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## RUNNING SORE ON HIS ANKLE.

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### The Right Way.

"Telling folks, when they are blue and down hearted, to count up their mercies is all well enough," said Uncle Silas, "but sometimes out of ten the cure'll act quicker if you do the countin' yourself and tell 'em—not the blessin's they have, but the blessin' they've been. If the housework goes out of crooked, and your wife comes to the table lookin' tired and discouraged, it won't cheer her half so much to preach that she ought to be thankful for a roof over her head and food to eat, as it will to tell her what a pleasant home she's always made, and that nobody's cookin' tastes half so good as hers. When you meet your minister and he is feelin' disheartened—afraid he isn't the man for the place, and that sort of thing—don't talk to him about Paul and Apollus. That's the time for you to remember the lame woman who says she gets something in every Sunday's sermon that helps her through the week, and how your oldest boy said he wouldn't mind bein' a minister if he could be as good a one as ours." Then there's your neighbor down the road, who always seems to have hard times. You can praise his garden if you can't do anything else. It will cheer him, too; it always helps to find that somebody else holds you worth countin'."—Forward.

"Among the most dangerous of edge tools are cutting remarks."

### The Empty Grave.

BY D. L. MOODY,  
HE IS CALLING FOR EVERY UNSAVED SOUL—MAKE ROOM FOR HIM.

Martha goes out and says, "Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died." He replies, "Thy brother shall rise again."

"I know he will rise again," Jesus said, "I am the Resurrection and the Life." Was there ever a sweeter message on earth than that? And Martha was the first one who ever heard it. If she had not made room in her home and heart, would she have heard it? The Master looked around and asked for Mary, and so they call her saying, "Mary, the Master is come, and calleth for thee." I hope He will call for every Mary here today. He is calling for every unsaved soul in the hearing of my voice. He calls for thee. I want you, men and women to make room for Him in your heart.

Mary comes, and says, "Lord if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died." He replies, "I am the Resurrection and the Life."

How that sweet message has come rolling down the ages for nearly 1900 years. "I am the Resurrection and the Life." May God help you now to believe on the Son of God. He, said, "Where have you laid him?" They tell Christ all about his last acts and words, as we do if a friend was absent when a loved one died. They all go out to the grave, and I get much comfort out of the fact that the Son of God wept over that grave. When I stand by the side of the grave of some member of my family I want the Christ who can stand by me. That is the Saviour I preach to you to-day. How do I know it? Because I have been there, and He has stood by me. He wept and sympathized with those sisters, and said, "Take away that stone."

They remonstrated, but He said, "Said I not unto thee that if thou wouldst only believe thou should see the glory of God?" Oh man and woman, believe, and you will see the glory of God. He called Lazarus by name, and, as soon as Lazarus heard the voice of his old friend, instantly he came forth. If the Son of God can raise the dead, can He not raise every dead soul here? Let Him speak to you and you will live.

The cloud that burst upon that home is going to burst upon your home and mine. Oh, be wise today. Unlock the door of your heart and say, "thrice welcome and He will come in and abide with you."

Some years ago I heard of a poor mother who had an only child who was idiotic, and on the day when he was fourteen years of age a neighbor came in and found the mother weeping in the bitterness of her soul. She wanted to know what was the matter. The mother said, "For fourteen years I have cared for that child; I have given up society and spent my time with him, and today he does not know me from you. If that child would recognize me once, it would pay me for all I have done for him. How many there are the Son of God has watched over and cared for and blessed, who have never once recognized Him, never looked up into His face and said, 'thank you, Lord Jesus. Will you do it now, will you?'"

God sometimes uses disease as a lever to prize men out of the "slough of despond."

Behavior is a mirror in which every one displays his own image.

**A KIND NEIGHBOR.**

The kindest and most neighborly thing one woman can do for another is to tell her she herself is brought out of trouble and distress; and urge her neighbor to seek the same remedy. Hundreds of thousands of mothers have caused to bleed just this spirit kind, neighborly sympathy which actuated Mrs. Wm. S. Volmer, of Concord, California, North Carolina.

