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SELECTIONS.

A Word to Fathers

We have read a story of a little boy,

who, when he wanted a new suit o

clothes begged his mother to ask his

father if he might have it. The mo-

ther suggested that the boy might ask

"I would," said the boy, "but I

don't feel enough acquainted with

There is a sharp reproof to the fath.

er in the reply of his son. Many a fa-

ther keeps his children so at a distance

from him that they never feel confi-

dently acquainted with him. They

feel that he is a sort of monarch in the

family. They feel no familiarity with

him. They fear and respect him, and

even love him some, for children can-

not help loving somebody about them;

but they seldom get near enough to

him to feel intimate with him. They

seldom go to him with their wants and

trials. They approach him through

the mother. They tell her everything.

They have a highway to her heart on

which they go in and out with perfect

freedom. In this keeping off plan fa-

there are to blame. Children should

not be held off. Let there come near

Let them be as intimate with the fa-

ther as mother. Let their little hearts

be freely opened. It is wicked to

freeze up the love fountains of little

one's hearts. Fathers do them an in

jury by living with them as strangers.

This drives many a child away from

home for the sympathy his heart craves,

and often in improper society. It nurses

discontent and mistrust, which many a

child does not outgrow in his liftime.

Open your hearts and your arms, Oh

fathers! be free with your children;

ask for their wants and trials; play

with them; be fathers to them truly,

and they will not need a meditator be-

Past Events:

The first white child born in North

America was Virginia, daughter of An-

anias and Eleanor Dare, and grand-

daughter of Governer John White.

She was born on the 18th of August,

1597, in Roanske, North Carolina.

Her parents were in the expedition

sent out by Sir Walter Raleigh in that

year. There is no record of her his-

The first minister who preached the

Gospel in North America was Robert

Hunt of the Church of England, an

exemplary man, who came out in the

same company with Captain John

Smith, in the year 1607. He was

much esteemed as a man of peace, and

was in many ways useful to the colo-

ny. There is no record of his death,

nor of his return to England. He

died at Samestown. He had a good

library, which was burnt with all h

other property, in the burning of

Jamestown the next winter after he

The first females who came to Vir-

ginia proper were Mrs. Forrest and

her maid, Anne Burns, in the expedi

tion of Newport, 1608. The first mar-

riage in Virginia was in the same year

John Laydon to Anne Burns. The

ceremony was probably by the 'good

whites and Indians was John Rolfe to

Pocahontas, in April, 1613. Pocahon

tas, was also the first of the Virginia

Indians that embraced Christianity

he first legislative assembly in

Virginia met in July, 1619 at the

summons of Governor George Yeard-

ley. One month later, negroes were

first brought into the colony by a

The first periodical in North America

was the Boston News Letter, which

made its appearance in August, 1705.

the Virginia Gazette, published at

Wiliamsburg, by William Parks, week-

ly, at seven shillings- It appeared in

1736, and was long the only paper

published in the colony. Slavery

The first in the Old Dominion was

master Hunt.' .

and was baptized.

Dutch man of-war.

tory save that of her birth.

tween themselves and you.

LOUISBURG, N. C., MARCH, 20, 1874.

preceded the periodical press 171 The Blue Ridge was first crossed by

the whites in the year 1714. The first iron furnace erected in North America was by Gov. Spottswood, in 1730, in Spottsylvania county,

An Hour from Labor.

Take an hour from labor and give it to something else. But don't carry these precious sixty minutes and slam them down upon a drinking bar, getting nothing in return for God's gift than poison and death and murder .-Don't take them to the gambling hells and exchange them for chance to win a few dollars from other men who have left their families, their wives and children, to gamble away their small earnings. You but help to build up the fortune of the unprincipled man who owns the 'hell' and deals the game of moral and pecuniary des ruction, It you have an hour to spare from labor, give it to reading and to the enjoyment of home. Cheer your wife in her duties, select pleasant stories and read them to your children. Try the habit of domesticity. The best lounging place is your own house, and the best club to join is your own family. Etick to that idea and work up the spare hour by improving it to the intellectual advantage of yourself and household. If you properly bestow your leisure from toil you will in the end find that toil itself will not be so great a burden .-By study you will discover wherein lies the mystery of your toil, and means will be opened to you by which the business you are engaged in will assume almost an intellectual amusement. An hour a day amounts at the end of the year to 365 hours. In that space how many valuable books may be read. how much pleasure enjoyed in your own home, and how blessed you wil! be in the gratitude of your wife and intimate and cultivated love of your chil-

BEAUTY OF THE FEMALE CHARAC TER. - There is a spell in woman. No man, not utterly degraded, can listen without de ight to the accents of a guileless beart. Beauty, too, has natural power over the mind; and it is right that this should be. All that overcomes selfishness, the besetting sin of the world, is an instrument of good Beauty is but melody of a higher kind; and both alike soften the troubled and hard nature of man. Even it we looked on lovely woman but as a rose, an exquisite production of the summer hours of life, it would be idle to dery her making even those summer hours awester. But as the companion of the mind, as the very model of friendship that no chance can shake, as the pleasnot sharer of the heart, the being to whom man returns after the tumult of the day, like the worshipper to a secret shrine, to revive his noble tastes and virtues at a source pure from the evil of the external world, and glowing with a perpetual light of sanctity and love, where shall we find her equal ? or what must be our feeling toward the Disposer of earth and all that it inhabits, but of admiration and gratitude to that disposal, which combines our highest happiness with our purest virtue?

