DEEPER

father's eyenight growing dim.

Oh, do not make them deeper.

An joy, youth's fairest token;

Stamp peace upon a father's brow.

n doubtful pathways do not go.

Be tempted not to wander:

He now their tender leeper!

And let them lean upon thy love.

de lavish with thy loving deeds,

Be patient, true and tender:

Aglow with earthly aplendor.

Must yield to Death, the scaper;

You made no wrinkles deeper.

And you will then be glad to know

Larkins, a Man of

Pure Grit

that big train disnater over at Smel-

"Larkins came to the door, tapped

"I had seen that type, as I supposed

so long as it is honest.'

is no long an it in honest work."

are out of a lob?"

-Mrs. Frank A. Brock

Don't make the wrinkles deeper.

Don't make the wrinkles dooper.

Orieve not the hearts that love you s

But make their love grow fonder.

Thy mother be a weeper;

There's nothing makes a face so your

And nothing maken a face grow old

Like hearts that have been broken.

Take hood lest deeds of thine shoul

Itle form a little lower?

mother's hair a little gray.

Her step a little slower?

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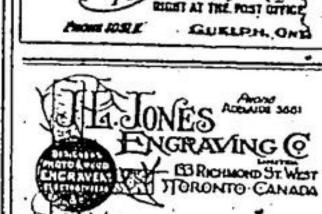
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my freight handlers has broken his leg, and that they need a husky man at once. Do you want the job?" "Larking straightened up as he replied, 'Yes, str, I shall be only too.

glad to take it. I'll be back in fifteen minutes, for I must first get some would skip out and leave that heavy job in the lurch; but happily I was

"Just then the telephone rang, and

upon answering I found that one of

accident and a man was needed at

once. I looked at Larking; he was a

muscular chap, but his hands did not

heavy work. But I was determined to

was a revelation to me. There he was, in overalls and undershirt, hatless and at least three degrees that might be covered with dirt, doing the work of three ordinary huskles. That is to fast and gotting results that were pleasing. I walked over to him and asked him how he liked it. With a smile he lifted up his hunds and said: "The work is all right, but my hands are not as accustomed to it as they might be; but cheer up, I am not

were actually covered with big blisters. one or two of which had broken. What the smart must have been cannot be thought. But Larkins had no comdaint to make; he took it as a matter of course and, as he said, had no fault to find. The next day about noon I sauntered over there again; the ner und I looked for Larkins. He was nowhere to be seen. "'Aha!' I thought to myself, 'he got mough in one day; perhaps his hands were too sere to work to-day."

complaining; this is honest work and

"I looked at his hands and they

it will do me good.'

"Around a corner I went, in behind tier of boxes, and there I found Larkins. He had one hand completely bandaged and two or three small strips of court planter on the other. He was ." 'Well,' I said pleasantly, how are the hands to-day?" "'Oh! they are all right,' he an-

awered with a laugh; 'I can do my work all right if Lam careful; you soe. I am not used to it, that's all. But this is what is bothering me. I do not understand your particular automobiles very well, and when they tell me to get a certain number of this, that, or the other thing to back, I am complotely lost. I bought this book last night and studied it, and I shall keep on with it until I know something, gosted undertaking rather than give You do not object, do you, to my the real one, that they cannot spare bringing it in during the day and the money necessary. "I certainly did not object, and 1 told him so in no uncertain terms.

looking it over at noon?" Three or four days later I was sitting anything of which to be ashamed. meanage cime. This time it was from 'Do you know of a good draughtsman?' cume the voice of the head man. 'We are going to lose Mullins; he must go afford it." west to-night as his wife is dangerously ill. I can't think of a soul, and so if you know of anybody I wish you would send him along."

"'Do you need an experienced man" office did not good to me for a man often; only when they were hard up that I haven't any little girl.". as in the present case. "'No, we do not. In fact, I could take a man with good common sense boy?" and work him in until we had time to

DON'T MAKE THE WRINKLES | nort plans, checking them off, etc. Why? Have you anybody in mind?' "'Yee,' I said slowly, for I wan thinking of Larkins. 'I have a man who has the common sense all right. He is working for a short time in the freight department, but I think your life's hill growing hard to climb work would be more suited to him. Make not their pathway steeper; mooth out the furrows on the brown, Will you give him a trial?"