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### Help Your Pastor.

HAVE YOU EVER PRAYED FOR HIM?  
SOME GOOD ADVICE GIVEN ON THIS SUBJECT.

In the current number of The Nashville Christian Advocate some good advice is given on the lines of helping pastors to carry the burdens which press upon them. Here is what this paper says:

If you are a sincere Christian, you will wish to do all that you can do toward lightening the heavy loads which your pastor bears, and making his work a full success. And you can do something. No matter how humble or obscure your position is, it yet lies within your power to contribute at least a small measure of assistance.

1. You can give of your substance to support your pastor, and to aid in carrying on the enterprises of the church. It may be that you cannot give much. In that case much is not required of you. But it is possible that by a little self-denial you can give more than you have thought possible. The matter is one which you should take into serious and prayerful consideration, with the fixed purpose to discharge your duty as God gives you to see it. There is one thing that you simply cannot afford, and that is to be a pauper or a "dead beat" in the church. According as God has prospered you, it should be your settled policy to show your gratitude by laying a due proportion of your substance on his altar.

2. You can be of great assistance by never absenting yourself from the Sunday service and the week night prayer meeting when it is possible for you to be present. If you have fallen into the careless habit of going to the house of God only on such occasions as are perfectly convenient, then you need to begin an instant reform. Suppose that everybody else should do the same thing, what would be the result? But no other person is more under obligation in this respect than you are. What we insist on is that you should remember that exhortation which bids believers not to forsake the assembling of themselves together, as the manner of some is, and that you should make it a matter, not of irregular impulse, but of fixed principle to heed this exhortation.

3. You can talk your pastor up in the community. Many members of the flock, without intending it, really help to talk him down. Perhaps you have thoughtlessly been guilty of this fault. We do not mean that you should go into the business of exaggerating his abilities as a preacher or his worth as a man. That would be very improper. But we do mean that you should regularly and systematically say all the good things about him that the truth will allow. If he has defects of character or method, there is no good reason why you should help to make them known. The public will find them out soon enough, without any help from you.

4. You can pray for your pastor. The weakest and poorest saint has access to the throne of grace, and may exert by his intercessions an influence for good that can scarcely be overestimated. If the man of God only knew that in his household work, and in his pulpit ministrations he were sustained by the supplications of his people, it would add a hundredfold to his courage. Have you been neglectful here? We fear that you have. When did you mention your pastor's name in your secret devotions? Your forgetfulness of him has doubtless robbed you yourself of many and great personal blessings. Make the experiment. Turn over a new leaf. Do it at once; and see if God will not answer you by putting a fresh joy in your soul.

5. You can lead an upright and consistent life, avoiding everything that brings reproach upon the name of Christ or that retards the progress of the gospel. This is a matter of supreme importance. If your example is not what it ought to be, the fact puts an unspeakable burden upon your pastor's heart. On the other hand, if you are maintaining a Christian deportment, and walking as becomes a disciple of the crucified Lord, you are making his work that much lighter, and giving him an encouragement which is greater than you dream of. As a matter of course, the highest of all motives for correct conduct is to glorify the Lord Christ; but this motive may include the lower one of which we are now speaking.

**ADVICE.**

Old Doctor—"Now, my boy, let me give you a word of advice before you cut loose and hang out your shingle."

Young Doctor—"I shall be glad to receive it, I assure you."

Old Doctor—"Whenever you are called upon to prescribe for a woman make her put out her tongue, so that you may study it thoroughly. This will seldom help you to determine what her trouble is, but a woman can't talk while she has her tongue out."

"There is nothing like an obedient today to reveal God's will tomorrow."

### Power In A Sweet Song.

THE ACTORS WENT TO CHURCH.  
AN UNEXPECTED ROLE BY THE QUARTET AND THE RESULT.