ALL THE WORLD'S A BARBER SHOP AND EVERY MAN'S A BARBER -The barber shaves with polished blade, The merchant shaves in constant trade, The broker shaves on twelve per cent., The landlord shaves by raising rent; The doctor shaves in patient pills, The tapster shaves in pints and gills; The first intermarriage between the The farmer shaves in hay and oats, The banker shaves in his own notes The lawyer shaves both friend and foes, The peddler s aves wherever he goes; The officeholder shaves the nation, he parson shaves to men's salvation :

> The people all shave one another, A printer, whose talents were but indifferent, turned physician. He was asked the reason of it " In printing," answered he "all the faults are exposed to the eye-but in physic they are buried with the patient, and one gets more easily off."

> The wily churchman shaves his brother;

There is this diff rence between hap piness and w sdon; he that thinks hip . sell the bappies; mar, really is s . , but he that thinks bimself the wis st, is gen r .lly the greatest tool.

A Quarrel,

If there is any one thing more than another that will make a man hate himself-that will turn his blood ye's low, not and poisonous, that will shut cut the smiling and the warmth of God's sunshine from his soul-it is a right down quarrel. Whether he gets the upper or the under hand in the social squabble, he can feel only shame ic the result. He can have no respect for himself, and certainly the event will not enhance the respect of his neighbors. A man may full into a mud-hole, and the wet will dry, and the dirt may be brushed off; a man may stumble and bark his shins, and he can recover his equilibrium, and the pain will soon be wasted. Even a roken bone may be healed, and lost flesh may be replaced But the stings that result from a quarrel are not so easily overcome. Quarrelling begets quarrelling. It blunts the sensibilities and sets the spirit in a ferment; and a formenting spirit is about as near an approach to bades as can be found on earth. If the thing can be honerably don-, live in peace and quiet. Peace and quiet are not only good for the individual, but they are good for the neighborhood. As a rule (all rules may have exceptions), it a man cheats u, dea't deal with him any more the seeks to abuse you, let him severey alone. In short, keep cool and keep the peace. Blessed are the peaces makers,' says the Great Teacher, and we may add 'Thrice blessed is he who can maintain an atmosphere of peace about him continually.

WOMANLY MODESTY .- Mun loves the mysterious. A cloudless aky, the fullblown rose, leave him unmoved; but the violet which hides its tlushing beauties behind the bush, and the moon when she emerges from behind a cloud. are to him sources of inspiration and of pleasure. Modesty is to merit what shade is to figure in paintings; it gives it boldness and prominence, Nothing adds more to female beauty than modesty; it sheds around the countenance a halo of light which is borrowed from virtue. Botanists have given the resy hue which tinges the cup of the white rose the name of 'maiden blush,' This pure and delicate hae is the only paint that Christian virtue should use; it is he richest ornament. A woman without modesty is like a faded flower, which diffuses an unwholesome odor, and which the prudent gardener will throw from him. Her destiny is melancholy, for it ends in shame and repentance. Beauty passes like a flower of the aloe, which blooms and dies in a few hours, but modesty gives the temale character charms that supply the transi-

SUNSHINE .- Sunshine is beautiful and joy-in spring always. All things animate and manimate take on a new lite in its presence. Not a flower but gratefully recognizes it, not a songbird out carols the sweeter under its touch. How the rivule s flash and the broad waters shimmer to its glance, while the valley atmosphere is goldenly a-hase, and the grand old woods and mountains are all affame with its kisses Earth, that under the cloud and the night shade seemed like one stricken with a mighty sorrow, now treads her round of space like a new-crowned queen. Who amid the gushing sua shine can think of aught but life, nealth, joy, music, beauty and splen-

tory freehness of youth.

" How is it that you came home from your party so early last night Susan? Didn't you enjoy yourself?"-

Susan- "Yes ma'am, but the young man as tuk me hin to supper insulted

Mistress-" Insulted you, Susan? Why, what did he say?"

Susan-"Yes ma'am. He asked if my progrom was full, and I'm sure I never'ad nothing but a sandwich and a glass of lemonade, so I come away

HINT TO FERWARD PRETTINESS. -How beautiful are retired flowers! -How would they lose their beauty were they to throng ir to the highway, crying out, 'Admire m., I am a violet!' Dote upon me, I am a print s !'.

Be not the tourth friend of him who had three before and lost them.

Buddha's Ten Command-

Here are the ten commandments of Buddha:

1. Thou shalt not kill.

2. Thou shalt not take for thyself what belongs to another.

3. Thou shalt not break the laws of

chastity.

4. Thou shalt not lie.

5. Thou shalt not slander. 6. Thou shalt not speak of injuries.

7. Thou shalt not excite quarrels 8. Thou shalt not hate.

9. Have faith in hely writings. .O. Believe in immorality

And yet we call the Chinese heath-

A man and wife were sitting at oreakfast, the other day-the husband rying to read the paper, while the wife was lecturing him on his dissipated hours. He suddenly looked up

'Here's a perfectly correct sentiment. A writer in this paper says, the best capital to begin with is a capital wife.

'That's very true, dear,,' replied the wife, smiling, thinking that her remark would elicit a compliment, 'out where can you always get them?

'In the deaf and dumb asylum, of

As sympathetic novelists say, 'we will not further invade the sense of quiet domesticity.'

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