

OVER SENSITIVENESS.—A great deal of discomfort arises from over sensitiveness about what people may say of you or of your actions. "This requires to be blunted. Consider whether anything you can do with much connection with what they may say. And, besides, it will be doubted whether they will say anything at all. The unhappy persons seem to imagine that they are always in an amphitheatre with an assembled world of spectators; whereas, in the while they are playing to empty benches. They fancy, too, they iron the parade of the theme of every passer-by. If, however, they must listen to imaginary comments about themselves, they might at least defy the proverb, and insist upon being well spoken of."

"Here comes the great king," he heard one of them say. "His flatterers call him wise and just and merciful, but he is about to ride over us, and crush us under his outstretched foot, and out-hud our sufferings."

And Solomon told the Queen of Sheba who rode with him, what the ant had said. And the Queen made answer:

"He is an insolent creature, O King. It is a better fate than he deserves, to tread under our feet."

But Solomon said:

"It is the part of wisdom to learn from the lowest and weakest." And he bade his train to turn aside and sit on the ant-hill.

Then all the courtiers marvelled greatly, and the Queen of Sheba bowed her head and made obeisance to Solomon.

"Now know I the secret of thy dom. Thou listenest as patiently to reproaches of the humble as to the flattery of the great."

sprouted so fast that it started out of bones above and below. This gave a fresh fear of its withering, and he about for remedy. He found a lion's skin which was thicker than the bird's skin; and he stuck the skeleton, with the plant in it, into the bone of the lion. In time, however, the plant grew out of the lion's bone likewise. Then he found the bone of an ass, larger still than that of the lion; so he put it into the ass's skin; and thus he made his way to Na. When about to set the plant he found the roots had entwined themselves around the bird's skeleton and the lions bone of the ass's bone; and, as he could not pull it out without damaging the roots, he planted it as it was. It came up speedily and bore, to his great joy, the most delicious grapes, from which he made first wine and gave it to men to drink. But behold a miracle! When men drank of it they sang like birds; when after drinking a little more, they became vigorous and gallant like lions; but, if they drank more still, they began to have like asses.

Both our mental and moral acquisition increases by their communication to others, which gives an illustration of two truths, first, that we are framed to carry out law of love; and second, that the possessions which multiply in the imparting are naturally the most valuable.

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