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A Warning to Young Men.

In my former article, in showing how the dangerous wish to imitate the style of life of those richer than themselves, was frequently the cause that led many young men to the first downward step, I briefly touched on gambling.

Gambling is a path by the side of a very steep precipice and threatens death at every step. At its table fortunes are staked on the cast of the dice.

The vice is so utterly hateful, the man abandoned to it is like a fiend, without love, without pity, without compassion, without natural affection or domestic charity.

The spirit which gambling evokes and the character it forms are both essentially evil. Gambling destroys, upon independence upon dishonest endeavor; industry, preference upon Divine Providence as crowning right exertion, and begets a spirit of fearful recklessness first awakened with respect to money, soon extends to health, life, honor, reputation, character and morality.

Gambling is a transgression of the Divine law. It excludes all regard to God. It defies change. No man then can love God—trust in God—be obedient to God—or endeavor to glorify God and be a gambler.

Look at that ship, disabled, waterlogged and drifting fast on a lee shore. With hardly room to wear, perhaps she may get round on another tack and make the offering.

"Yes, sir," yelled a preacher in a Dakota church one Sunday morning, "there is more lying and swearing and stealing and general devilry to the square inch in this here town than all the rest of the American country."

Self Improvement.

Progression marks everything in nature. It is a law that governs the faculties of the human mind in a pre-eminent degree.

There is connected with this subject an important idea which should be kept in view; and this is, that mental progression and moral improvement must be the result of effort.

In the varied relations which we are called upon to sustain in the great drama of life, high and important duties often devolve upon us; and unless our minds are properly cultivated, we shall often find ourselves inadequate to the task before us.

The history of those who have been with exalted situated in reference to advantage for mental improvement, but who, nevertheless, have plodded their way up the rugged hill of science, and have been able to look from the giddy heights down upon those who, favored with superior facilities, have used less perseverance, and have been content to allow the wheels of time to carry them onward without an effort.

No country on the globe has furnished a greater number of self-made men, who, by dint of their own active energy and indomitable perseverance, have overcome the apparently irreparable obstacles that have surrounded them.

Habit.—I trust everything under God," said Lord Brougham, "to habit, upon which, in all ages, the lawyer, as well as the schoolmaster, has mainly placed his reliance; habit, which makes everything easy, and casts all difficulties upon the deviation from a wretched course. Make sobriety a habit, and intemperance will be hateful; make prudence a habit, and reckless profligacy will be as contrary to the nature of the child, grown or adult, as the most atrocious crimes are to any of your lordship.

EDUCATION.—"To read the English language well, to write with dispatch a neat, legible hand, and be master of the first four rules in arithmetic, so as to dispose of at once, with accuracy, every question of figures which comes up in practice—I call this a good education.

Uncle Billy's Objection to Civil Rights.

"I interviewed" Uncle Billy, a good old colored friend of mine, the other day on the question of civil rights.

"Don't want nuffin' no," said Uncle Billy. "Go too much already fur dis nigger."

"What's that Uncle Billy? Is it not a good thing to be equal before the law?" "No, Massa Boss," grunted Billy plain tively.

"What's that, Massa Boss?" said he: "I don't get to say, is de law is dat to be changed. Most hab a law for de white man and a law for de black man."

Before Uncle Billy, I asked him how he would like to sit down at the table with white folks in the hotels.

"No, nuffin' no," I thank you," replied Billy. "Nary dan rained now. Iley to my own doctor's bills; los, all money in de Freedmen's Bank; nebber got to forty acres an' de mu'c dey promise me; an' can't help myself to a little chicken, 'ym size, widout gwins to de penitentiary. Ise got nuff cibbil rights!"

"The above is no production fancy. It is a true incident, honestly told, and it is impossible to talk with the country negroes without hearing just such things as I have related.

If I Had Leisure.

"If I had leisure, I would repair that weak fence," said a farmer. He had a cow, however, and while drinking cider with a neighbor, the cows broke in and injured a piece of corn.

"If I had leisure," said a wheelwright last winter, "I would alter my stove-pipe, for I know it is not safe." But he did not find time, and when his shop caught fire and burned down, he found leisure to build another.

"If I had leisure," said a mechanic, "I should buy my work done in season." The man thinks his time has been all occupied, but he was not at work till after sunrise; he quit work at five o'clock, smoked a cigar after dinner, and spent two hours on the street talking nonsense with a idler.

"If I had leisure," said a merchant, "I would pay more attention to accounts." The chance is my friend, if you had leisure, you would probably pay less attention to the matter than you do now.

SUKERS.

Why is a mouse like a load of hay? Because the cat'll eat it.

Matchless misery—having a cigar and nothing to light it with.

Why is a stationer a very wicked man? Because he makes people steal pens and then says they do write.

What did the spider do when he came out of the ark? He took a fly and went home.

"Oh! I've loved before," said a Detroit woman to her fourth husband, as she took a handful of hair from his head because he objected to her week's washing.

"Idiot!" exclaimed a lady coming out of the theatre recently as a gentleman accidentally stepped on her trailing skirt.

A Boston antiquarian says his eighty-year-old wife is very affectionate, but it worries him to understand why she should have daily on his getting his life insured.

A wealthy Philadelphian who died recently, stipulated in his will that his nearest relative should assassinate the obituary editor of the daily Ledger if he made any postical remarks on the subject.

A boy found a pocket-book, and returned it to its owner, who gave him a five cent piece. The boy looked at the coin an instant, and then handing it reluctantly back, audibly sighed, as he said, "I can't change it."

It is now reported that Ringtown is to have a newspaper. To run a paper profitably at that place, it would require a man who could eat dried apples for breakfast, drink warm water for dinner, and swell up for supper.

Has he a call to be a husband who thinks more of his horse than of his wife?

Has he a call to be a husband who spends six evenings out of the week away from home and complains because his wife will go Tuesday to prayer-meeting?

Has he a call to be a husband who spends five dollars a week for cigars, and an occasional glass, but can't afford to take a newspaper for his family?

Has he a call to be a husband who makes elegant presents to other ladies and grumbles if his wife wants a new dress?

Has he a call to be a husband who swears if the one hundredth button is missing and never speaks a word in commendation of the ninety and nine that remain immovable?

Has he a call to be a husband who never buys a book or picture to make home attractive, and still wonders why a woman can't be contented to stay at home seven days out of a week, and ever sing "There's no place like home?"

Has he a call to be a husband who loses money by betting on elections and horse-races, and when he becomes involved attributes it to his wife's extravagance?

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