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THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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A BIG MAN

The head of a large New York firm recently proved himself a really big man, according to a writer who describes in the New York Evening Sun how he publicly apologized to his office boys for a mistake. He had ordered some sheets of statistics prepared and placed on his desk, and when he needed them he could not find them. He called for the boy whose business it was to look after such things and gave him a cruel "tongue lashing" before he returned to his private office. He had dismissed him publicly with the remark that he was a stupid blunderer and returned to his private office. The boy walked quietly to the bench where the office boys roared and waited. He had been given no opportunity to admit himself wrong or to declare himself faithful to the small but important duty that had been left to his care.

DISHEARTENED

It was a discouraging answer that was made to the doting parents of a country boy, who had come to New York under the patronage of a prosperous gorger.

After he had been away for a fortnight the mother wrote to the employer, saying that her son was "no hand to write letters," and "she was anxious to know how he was getting on." "And do tell us where he sleeps tonight!" she pleaded, earnestly, at the end of the letter.

To this the employer made answer within a few days: "Your son sleeps in the store in the last aisle. I don't care where he sleeps at night."

INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL PAINS

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ARE YOU A LAWYER?

Holman Hunt, who began life as a clerk to an auctioneer and real estate agent, was constantly drawing portraits when he should have been drawing up leases, and in his chosen profession he was constantly drawing portraits when he should have been drawing up leases.

DECEIVING HIS EMPLOYER

Excelsior for Greasy Children.—When a child is suffering with a skin eruption it is a good plan to use Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil. It reduces the inflammation and lessens the itching, and it is a pleasant remedy for the sufferer.

AN INDIAN PHILOSOPHER

Scientific demonstrations in unscientific hands sometimes give odd results. A story is told of an Indian who had attended an instructive talk at an annual church on the Indian reservation at Onondaga.

LOOK! MONEY!!

TAKE NOTICE that we will handle your troublesome notes and accounts on a strictly commission basis—NO COLLECTION NO CHARGE.

SENTENCE SERMONS

You are the only one: Who can make the lies of your enemies true? Who can lower the quality of your merchandise? Who can shut off the favor and solitudes of God?

ALL HE WAS FIT FOR

The American says that in an Irish court recently an old man was called into the witness-box, and being old and a little blind, he went too far in going up the stairs that led to the box, mounted those that led to the bench. The judge took the mistake good-humoredly.

HOW JEAN MAKES HAMB

Jean, the negro chef at a certain country club, makes hash that has no equal. The fame of the dish is great, and the secret of its excellence is known to everyone until one day a member of the club complimented Jean on his hash.

A NOISY ARMY

The rank and file of the Chinese army cut through any army in the world. Mr. Nathaniel Peffer, in the Home Service, says that there are always two buglers to every squad of soldiers in the Chinese army.

POOR RECOMMENDATION

One of the many ways in which a man's carelessness may cause his undoing is that he may be recommended by a young man who has a habit of misplacing his letters and envelopes, when sending off his correspondence.

WOULD NOT GO ROUND

Pat McCarthy gave a dinner, to which he invited three or four of his neighbors. Pat had allowed his wife to cook only one chicken. When dinner was served, Pat took possession of the bird, and he was the only one who ate it.

NOTED FAMILY

The wife of a lawyer in West Virginia has been married three times. Her maiden name was Partridge, her first husband was Robb, her second husband was Perry, and the third one was Quinn.

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