

Standing by His Friends.

In the flush times of Vicksburg, when the phrase "hard case" meant something more than it does now, Harvey Jenkins was admittedly one of the *hardest*. By some strange accident Harvey found himself at church one evening. The sermon being over, the preacher requested all who were friendly to religion to rise and hold up their right hands. The whole audience, apparently, were on their feet. After they were seated again the minister continued:

"Now if there is a single one here who desires to see Satan and his kingdom prosper, he will rise and hold up his hand."

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Confidence in Self.

A Thrilling Incident at Niagara.

The residents and summer visitors of the village of Chippewa, a small town two miles from Niagara Falls, on the Niagara River, were startled at dusk the other evening by hearing loud cries for help from the river, which was covered with an impenetrable fog. It was soon learned that John Lehman and his son and John Greenwood, all residents of that village, who had rowed over to the American side in the morning, had attempted to return at dusk, starting from Port Day, about a mile above the falls, but had been overtaken by a sudden land fog coming upon them as they were nearing the Canada shore. Having lost their course they were swiftly nearing the rapids. The town bell was rung and guns fired. No other efforts until the circumstances could be made to save the unfortunate men, and those who had gathered on the shore upon hearing their cries stood stricken with terror, knowing the fearful death awaiting the occupants of the boats. Greenwood seeing this dangerous position, let go his anchor. It fortunately took hold of the rocks and he was saved. He kept shouting for help at intervals all night, and the next morning was found riding safely at anchor. The Lehmanns, having no anchor in their boat, drifted down with the rapids, shrieking frantically for help. Almost by a miracle the current swept them against a projecting point near the burning springs, and they were saved. They returned as quickly as possible to Chippewa, secured aid and waited until daybreak, when, with great difficulty and daring, they rescued their comrade.

Separation from the World.

Salvation is all of grace. Yet these things are required: "Let him that nameth thee Christ depart from all iniquity." Whosoever would be my discipline let him take up his cross daily, deny himself daily, and follow Me." Ye cannot," says our Lord, "serve God and mammon." Shrink not from the pain these sacrifices must cost. It is not so great as many fancy. The joy of the Lord is His people's strength. Love has so swallowed up all sense of pain, and sorrow been so lost in rapture, that men of old took joyfully the spoiling of their goods, and martyrs went to the burning stake with beaming countenances, and sang high death songs amid the roaring flames. Let us by faith rise above the world, and it will shrink into littleness and insignificance as spared with Christ. Some while ago, servants, hanging in mid-air, looked down to the earth from their balloon, and wondered to see how small great things had grown—up fields were contracted into little patches, the lake was no larger than a looking-glass, the broad river with ships floating on its bosom seemed like silver thread, the wide-spread city was reduced to the dimensions of a village, the long, rapid, flying train appeared but a black caterpillar slowly creeping over the surface of the ground. And such changes the world undergoes to the eyes of one who rising to hold communion with God and anticipating the joys of heaven, lives above it and looks beyond it. This makes it easy and even joyful to part with all for Christ—this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith."—Thomas Gathorne, D. D.

The Guard's Statement of the Encounter with Guitreau.

WASHINGTON, August 17.—A report was current here this morning that Guitreau had attempted to kill one of the guards at the jail, but it was at first at the police headquarters that the report was without foundation. It is learned, however, that the report was true. At an early hour this morning W. C. McGill, one of the guards passed Guitreau's cell, noticed something wrong and entered the cell. He found a knife in Guitreau's possession and demanded it, but Guitreau refused to give it up. McGill drew a pistol and struggled ensued. Guitreau made a desperate effort to seize the pistol and succeeded in getting it away from McGill. After a severe struggle McGill regained possession of the pistol, which, being discharged during the scuffle, brought other guards to his assistance and Guitreau was disarmed.

WASHINGTON.—EXECUTIVE MAN-

STOS, August 17.—1:30 p. m.—Major Brock, of the metropolitan police force, was summoned to the telephone a moment ago, and was informed by the policeman whom he had despatched to the jail to ascertain what truth there was in the rumor concerning Guitreau's attempt to assassinate a guard, that the guard was standing immediately outside of the door of the cell, when he noticed that the prisoner was acting in a strange and unusual manner, and, as he (the guard) thought, was trying to hang himself. The guard opened the door and upon entering the cell Guitreau seized him and a struggle ensued, during which the guard drew his pistol in self-defense, and it was accidentally discharged. Hearing the report of the pistol, another of the guards rushed to the scene and separated the men. There was no damage done by the discharge of the weapon.

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Rely on yourself; take it for granted that you can accomplish your plans. Never say "I can't"—they are ignoble words. He who does not feel within himself the power to conquer is not a man in the true sense of the word. Of course it is a misfortune for him, since he can never be any benefit to himself or any body else. Heaven help the woman who marries him! Somebody says, "Oh, I don't like these self-conceited folks!" My friend, self-conceit and self-confidence are two qualities as different as light and darkness, and though the self-conceited man may not be the most agreeable of companions, we infinitely prefer him to the creeping, crouching, craven-spirited fellow who is never ready for an emergency, and who, like Uriah Heep, spends his life in trying to be "tumble." The man who says, "I will do it!"—who says it from his heart and means it, too—who bends his whole energy to the work, almost always accomplishes it; and then people call him lucky and successful, and all that sort of thing, when, in fact, his luck has been brought about by his own persevering efforts, and by his confidence in himself. Fortune detects cowardice; and the man who will not be conquered by trifles is her prime favorite.

Salt for the Throat.

In these days, when diseases of the throat are so universally prevalent, and in so many cases fatal, we feel it our duty to say a word in behalf of a most effectual, if not positive, cure for sore throat.

For many years past, indeed we may say during the whole of a life of more than forty years, we have been subject to sore throat, and more particularly to a dry hacking cough, which is not only distressing to ourselves, but to our friends and those with whom we are brought into business contact.

Last fall we were induced to try what virtue there was in common salt. We commenced by using it three times day—morning, noon and night.

Health is a great blessing. Disease is a waste of ease, and without the comfort of health, what is wealth worth? What happiness can there be in life? If we are not ill, it is a blessed thing to know how to regain health. I offer this knowledge, gentle and without price, to the whole world: "Take BRANDRETH'S VEGETABLE PILLS whenever you are sick." It is now nearly fifty years since I introduced these pills to the American people, and, after using fifty millions of boxes, the verdict of the great jury of American sovereigns is, that they are the best and safest sovereigns ever known.

They have completely superseded mercury and bleeding, which was found in very general use in this country fifty years ago. I said that the one poison and the other a murderer, that the remedial power of nature had not only to purify the system, but to eradicate mercurial poisons and apply the force of blood to exhausted patients, which was too much for any constitution; that my plan of treatment was to remove disease by purifying the blood with Brandreth's Pills; for the blood was thus made pure, the medical force of nature came into full play, and, unless God willed otherwise, the patient was sure to recover. Brandreth's Pills assist nature in all her efforts. It is nature that cures disease and not medicine. Every other course of treatment only throws great obstacles in the way of the constitution. I am happy to say that bleeding, which I said was always improper, has been generally abandoned by the medical profession, and that the poisonous qualities of mercury have been so far recognized that the use of it has been forbidden in the United States Army, by the Surgeon General. In the calendar for 1881, I publish numerous cases of cure by Brandreth's Pills, some of them so remarkable as to be little short of miraculous: But they are true, and the witnesses can be seen and consulted. If Brandreth's Pills were used in every family, each box would be a magazine of health and a perfect medicine chest.

FACTS SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES.

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