"Concerning the power of music," remarked the retired barsterner who had several home stretch pedestrian records with various comic opera companies, "I remember on one occasion to have seen it peculiarly verified. We had some first-class talent in the company I was with at the time—we had only been out a month, and the endowment fund wasn't exhausted yet—and among them was a quartet of male and female voices that couldn't be beat anywhere. We were billed to appear one Monday night in a town of 7,000 people in Ohio which had a reputation of being the frostiest place on the road, and the manager put us in there only because there wasn't any other place to go without costing as much in railroad fares as we could lose at a performance."

"We got to the town Sunday morning, and it was a long and tiresome day, and we were so bored when night came that we made up a party to go to church, just to change our luck. I don't know what kind of a church it was, except that it was a big one and there was some kind of a meeting on that night. We had come early, and we had seats about the middle of the orchestra chairs. As it happened, our quartet sat together, and they got hymnbooks at last."

"When the first service of song was offered, our combination was a bit shaky with stage fright, for they hadn't been to church since they had sung in their home church choir long ago, but on the second round they were all right, and the hymn was one they were familiar with. Well, they went at it as they ought to, and when the first verse was finished I could see there was some sensation among the people nearest to us and lots of eyes and ears were turned our way. Our quartette was interested by now in their singing, though, and we didn't think about anything else but the word to go on with the second verse, and when they got it they went at it with all their skill and sweetness. By the time the second verse was finished there were not a dozen voices to be heard besides their own, and the sensation had spread all over the house."

"On the third verse our quartet went in alone, and I don't think I ever heard such singing as they put up. It was one of those good, old-fashioned hymns that have the spirit of truth and glory in them and the music matched the words in a way to carry anybody off his feet, and it did it for that audience or congregation, or whatever you call it, for when the last note died away the cold chills ran down my back and up my neck, and if some old brother in the moon corner had not shouted glory and a dozen more in other parts of the house followed suit I believe I would have shouted myself."

"However that might have been, when everybody sat down the gentleman in the pulpit stepped forward and thanked our people for their singing, and said if they would sing a few more selections the congregation would be greatly pleased. Of course our quartet was pleased, too, and they not only sang a few more selections, but they received the personal thanks of everybody after the service was over, and the next night we had an audience that filled the theater. Now, that's what I call real power."—Washington Star.

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"Yes," said a young man, as he threw himself at the feet of the pretty school-mistress. "I love you, and would go to the world's end for you."

"You could not go to the end of the world for me, James. The world, or the earth, as it is called, is round, like a ball, slightly flattened at the poles. One of the first lessons in elementary geography is devoted to the shape of the globe. You must have studied it when you were a boy."

"Of course I did, but—"

"And it is no longer a theory. Circumnavigators have established the fact."

"I know, but what I meant was that I would do anything to please you. Ah, Minerva, if you knew the aching void—"

"There is no such thing as a void, James. Nature abhors a vacuum. But, admitting that there could be such a thing how could the void you speak of be a void if there were an ache in it?"

"I meant to say that my life will be lonely without you, that you are my daily thought and my nightly dream. I would go anywhere to be with you. If you were in Australia or at the North Pole, I would fly to you. I—"

"Fly! It will be another century before men can fly. Even when the laws of gravitation are successfully overcome, there will still remain, says a late scientific authority, the difficulty of maintaining a balance."

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"Well, James, since you put it in that light, I—"

