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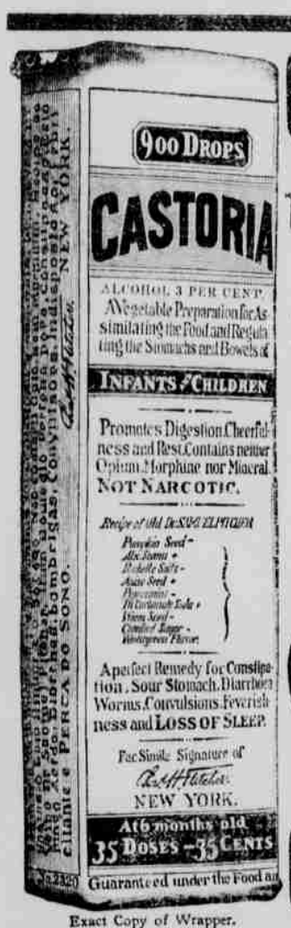

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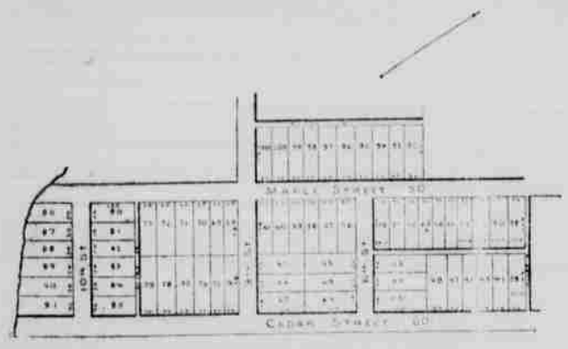

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FLY CATECHISM.

Why Should We Kill the Fly? Because He May Kill Us.

1. Where is the fly born? In manure and filth.

2. Where does the fly live? In every kind of filth.

3. Is anything to filthy for the fly to eat? No.

4. (a) Where does he go when he leaves the vault and the manure pile and the spittoon? Into the kitchen and dining room. (b) What does he do there? He walks on the bread, fruit and vegetables; he wipes his feet on the butter and bathes in the buttermilk.

5. Does the fly visit the patient sick with consumption, typhoid fever, and cholera infantum? He does—and may call on you next.

6. Is the fly dangerous? He's man's worst pest, and more dangerous than wild beasts or rattlesnakes.

7. What disease does he carry? He carries typhoid fever, tuberculosis and summer complaint. How? On his wings and hairy feet. What is his correct name? Typhoid fly.

8. Did he ever kill any one? He killed more American soldiers in the Spanish-American war than the bullets of the Spaniards.

9. Where are the greatest number of cases of typhoid fever, consumption, and summer complaint? Where there are the most flies.

10. Where are the most flies? Where there is the most filth.

11. Why should we kill the fly? Because he may kill us.

12. How shall we kill the fly? (a) Destroy all the filth about the house and yard; (b) pour lime into the vault and on the manure; (c) kill the fly with a wire screen paddle, or sticky paper or kerosene.

13. Kill the fly in any way, but kill the fly.

14. If there is filth anywhere that you cannot remove, call the officer of the board of health and ask for relief before you are stricken with disease and, perhaps death.

Kicked by a Mad Horse.

Samuel Birch, of Beetown, Wis., had a most narrow escape from losing his leg, as no doctor could heal the frightful sore that developed, but at last Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured it completely. It's the greatest healer of ulcers, burns, boils, eczema, scalds, cuts, corns, cold sores, bruises and piles on earth. Try it. 25c. at all druggists.

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WHAT OF THAT?

Tired! Well, what of that?
Didst fancy life was spent on bed of ease,
Fluttering the rose leaves scatter'd by the breeze?
Come! rouse thee, work while it is call'd today,
Coward, arise—go forth upon the way!

Lonely! And what of that?
Some must be lonely; 'tis not given to all,
To feel a heart responsive rise and fall,
To blend another life into its own;
Work may be done in loneliness; work on!

Dark! Well, and what of that?
Didst fondly dream the sun would never set?
Dost fear to lose thy way? Take courage yet,
Learn thou to walk by faith and not by sight;
Thy steps will guided be, and guided right.

Hard! Well, and what of that?
Didst fancy life one summer holiday
With lessons none to learn and naught but play?
Go, get thee to thy task; conquer or die!
It must be learned—learn it then patiently.

