l'aul murmure n a voice half choked with emotion, "the is no time to speak to you of the wish

Juliet seemed recreely to hear him; teed, she appeared quite unconscious of his

"Mother !" she mosned, "mother | and was not beside you ! Oh, that oruel, orue woman. H I live for a thousand years, never, never will forgive her for what she has this night brought upon me!"

It was a brilliant March day, just years after the dreary night when Mr Elmer died, alone in the tenement house and Juliet was sitting a fair matron-in the superbly furnished drawing room of her bome on Madison Avenue, with three gol den hatred children playing around ber. The eldest, leaning against her shoulder with one hand playing with the diamo arrow that sparkled in her dark tresser had blue, wietful oyes like. Paul Ciny's;

the others were like her. "Mamme. I don't want a governous, pouted little l'aul. "I would rather study

with you. "But mamma has not time to hear you essons," said Juliet, smiling "And Auni Rosa thinks you will like this lady very 3 . What is her name?

"I don't know, my run , she will be bore As she spoke the door was thrown ope and Mrs. Clay rose with a reassuring smil to great the applicant for the eituation who advanced slowly a dark-eyed, hag gard woman, with hollow checks and dress of worn black She started back her eyes met Mrs. Clay's eyes.

And Juliet know that she was standing face to face with the widow of John Angell the bankrupt broker, whose suicide had been a mue days' wonder but a few months

The moment for her revenge had come As she stood looking at the haggard widow the past seemed to rise up theore her, as if t had been but yesterday Ah tetimes were different with her now

Mrs. Angell cowered before Juliet's calm her beart.

ernoss, faitered Mrs Augell, testing, to to Juliet's lips "Why should I not?" asked Juliet,

their first losson, Mrs. Augell. And she never alluded by word or glance her leave that night, she bent and pressed her lips almost passionately to Juliet's

you had turned me away I must ave starved," she murmured mouheroutly. When little Paul came to his mother's side that night to learn his daily Bible verse she turned the leaves over with grave, about face.

'Mamma," and the little fellow checking her hand, 'you have lost the place. My last vorse was in Palms." "I know it. Paul : This here is another verse that I wish you to learn to night." And the boy, bending towards the words indicated by his mother's slender finger. read in low, reverent tones "Forgive and ye shall be forgiven."

PERVERSE OLD MAN. "Bir," he said, "I cannot live without

-"Then," her eruel father-

In the homes that the Advocate reaches there must be a great many boys of about this age. Why should we not address on editorial to them? They will soon be men. A short five years will bring them to the enjoyment of all the rights and privileges of American citizenship. Nor will it be much longer till they will be crowding forward, a mighty army, to seize the places of power and influence that are now held by listen for a brief space to one who sincerely loves all the boys in the world ?

To discerning eyes, at least, the boy, of sixteen usually gives promise of what he is likely to become in later years. It the natural order that it should be so; and the exceptions to the rule are fewer than is qually supposed. People properly take it for granted that a good boy will turn out to be a good man, and sice reres. The late Dr. E. E. Wiley, who gave more than half a century to the cause of education in connection with Emory and Henry College, and who was one of the most saysoious man that we over knew, once said to us "First and last, I have taught more than 6,000 boys; and in less than a score of instances have I found it necessary ravise in subsequent years the judgments that I formed of my students while they were under my eye in the class room." here for the purpose of emphasizing the thought that the boy who proposes to spend the opening period of his life in idleboss or vicious indulgence, promising himself,

gets to be a man, is cherishing a most dangerous delusion. It is an awful truth that character is everlastingly duried if I'll be so mean as often fixed and destiny scaled before one passes the line of twenty-one. The importance of this fact is too great to be overesti mated. With whatever power we can command, we wish to urge the considers. tion of it on all our young friends. Let us not be understood as advocating the premature development of boys into sedate and quiet men. We do not regard that this as a desirable end to be attained There is a time of life in which it is not ural for mortals to grow, run, jump, shout, and indulge in agreeable sports and pastimes. To deprive them of all opportunity for such innocent merriment is neither wise nor kind The mature man who cannot look back upon the season in which fairly revoled in the mere joy of existence

is to be pitted. But innocent sports are a very different matter from what is called "sowing wild oats." The latter phrase suggests the idea of dedicating one's brightest and holiest days to the service of the devil, a thing which is not to be tolerated for one mo ment. A strong, healthy, alert boy, running over with life and spirit, may still be a God-fearing Christian, an obedient son, a diligent student, and an honest worker at all his Providential tasks. The notion that it is necessary to be vicious in order

to be happy is fit to have come from Batau bimself. Any falser statement was pover attered in this world. The inspired writer bids as remember our Creator in the days of our youth. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of windom. True religion is the glory of childhood as well as of old age. They that arek the Lord early shall find him. Blessed are all those who enter into covenant with him while the dew of the morning to still fresh upon their hearts, and who abide