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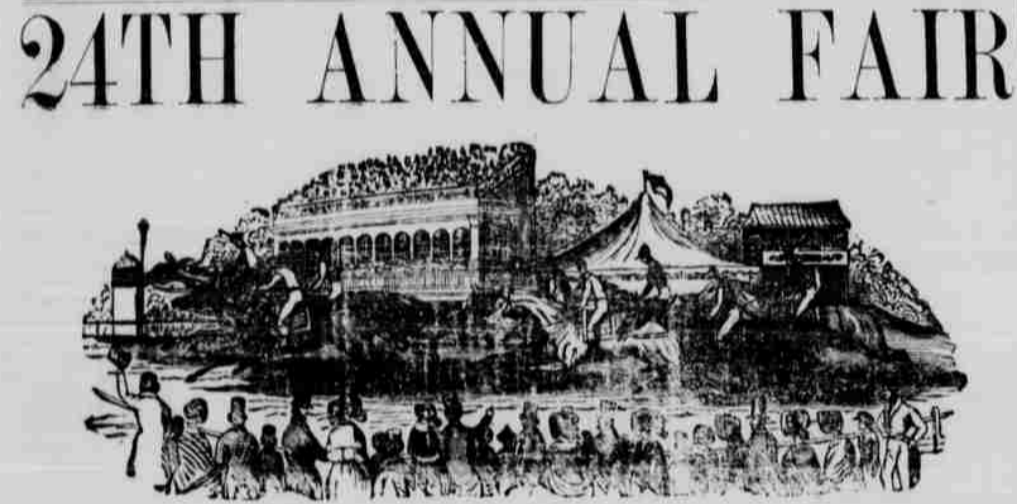
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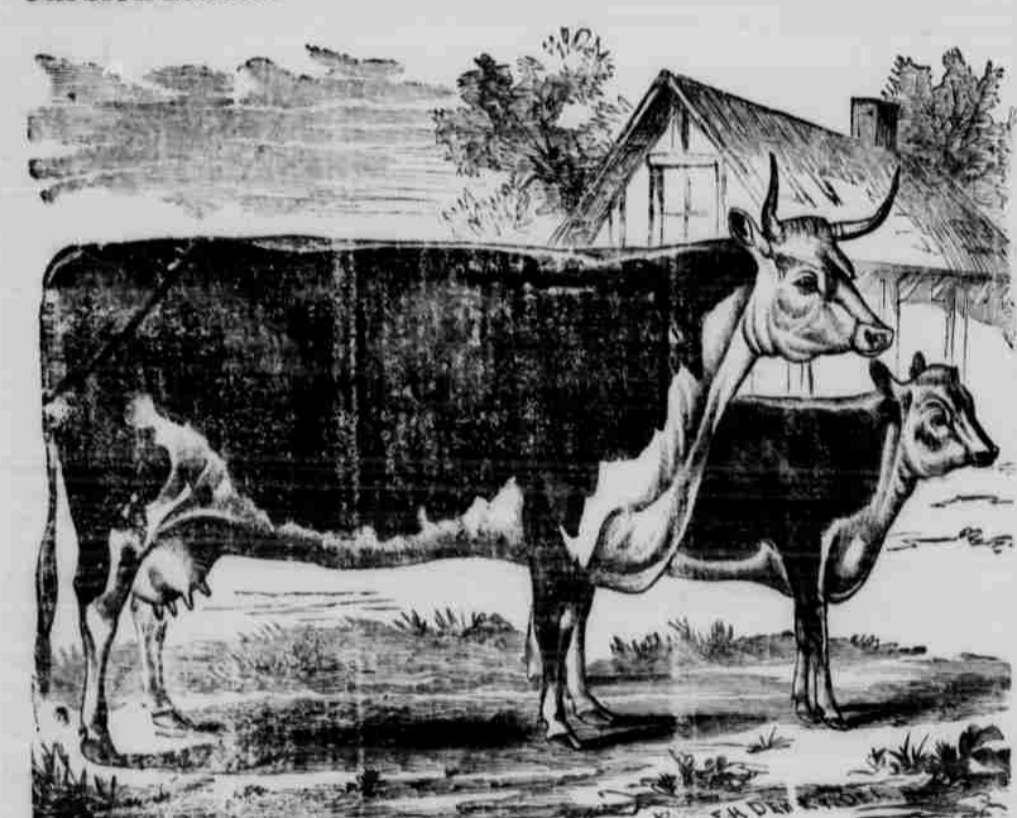
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