No help! Nay; 'tis not so.
Though human help be far, thy God is nigh,
Who feeds the ravens, hears His children cry.
He's near thee wheresoever thy footsteps roam,
And He will guide thee, light thee, help thee home.

IF I WERE KING.

If I were King—ah, love, if I were King—
What tributary nations would I bring
To stoop before your scepire and to swear
Allegiance to your lips and eyes and hair;
Beneath your feet what treasure would I fling;
The stars would be your pearls upon a string,
The world a ruby for your finger ring,
And you should have the sun and moon to wear,
If I were King.

Let these wild dreams and wilder words take wing,
Deep in the woods I heard a shepherd sing
A simple ballad to a sylvan air,
Of love that ever finds your face more fair;
I could not give you any goodlier thing
If I were King.

AGAINST THEM.

She—Are you against long hatpins for women?

He—Well, I have been against them several times.—San Francisco Call.

DECIDEDLY UNTRUTHFUL.

"You are the first man I ever permitted to kiss me."

"And you are the first girl I ever kissed. Will you marry me?"

"I wouldn't marry a liar."

"I would."—Houston Examiner.

Midnight in the Ozarks

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THE LITTLE LOAF.

He Had The Silver Baked Into The Smallest Loaf.

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The children were very hungry. They seized the basket and struggled to get at the largest loaf. They even forgot to thank the man who had been kind to them. After a few minutes of quarreling and snatching for bread, every one ran away with his loaf except one little girl, named Gretchen. She stood there alone at a little distance from the gentleman. Then, smiling, she took up the last loaf, the smallest of all, and thanked him with all her heart.

Next day the children came again, and they behaved as badly as ever. Gretchen, who would not push with the rest, received only a tiny loaf, scarcely half the size of the others. But, when she came home and her mother began to cut the loaf, out dropped six shining coins of silver.

"Oh, Gretchen!" exclaimed her mother, "this must be a mistake. The money does not belong to us. Run as quick as you can take it back to the gentleman."

So Gretchen carried it back. But when she gave the gentleman her mother's message, he said: "No, no, it was not a mistake. I had the silver baked into the smallest loaf in order to reward you. Remember that the person who is contented to have a small loaf rather than to quarrel for a larger one will find blessings that are better than money baked in bread.—Adapted from Cowery's Moral Lessons, by Ella Lyman Cabot, in Ethics for Children.

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HE HAD REFORMED.

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The old rustic—at a respectful distance—was watching.

"Ah!" said the female artist, looking up suddenly and pretending she hadn't known he was there all the time, "perhaps to you, too, Nature has opened her sky pictures, page by page? Have you seen the lambent flame of dawn leaping across the livid east; the red-stained islets floating in the lakes of fire in the west; the ragged clouds at midnight, black as a raven's wing, blotting out the shuddering moon?"

"No, mum," replied the rustic shortly, "not since I give up drink."—Life.

MOTHER'S MORNING PRAYER.

"Edith, you say your prayers every morning?" asked the Sunday school teacher.

"No, teacher, I don't pray every morning, but my mamma does," said little Edith.

"And what prayer does your mamma say?" asked the teacher.

She says: "Oh, Lord, how I hate to get up."—The National Monthly.

THE GLEAM OF HOPE.

"I've took the pledge, Bill. I'm never goin' to touch another drop as long as I live."

"Oh! Well, cheer up! Maybe ye won't live long."—New York Life.

After people get out of school they begin to learn they didn't learn anything there.

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We are afraid of trying and failing—it so humiliating.

And yet, when we come to think of it, if nobody ever tries unless they were certain of succeeding, the world wouldn't get along quickly, would it?

It's only failing and trying again, that we succeed in the end. Some of us are afraid to lend a helping hand in time of need, in case we fail, and look ridiculous in the eyes of our friends and neighbors. We never know what we are capable of doing until we have tried, and even if we fail many times there is no need to despair. Our failures very often are merely the stepping stones to success.

Even other people's failures are some time helpful to us, for they show us the pitfalls to avoid, says Home Chat.

So let us make up our minds to keep on trying, in spite of failures, and disappointments, and instead of making fun of those who try and fail, let us help and encourage them by our sympathy to try again.

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"Have you any remedy for our overcrowded prisons?"

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