with gray bairs. But some one may ask us whether roligion is the same thing in a boy as in a man We answer, you and no. There are undoubtedly points of difference in mino details, but an essential identity in mail catures. One of the chief tokens of piety in a boy is reverence for his parents. The absence of this is the sure sign that moral and spiritual nature has never been fully aroused. Parents stand in the place of God to their children, and are to be honored accordingly. The commandment which teaches this lesson is the first one to which a promise is attached; "That it may go well with thee, in the land which the Lord thy God giveth these." Purity in action, speech, and thought, is as possible for the young as for the old. The example for all alike is Jesus Christ, "across the clear heaven of whose much there never flusted a defiling imagination Absolute honesty that spurns the more thought of appropriating what has not been fairly carned; utter truthfuluess that despiage a lie or even the appearance of it; manly diligence that storus to set idle broad, gentle courtesy that abbors rude ces and coarseness of speech and man mers ; an oager desire for knowledge that accounts typorance a curse and a disgrace all these virtues should adorn the character of every boy. Nashville Advocate

A SUCCESSFUL LIFE. He was a quiet man ready for every good work. His voice was not heard on the street , he did not aspire to be a leader. But his influence was felt, and, in fact, he all its bitterness, the cup she had once held led many by drawing them into tgloss relations to himself. When he died there was mourning among all classes, and from distant places the people came to his uneral. He was "beloved in the Lord," a "faithful and beloved brother." He was follower of Christ, whose religion appeared in his business relations, and manifested steelf in Christian work. The poor bore testimony to his kindness and his help their work and cares. Ministers bore tosts mony to his help in their official duties The members of the church bore testimony to his help in personal living, and in better

> It is strictly true, however uninfelligible may be to people to this country, that the appropriation by one minister of the

no remark. An American bishop who,

WHERE HE DREW THE LINE. The old man who sold windmills adjusted his chair at a new angle, ornesed his foot

on the railing of the balmny, locked his hands over the top of his head, and began : are; droll chape to deal with, too; cute and sharp at a targain. Most of them know a good thing when they see it, so took a good many orders; but once in a while I come scross a conservative old haytheir fathers. Will not our young friends | sood whose eyes are closed to anything modern. One of that sort helped mel to a good laugh the other day, and I might as

"He was a gental, white haired old follow, who owned several fine farme, with prime orchards and meadows, berns and fences in apple pie order, and dwellings

serene in comfort. He listened closely while I expetitted on the excellence of our make of machines; then taking a fresh supply of Cavendish he equared himself in his chair and held forth

in this fashion : "Wasi, stranger," he said, "your machine may be all right, but now see here. I settled here in the arily fifties, broke the trail for the last few miles, blazin' the trees as we came along. I had a fair start, good health, a yoke of cattle, a a sample of his genmanship." cow, on axe; with one bit an' three coppers in my pocket. I built a log house with a and stepped to the platform. Seized the Buch an utterauce from such a source shake ruff an' a puncheon floor, an' a cow. pen and dashed down , a sentence or two ought to have great weight. We quote it shed of popple poles ruffed with sod. I shed then raturned to his seat. worked hard, up sirly an' down late, clear-Lord's been good to mr. He's gi'n me mountime, that he will make a great change, and be of some account when he swine, and feathered fowl o' many kinds. An' now, stranger, after all that, I'll be

> VARIETIES. The physicians of Chicago sujoy peculiar privileges as regards transportation. For fifty cents he can procure of the city clerk a badge with a red cross which gives him the right of way. The physician can then pin on the bedge and mount his wheel or carriage, and all vehicles are obliged to

vield him precedence. Biltmore, the new catale of Mr. George Vanderbilt, is a whoelman's paradise. There are 95,000 acree in the estate, Thd the system of roadways is no perfect that Mr. Vanderbilt, who is a wheelman, can go a hundred miles over a macadamized road | vital principle. "I board a great deal, you without going off his estate.

she strengthens her position by citing a other boarders to visit me to my room, nor verse in 2 Kings xxf. 13: "And I will wipe | do I wish to go into theirs. At the same Jerusalem as a man wipeth a dish, wiping time, I do not wish to appear disagreeable. it, and turning it upside down " ·The man who habitually puebes himself

unless he pats himself where people cannot help'sceing him. The difference between an enthusiast and a crank is the difference between great carpestness in sensible work and great

senselessness in advocating much-needed reforms. Hope never burts anyone, never yet interfered with duty; pay, always strengthens to the performance of duty, gives courage, and clears the judgment. Too much liberty is a bad thing for some

men. If you to not believe this now think about it when you see a man who is The man who never speaks gently to his

horse is the same man who never speaks kindly to his wife or children.

THE NEWSBOY'S VERSION. Through the truent officer's activity a seven-year-old newsboy called "Jamesy" was forced to change the freedom of the streets for the restraint of the school. He went to the school house half determined to escape at the first opportunity, but soon got interested in the preceedings. Toward the close of the session the teacher said

"Now, I will road this from this little book and any of you who wish to can repeat it to the class in your own words. Don't try to say it as I read it, but just as tender mother and given to dress. you would say it."