"There was a few momenta' heattation,' and then the reply, 'All right, I'll give him a trial.' Evidently the idea of taking a bunky from the freight department did not especially appeal to him. But I sent at once for Larkins and sent him over across the

"As he left me, Larkins turned and naid with considerable emotion, 'Mr. Stricklan, I hope that I may repay you some day for thin," "I waved him out good-naturedly, thinking that he was simply overcome Much have thy parents borne for thee with gratitude at my confidence in him, but the way he paid me was far dif: ferent than I thought'lt would be. "I heard no more about Larkins for several days; then his of a sudden one morning he and the head draughts-And make the path that ageward legis man came into my office. Larking looked an if he had been through fire Some day thy dear ones, stricken low, and water; his face was pale and he

was nervoug. "'Mr. Stricklan,' he said, 'I am told that what you need for permanent work is a regular draughtsman with a certain techanical education. I have as good an education as I could afford in one of the best technical schools in his country. Unfortunately my papers and references are not where I can present them to you, for I was in this wreck at Smelterville and lost everything I had when three cars were hurned I have sent for copies, and hope to get them by the end of next week. Will you give me a chance? That is all I ask. I know that I can do the work-ank Mr. Smith, (and he Stricklan, "about the best turned, appealing to the head draughtsman.) 'what my work has been. Mr Stricklan, you cannot realize what this hoping to get into just this kind of us a few years ago, in the factory over work, and now that the chance is

yonder. Larkins was a very ordinary ooking follow when he applied to me for work one day. It was just after goods. gently upon it, and at 'Come in!' he glad to take my hat and go without got to read one of them which read, said, and wish you would put me in aye, yes, or no. Nor will I take one Tremble, King Alcohol; we shall grow

somewhere. I do not care what it is cent of pay more than that of an ordinary laborer if I fall you." "I did not know what to say, hlm to be, and I shook my head, at

with him out of the way. he stood there all attention. I turned my face again toward him and said, "'Sir, I am out of work and I wish a tob. An I said, I do not care what it let-rules go hang. Do you think his temper and thought and appetite. "I looked into Larkins' eyes, and word is all right? Is he a college But this is not all. It lan't enough unanimously felt that the duties de- him ready to grab the wheel if anythey did not shift an most seedy men's do. I immediately was impressed by man? I will say that I couldn't find to teach them the evils of intemper- mand an increase in salary and con- thing happened to him. Every nerve "In it a case of hard luck? Why

time. What do you may?" shall give you your money's worth. entirely new to him and make blisters day in the year. It is work he does and laugh at them! I would trust that counts.

"Smith laughed and went out, and the freight hitndlers had met with an time he-was in such a hurry that he same, took as if he had ever done, much

that Mr. John Larking had taken in all conquer the traffic in spirits." business, and that he (Mitchell, my that Erances E. Willard wanted every "He friend,) gladly recummended him to boy and girl to commit these lines of man." the best place I could give him; here to memory; out to the freight sheds to see how things were going, and incidentally to the the transfer of the things were going, and incidentally to the the Tech. for origin
Where the rum-slain dead are found; ality in design work; third, that he had

written after his name; and last, that he had been offered the chair of his say, he was working three times as particular line at Pratt's Institute, but that he had declined because he preferred to work in a manufactory and "I laid down the papers and looked at Smith, who stared back; ut me! "'Well,' I began; 'that looks like Larking stays, doesn't it? "'Hum!' replied Smith. "I rather think it does, and at a decided increase of pay. But what gots me is why he

> ing in the freight department!" "'Pure grit!' I answered. 'Just pure in the hearts of every band, grit and nothing else. And what is On the laws of every land: more, I am inclined to think that it was pure grit that got him those dogrees and but him in line for the chair he declined. I guess that we had better hang on to him, that is what I

have Smith's place, for he has guined they had a good leader. Their songs the attention of the directors by his were these of strong temperance sentiwork, as one of them said at the ment set to the tune of old-time popuhear anybody say that a college man 'We Must Vote for Prohibition," to the is too good for an humble job, or that time of "Marching Through Georgia."

"I CAN'T AFFORD IT"

### young folks to utter to the commonplace little speech, "I can't afford it." If it were the confession of a formid-

able weakness, or a serious lack, they could not find it harder to pronounce it indeed many who will own up unhesitatingly to a bad temper, would prefer to invent any number of excuses for refusing to share in a sug-Practice saying at the right time, "I can't afford it." Refuse to act as if shortness of funds was a crime, or

at my desk when unother telephone Many young folks are dragged into ings. Make it, as the shepherd boy, useless extravagance for which they Ferguson made his, when he calcuthe draughting offices of the company, have no heart, just because they have lated the distance of the salars with mover learned to make use of this a handful of bends on a string. Make simple, straightforward phrase, "I can't it, as George Bitophenson made his

## WHAT WERE THEY? Small Cirl (entertaining her moth-

Small Oirl (after a painful pause in Caller-"My dear, I haven't any little ing to laziness, and the greatest ad- not where I was, but where I was has some little temptation bored, italook around. Most we need now is boy, either," someone to look after blueprints and Small Cirl- "Then what are yours?" you are not prepared for it.

