

I WILL GIVE NOTHING.

"There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty."—Proverbs xi: 24.

A minister soliciting aid towards his chapel waited upon an individual distinguished for wealth and benevolence. Approving the case, he presented to this minister a handsome donation, and turning to his three sons, who had witnessed the transaction, he advised them to imitate his example. "My dear boys," said he, "you have heard the case; now what will you give?" One said, "I will give all that my pocket will furnish;" another observed, "I will give half that I have in my purse;" the third sternly remarked, "I will give nothing."

Some years after, the minister had occasion to visit the same place, and recollecting the family he had called upon, he inquired into the actual position of the parties. He was informed that the generous father was dead; the youth who had cheerfully given all his store was living in affluence; the son who had divided his pocket money was in comfortable circumstances; but the third, who had indignantly refused to assist, and haughtily declared he would give nothing, was so reduced as to be supported by the two brothers.

The incident furnishes a most suggestive comment upon the text which stands at the head of it. And there are plenty of parallel texts and facts.

THE POETRY OF THE TABLE.

In the first place, a starched and smoothly-ironed table-cloth—which, if neatly folded after every meal, will look well for several days. Then flowers and ferns, in flat dishes, baskets or small vases, or else a tiny nose-gay laid upon every napkin.

The salt must be pure and smooth. The butter should be moulded into crisp-crossed diamonds, shells or globes, with the paddles made for this purpose.

A few pretty dishes will make the plainest table glow; a small, bright-colored platter for pickles, horseradish or jelly; and butter plates representing green leaves are also attractive.

A few pennies worth of parsley or cress, mingled with small scraps of white paper daintily clipped, all cause a plain dish to assume the air of a French entree. A platter of hash may be ornamented with an edging of toasted fried bread cut into points; and a dish of mutton chops is much more impressive with the bones stacked as soldiers stack their guns, forming a pyramid in the center, each bone adored with a frill of cut paper. A few slices of lemon, mingled with sprigs of parsley and slices of hard-boiled eggs, form a pretty garnish to many dishes; and nothing could be more appetizing than beef, veal, mutton or lamb made into mince-meat, and pressed into form in a wine-glass, then fried in pork fat, with a sprig of green placed in the top of each little cone.

The basket of fruit—peaches, pears, grapes or apples—should be tastefully arranged and trimmed with leaves and flowers. The bowl of salad should be ornamented with the scarlet and orange flowers of the tropæolum, their piquant flavor adding zest to lettuce, with which they can be eaten.—Scribner's for July.

A Woodward avenue drug store hired a new soda-fountain boy the other day, and after the boy had been instructed how to run the apparatus, the proprietor added:

"Now, you see this faucet up here? Well, there is brandy behind that, and when a man comes in and winks, and says he'll take a little ho-hum is his, you will know that he means brandy."

Everything worked all right until about noon yesterday. Several men dropped in, said "ho-hum," got their brandy and soda, and the boy saw no cloud in his horizon. At noon the brandy bottle was empty, the drug store man at his dinner, and it didn't do any good to "ho-hum" around that fountain. Along came a man, and as he stood before the fountain, waiting his turn, he winked at the boy. He had a habit of winking his left eye, and he winked at the fountain as much as at the boy. The lad, however, called out:

"Have't any brandy left—have to take syrup!"

The man was a good man. He winked again in his amazement, and the boy replied:

"Didn't I tell you we hadn't any brandy left. D'ye s'pose I'd lie about it?"

"My—my son, you shouldn't, shouldn't—stammered the good man as all looked at him, and lo! in his embarrassment he winked again.

"Can I make brandy out of sarsaparilla and pineapple syrup?" yelled the boy. "I tell you you've got to take plain soda till the boss comes back!"

"I—I don't want any brandy," gasped the man.

"Well, we don't keep anything stronger in the fountain, and I couldn't tell whiskey from arnica if I was to look on the shelves," growled the boy. "You'll find what you want in the saloon around the corner."

The winker winked all around to the crowd, tried to explain his position, and then hustled out and boarded a street car.—Detroit Free Press.

THE LOTTERY TICKET.

Father Taylor, the sailor preacher, once related the following:

A poor woman, who had once seen better days, was finally compelled, by the intemperance of her husband, to resort to the wash-tub to earn a scanty subsistence for herself and children. At length, however, heart-broken and desolate, she determined to purchase a lottery ticket, with the hopes that, if they should be successful, her husband might enter once more into business and become a steady man. To her unspeakable joy the ticket came up a prize of ten thousand dollars. Frantic, she ran to her husband, and throwing her arms around his neck, said,—

"O my husband, now we shall be happy; and now we shall live as we once lived. I have drawn a prize in the lottery!"