Jimmio's over grow big and he was al attention. The teacher read this short lesson from the first reader "See the cow! le it not a pretty cow Can the cow sun 7 Yes, the cow can run.

No. the now cannot run as fast as the "Chimminy !" thought Jimmie, is 'at all? 'At's dead casy." Him hand was up in a twinkling in imitation of severa

teacher's eye, and she said "Well, James, you may try it, but dareful and get it right. You may stand Jimmie arose. Ordinarily he was not

bashful, but now his face was flushed and

he was trembling with importance as he "Det onto de cow! Am't she a begut ! C's she get a move on ? . Bure ! C'n she hump herself as fast as de horse? Naw. she am't in it wid de horse, see !" The teacher was overcome, but neverthe

There is an open air movement, almost evolutionary to the degree, and which cannot by any means be accounted for any theories of a more numerous lessurely class. Prople are bicycling, yachting, run ning, jumping, fightng, hunting, playing baseball, topnie, and golf, to an exten which is now in this goveration. Nor in stores and offices of the great cities typewriters, elavator boys, barbers, physiclane, lawyers, and clergymen-in short. "the people." If it be true that the times are too strenuous, that Americans are a nation of dyspeptics because they work too the signs of 1896 are very promising of better things. From "The World's Sport ing Impulse," by CHARLES D. LANIES, I

The first love and the first whare are things that cap only happen once in a

WHAT OF THAT. Tired !" well, what of that Did't fancy lift was made for beds of ease: To fill, like rose leaves, scattered by the breeze? Come, rouse thee? Work while it is called

Coward, arise up forth upon thy weyl Tobale!" And what of that? Some will be lously: 'tis not given to all To find a heart responsive to its call, Blanding another life lute its own.

"Dark !" well, and what of that ? Dide't fancy life one summer holiday. With Jessons none to learn, and naught be

lio-get thee to thy task-conquet or did! It must be learned; learn it then patiently

Though human beln be far, thy God is nigh, He feeds the ravens, and hears thy cry. He's near thee always, where thy footste

And he will guide and Presbyterian Record

KNEW ALL ABOUT IT. "Before beginning my lecture," remarked the professor. "I will, in order to more fully establish the influence of handwriting

the audience to come forward and give me A, pale young man with short Just arose

"Excellent." remarked the professor, as in' up by degrees an' diggin' a livin' out o' he aurveyed the young man's work : "This the sile by main atrength, an' no favors writing shows the advantage of acquiring a except the blessing of the Almighty. The fixed style. I don't suppose the man who wrote this could vary in his penmanahip if horses and cattle; He's gi'n me sheep an' he practiced a month of Sundays. It shows an adherence to established principle, unewerving directness of purpose, a fixed moral code, an aspiration for orderly methods. 'I should classify it as a combination of conscience and commerce, so to speak. It's the style of writing Oliver Crom-

well might have effected. And now, young man, may I inquire your business ? "Hain't liad no business lately," replied the young man hoarsely, "I've just finished a term in the pen for forging checks."-

Cleveland Leader. STUDY OF THE ART OF TACT. The art of gracefully escaping some on pleasant thing is known to few. More's the pity. But that some have it is evidenced by one circumstance related by a lady, all unconscious that she had found a know," said she, "and I do not like to fall According to Rev Phurbe Hanaford, into what I call boarding-house intimacies. man's sphere is also in the kitchen, and I have my own friends, and I do not wish So I long ago his upon a plan. I keep a begget on my bed. When any one knocks I clap it on my beed and then open the

when, I can ussure you, she still finds me with my bonnes on." Philadelphia' Call.

door. The intruder at once apologises and

retires, promising to come another day,

----IT IS WORK OR STEAL. We hope the day is not far distant when the profound ethical axiom of Carlyle that "everybody who is not working is stealing." will be universally recognized. The Apostle Paul went very far. He said that the man who will not work shall not eat. We would not go quite to far at present, but we would with the greatest relief and delight not on bread and water and the treadmill every well-dressed and well-fed rancal who lives upon his ancestors' carninge and waster his healthy days in idlepees and frivolity. Every one who is not mentally or physically deficient is under a paramount obligation to leave the world better than he found it, to work hard with muscle or with brain for the public good

NEVER FAILS. Here is an old astrological prediction of the character of a wirl born in each of the

Pebruary -- An affectionate wife and

March - A frivolous chatterbox, some-

January-She will be a prudent housewife, given to melancholy, but good tem sered and lond of fine ciothes.

what given to quarreling, and a connieour in gowns and bonnets. April-Inconstant, not very intelligent but likely to be good looking and studious of fashion plates.

styles in dress. June-Impetuous, will marry early, be frivolous and like dressy clothes July-Possibly handsome, but with a sulky temper and a penchant for gay

May - Handsome, amiable and given to

August -Amiable and practical, likely o marry rich and dress strikingly. September - Discreet, affable, much liked and a fashionable dresser. October - Presty and coquettish and de-

November-Liberal, kind, of a mild disposition and an admirer of stylish December -- Well proportioned, fond of novelty, extravegant, and a student of

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