When everything seems to go against us, when we are worried and disheartened, we do well to keep on smiling. The good results are two fold. First of all, we have no right to inflict our private wees on an innocent public. If we go about looking as if it had been demonstrated to our entire satisfaction that life is not worth living, we inevitably communicate our depression to other people. The smiling face, even if the smile is forced, will not

pass on discouragement to others. corners of the mouth resolutely turned up be quite as dejected and forlorn if we keep smiling as if we look wochegone. So closely knit are our physical and mental constitutions that looking cheerful helps to make us cheerful, and vice versa. It pays to smile, even if smiles come hard.

FIXING IMPRESSIONS Some one has recently said that "the opened for me, please let me show my tidal wave of temperance sentiment that has swept over the nation during "He regained a little of his old these last few years is due in great confidence when I smiled and rose, part to the fact that for forty years half unconsciously, to take a step there has been scientific temperance toward him. - Then he resumed, When instruction among the young. That the feet. my papers come from the east. If they saloon keeper who laughed and sneered is not satisfactory, I shall be only too girls carried banners in a parade for- tered to degrees believ xcro.

sensed the thought I had and withdrew to-day, and the Sunday-school teacher pality, the work of the office has That night "somewhere in France" saying that if we wished to talk it has the largest share of the real work doubled. During the eleven years not her boy drove his ambulance amid appear chagrined by my refusal, and over it might be less embarrassing to do. The foundation of temperance a cent of money has gone natray, all shellfire. It was his first experience "Well, what do you say?' I asked dren. The young people must be infactorily kept and all cheques de- now they were coming thick and fast, "'I suppose it is a risk,' Mr. Smith less nation. They must be taught the With the additional large increase of the sky. replied, and yet there is something I laws of self-control, the foundation of work caused by the electric lighting White-lipped, he drove amid the

like about him that makes me wish to good habits; the control of tongue and system with its series of monthly ac- shower bursting around them on every a better workman if he does as well ance. They must be given actual sequently Mr. Moore has been re-en- tenso, he drove his load of wounded in technical work as he has up to this temperance work to do. The boy or gaged at \$150. girl who feels that he is doing some-"I say!, I exclaimed vehemently I thing to drive King Alcohol out of the painful fall upon the sidewalk op-awful explosives, the terrible destructive his grit! You do not got many world is going to be stronger for posite his residence last Friday. The tion wrought. If you can give me work of any kind men that will get down and slave the temperance than he would be if he right ankle was dislocated and badly way he did for a few days at work listened to talks on the subject every sprained.

And what are some of the things n dreamen were given by Rov. W. S. boy or girl can do for temperance? later Smith came back again. This and get other boys and girls to do the in Cloud Land."

without stopping to knock. Fortunate- lessons during the year. Britain's ly the moeting was just finishing up, Prime Minister, Lloyd George, who in and he did not have very long to wait one of the greatest temperance workers in the world, attributes his own tem-'Woll?' said I, 'has there been an perance activities to the fact that early "For reply Smith hald on my deak "Band of Hope." We are told that bulky-looking document. Opening even when a young boy the "arder of the envelope, I took out first a re- his youth fired many an audience of commendation from my best friend in his townspeople with enthusiasm for New York city, in which it was stated temperance and a determination for they could teach him in their limited In learning "pieces" let us not forget over his grave;

> Write for all the passeraby: "Where there's drink, there's danger. Butting out the license clause: men in one grave." Write it on each ballot white. So it can be rend aright: "Where there's drink there's danger."

Write it in large letters plain, Over land and over main: "Where there's drink, there's danger was willing to humble himself by work- Write it over every gate. On the church and halls of state.

mind. Last full a Junior chorus in a and fast rising. Some day he will boys and girls with good voices and "'Hum! And don't you ever let me tune of "Maryland, My Maryland." lar airs: "The Tide Rolls In," to the ha hasn't any grit when hard pushed. "We'll Make the Nation Dry," and for I know better!"-Epworth 'Her- others equally as good. The night before election this Juntor chorus marched through the strepts and sang When the votes were counted it was