"Don't be too sure of that, woman," replied the wretch, with the utmost composure. "For I found the ticket in the drawer, and gave it to Mr. M., for a glass of whiskey."

Transition from sudden joy to sudden grief was so great that no sooner had he concluded than she dropped at his feet, a lifeless corpse.

Such stories, touching as they are, are nevertheless stern realities. There is an inherent evil in lotteries, and experience shows that misfortune is almost invariably associated with them.

GREENLAND RIGHTLY NAMED.

It seems a kind of satire to give the name Greenland to a country covered with snow and ice; which is, indeed, one huge glacier. But geological investigations prove that the climate of Greenland was once milder than that of New England at the present time. Remains were found in abundance of pines oaks grape-vines, larches, poplars, ferns, and even the beautiful magnolia, now native only in the South. Traces were seen, also, of former lakes and rivers. Possibly, at some future day, a new change may take place, and Greenland become the home of a great and populous nation.

Bishop Morley was fond of a joke. Once, when the footman was out of the way, he ordered the coachman to fetch some water from the well, to which the coachman made a grumbling objection that his business was to drive, not to run errands. "Well, then," said Morley, "bring out the coach and four, set the pitcher inside, and drive to the well," a service which was several times repeated, to the great amusement of almost all the village.

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HOW CHILDREN ARE ADMITTED.

Very often the Superintendent hunts up poor and promising orphans and informs them of the advantages offered at the Orphan Houses, and induces them to return with him. Generally it is best that he should see them before they start. When this is impracticable, a formal application should be made by some friend. Here is one in proper form:

Edenton, N. C., } June 2d, 1876. } This is to certify that Susan N. Bradshaw is an orphan, without estate, sound in body and mind, and ten years of age. Her father died in 1873; her mother in 1867. I being her Aunt, hereby make application for her admission into the Asylum at Oxford. I also relinquish and convey to the officers of the Asylum the management and control of the said orphan for four years, in order that she may be trained and educated according to the regulations prescribed by the Grand Lodge of North Carolina. Martha Scott. Approved by John Thompson, W. M. of Unanimity Lodge, No. 7.

The application should be sent to the Superintendent and he will either go for the children, or provide for their transportation. In no case should a community take up a collection to send a man with the children, nor send the children before the Superintendent has been consulted.

Zeno, the philosopher, believed in an inevitable destiny. His servant availed himself of this doctrine, while being beaten for a theft, by exclaiming: "Was I not destined to rob?" "Yes," replied Zeno, "and to be corrected also."

Resolutions of the Grand Lodge.

Adopted Dec. 3d, 1875. Resolved, 1. That St. John's College shall be made an asylum for the protection, training and education of indigent orphan children. 2. That this Grand Lodge will appropriate \$—annually for the support of the institution; but will not assume any additional pecuniary responsibility. 3. That this Grand Lodge elect a Superintendent who shall control the institution and solicit contributions for its support from all classes of our people. 4. That orphan children in the said Asylum shall receive such preparatory training and education as will prepare them for useful occupations and for the usual business transactions of life.

Adopted Dec. 5th 1875: Resolved, That the Superintendent of the said Orphan Asylum shall report at each Annual Communication an account of his official acts, receipts, disbursement, number of pupils, &c. together with such suggestions as he may see fit to offer.

Resolved, That the Master of each subordinate Lodge appoint a Standing Committee upon raising funds for the Orphan Asylum, and require said committee to report in writing each month, and that said reports and the funds received be forwarded monthly to the Superintendent of the Asylum and that the support of the Orphan Asylum be a regular order of business in each subordinate Lodge at each communication.

All churches and benevolent organizations are requested to cooperate with us in the orphan work and to collect and forward contributions through their own proper officers. Here are the resolutions: Resolved, That the sincere thanks of this Grand Lodge are hereby tendered to many benevolent ladies and gentlemen, to the ministers of the gospel, to churches of various denominations, to Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias, Good Templars, Friends of Temperance, and other benevolent societies, whose hearty cooperation and liberal contributions have rendered timely and valuable assistance in the great work of ameliorating the condition of the orphan children of the State.

Resolved, That all benevolent societies and individuals are hereby cordially invited and requested to cooperate with us in providing funds and supplies for feeding clothing, and educating indigent and promising orphan children, at the Asylum in Oxford.

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