> much praise and words of appreciation were given to these boys and girls. Those juniors were doing actual temperance work. Do you think they will over forget those songs and the victory they helped to win? MAKE YOR OPPORTNITY Make your opportunity, as Lincoln The year is going, let him go;

found to be a temperance victory and

urnoss. Mako It, says Buccoss, as Henry Wilson made his during evenings on a farm, when he read a thousand volumes while other boys of the neighborhood wasted their evenwhen he mastered the rules of mathematics with a bit of chalk on the sides of the coal wagons in the mines. Make it, as Douglas made his, when he learned to read from scraps of papers and posters. Make It, as Napolean b'asked, for I, too, was puzzled. The or's caller)-"How is your little girl?" made his, in a hubdred important attu-Caller-"I am sorry to say, my dear, ations. Make "t, as the deaf and billed Hulen Keller is making hers. Make it. as every young man and woman must conversation)- "How is your little who would accomplish anything worth I am, because I am not allowed to

### KELP ON SMILING

There is something about keeping the which stiffens the backbone. We cannot

### TWENTY YEARS AGO

From the Issue of the Free Press of Thursday, January 12, 1899 The newpapers now pay postage. The rain and thaw last week raised

the water in the mill pend about three .Tuesday was the coldest analy of the Sleighs for the Kiddles, 35c, 45c, 60c, entered, with his battered hat in his are not what you wish, or if my work a few years ago because the boys and winter this far. The increasery regis. twice in its silvery tones before she Another generation of boys and girls \$100. There has been no increuse of and rising from her knees she lay down are before us to train. Never has there salary, though, with the acquirement in her bed and slept as calmly and turned to Smith, but he was looking been a time when the youth of our of the cemetery and park, together peacefully ar a little child. She had very intently on the floor. Larkins land needed more careful training than with the rapid growth of the munici- left her boy in the Everlanting Arms.

victories must be laid with the chil- accounts have been carefully and sat- with shell, (he had been fortunue-but trained to catch a vision of a saloon- livered to claiments upon the treasury, with the awful star shell bursting incounts to be handled, the Council side, with his assistant sitting beside

> At the Baptist Y. P. U. meeting on group, a piece of the Friday evening last two excellent ad- the leg.

McAlpine, B. A., on "Our Climate," and his fear. He wanted to run from this Larking went to work. Ten days days They can sign the temperance pledge Rev. T. R. Forbes on "What's O'clock terrible havec, he wanted to run and rushed right into a directors' meeting There are four special temperance RITCHIE-At Durham, on 3th Janu-Ritchie, Acton, aged 80 years. KENNEY-At her home, Acton, 8th January, Eliza Murphy, wife of

**HUMOROUS** 

turning to the head inspector, sald:

5 months.

Write it on our ships that suil, One day he went up to the captain of all in God's keeping? Borne along by storm and gale; ' "B-s-s-s," stuttered the man. "Oh, I can't be bothered," said the His -wounded comrade stiffed his

captain angrity.

on board, but none could wait to hear near they had come to being abandonwhat he had to say. At last he came od to death. "Look here," said the captain, "Where there's drink, there's danger." Mx temperance teaching in song Hongs leave a deep impression on the man commenced to sing: Should anid acquaintance be forget wounded comrader and never brought to mind. The blooming cook's fell overboard

and is twenty knots behind."

RETORT CAUSTIC

ished by an Irish shooblack, and as the four. He that night, face to face with latter was administering the finishing death, had looked him in the face, and touches his putron rudely tossed two was unafraid, for at last he knew that coppers on the pavement as a reward. God was stronger than all. This insult, added to no doubt by the fact that the reward was the mere dally paper and read that her boy, her recognized twopence, caused the shoe- little timid, shrinking boy, had receivblack to exclaim: Thank yo, sir. The only polish you ary bravery, she bowed her head, and have is on your boots, and I gave you naid:

Ring, happy bells, across the snow. Ring out the false, ring in the true.

Ring out the old, ring in the new,

Peace and goodwill, goodwill and peace. Peace and goodwill, to all mankind. A misunthroplat is a man who avoids acciety only to free himself from the

trouble of being useful to it .- J. isaurin. WHERE HE WAS AT

cording to Ponch, runs thus:

Just come from." .

### JUST DO YOUR BEST

The algan is had when folks commonce A-findin' fault with Providence, And balkin' 'cause the earth don't At ov'ry pranch' stop they take. No man to great till he can see

How less than Ittle he would be If stripped to solf, and stark and, bare, Ifo hung his aign out anywhere. My doctorn la to lay anide Contentions, and be natisfied: Jest do your best, and praise er blame That follers that counts jest the same.

I've allus noticed great success Is mixed with troubles, more or less, And It's the man who does the best And gits more kicks than all the rest. - James Whitcomb Riley.

### ----HIS MOTHER'S PRAYERS

His mother lay awake in the moon light. Hhe could not sleep thinking of her boy "over there." He had been such a timid little-boy, afraid even of audden noises, and mortally afraid of giving or receiving pain. Many a time she had seen him wince and then set his mouth lirmly, as during his boyhood he forced himself to go through things that the other boys gloried in.

age the month before they were called. Ho she was not surprised when he came home one day and said: "Mother, I have enlisted in the umbulance service. I cannot go into the trenches and feel that I have to go out

Then came the draft, and he was of

and kill mon. So I have taken the only way. I can drive, and the ambulance service seemed best." And being his mother, though he said no more, she understood; and he had gone bravely into his khaki uniform, and he was now "somewhere in

France," perhaps even tonight in dan-

ger and stress.

She could not sleep, and impelled by an impulse she could not resist, she slipped on her kneek beside the bed and "O Lord," she implored, "I do not ank you to have his life and bring him back to mo-his life is yours and his country's-but I do ask that you give

him courage to be brave. Do not let him be a coward. Bave him from The little clock on the mantel struck Mr. Thomas T. Moore was appoint sometimes she just knell there, waiting Clerk and Treasurer of the municipali- for the answer, until at length a rense ty eleven years ago at a salary of of peace and security stole over her-

Mr. D. Henderson, M. P., had a trying to put out of his mind those Suddenly a shell burst near them, and his assitant early back with a

Everything blurred about the box-in

scream, and acream and run, and hide

somewhere where those bursting shells

could never never find him; but from force of habit and training he clung to his wheel. Suddenly he felt himself growing faint at the awfulness of it all. What if he should really faint and they should all be destroyed! The machine John Kenney, Esq., aged 73 years, stopped, something was wrong, and ho was alone with his wounded out in that living hell. He awayed dizzily, then-All at once before his eyes rose a vision of his mother's peaceful, quiet room, and his mother praying in the A lawyer died in an American promoonlight beride her bed for her boypraying not for his life, but that he might have courage and strength. Only "Here Hen a lawyer and an honest a second the vision lasted, but like a flash there arese in him a calmness Not long after, the governor of 'lil and strength he had never felt before. province visited the town and among the prung from his seat. "Cheer up, other places inspected the cemetery, old fellow." by "ed to his assistant, he stopped, read the inscription and Keep up your courage. And he in himself in the road under the muchine "Look here, my friend. We wink at pulling out his box of tools, and set to a good many things in this province, work amid the falling shells. As hobut I do object to your burying two worked he sang. Why should he not? Wasn't his mother praying for him? All around him, like armour, he felt included among the passengers on the protection of those prayers. No board a shop crossing the Atlantic harm would come to him or those in recently was a man who stuttered. his care, .Had not his mother put them Clear and strong on the air rose the strain of the "Star-Spangled Banner."

At last all was ready again, and they leaped forward quickly. The trip . can tell you what to do when you want to the hospital was made, and this to say anything. You should sing mother's boy stood straight and strong and alert as he made his report and Then suddenly in a tragic voice, the turned to his waiting ambulance with another helper to take the place of his All aight long back and forth he

groans and joined, and the men who

The man tried to speak to everybody lay in the ambulance did not know how

made his trips amid the shell and fire. All night long his hands grasped the wheel, calm and unafraid; for was he not wrapped in the invisible protection of his mother's prayers? Naught could harm him now, and better than all, he A tourist was having his boots pol- knew that never again would he know And when his mother picked up the ed the Croix de Guerre for extruordi-

"Father, I thank Thee for my ans-

### A PLUGGED HALF DOLLAR

A young man (was making a small purchase at a figrist's stand where we were waiting for our change from another assistant. A silver half doltar was offered in payment. The proprietor glanced at it, and handed it content and independence.-Plutarch. back to the youth. "Can't take that; it's a plugged half

"What's the odds?" asked the young "Short weight,' said the other brun-

We turned away, thoughtful. There was good motal in it, but Quat did not save it from rejection. Bo it is, we reasoned, with some people. They are wanted for this position and for that. but "short weight" is the sentence or another they fall short of being effort. Golden opportunities are noth- say, 'ltut I venture to state that I am upon this?' Are you "standard?" Or vantage will make you ridiculous if before I left here to go where I have way into your character, and filled up

passed upon them. For one reason "I am sorry I cannot tell you where "standard." How In it with you whose eyes rost