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THE BEST WAY.

Back to the Wall and Fight.

A hard-working, level-headed business man was asked on one occasion what to do when times got hard and business dull and expenses kept running up. His reply was: "Put your back to the wall and fight." That's a sentence which might be carefully studied by many young men to-day. A man who embraces the philosophy of the advice will not rush off into bankruptcy at the first gathering of a storm; he will not be found choosing the cowardly way of the suicide out of his difficulties; he will not whine, nor fume at fortune; he will not lose time shedding tears over past mistakes—mistakes which no amount of crying can remedy; he will not be found in the class of evil prophets, themselves afflicted with boils and bruises concluding that all the world is so affected. No, sir; he will raise his own strong arm and strike. He will, when weary and weak of knee, back up against a solid stone wall and fight. When the world loses its fighting men, the world will be about gone to the dogs. When sheer grit, determination, courage, have died, there will not be much left to live for in this earth.

A certain man, distressed about his business, and not having the grit to fight, bravely, valiantly, took to drink. He sought relief from business care in the strong bottle. This same man, with his back to the wall, and armed with the indomitable spirit of the fighter would have had a far better chance of victory. There are many men to-day who are excusing their habitual taking of strong drink on just such a flimsy defense. But it is not brave, it is not wise and it leads to sure defeat.

There used to be a brand of whiskey sold that one man said would make a rabbit fight a bull dog. But it will not help a man fight a brave fight.

"Put your back to the wall and fight."—that's the way, the best way.

An ambitious woman seldom looks her age—unless she is a suffragette.

Lumbago-Sciatica Sprains



"The directions says, its good for lumbago too.—Sloan's cured my rheumatism; I've used it and I know." Do you use Sloan's?

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THE BOTTOM OF THE SEA.

When it Falls Out, if it Ever Does, Goodbye Old World.

When the bottom of the sea gives way from some future volcanic disturbance the whole earth will be consumed in flames, just as other worlds every day are being consumed, according to Louis Rabourdin, the French scientist. Recent volcanic disturbances lead this scientist to believe that such a time is not far distant. The earth's crust is very thin at the bottom of the sea, he says, and he adds that the floor on which we stand is more frail than we are led to believe.

M. Rabourdin imagines a disaster so great as to involve the whole earth. If such an event should occur he thinks that from a distant world its appearance and progress would exactly parallel what we ourselves see in the cast of the "nova," or distant stars, that blaze out of the heavens from time to time.

M. Rabourdin says: "Suppose that following upon an extraordinary twisting movement, due to retreat of the central mass, a large mass of the sea bottom should give way and, falling suddenly, should let in the mass of the ocean's waters upon the incandescent interior matter? The water would be decomposed by the heat, the hydrogen would burn, and it would burn more as it had access to more oxygen. The conflagration would thus gain gradually in force, accompanied by electric phenomena, and the greater part of the earth's crust would probably be displaced. The earth, passing through a critical epoch and returning for the time being to its formative period, would again be nothing but a globe of fire."

"For the far off worlds that swing in sidereal space this would be the phenomenon of a new star that blazes out all at once, increases in brilliancy as if it would eclipse the luminous splendor of all its neighbors and then become feebler and feebler, to disappear finally forever in the profound darkness of the limitless distance."

When such a catastrophe takes place, if it ever does, that will be the "end of the world," so far as we at least are concerned.—New York World.

A "FULL" ADMIRAL.



The kind of a "full" admiral that Josephus Daniels does not want in the navy.

CLASSIFYING MEN.

She found her dearest girl chum in tears.
The situation was unexpected, being rather common and vulgar. But the patrician girl was sympathetic enough to inquire, just as any other girl might:
"Why, dear, what on earth is the matter?"
"Men are all liars, sobbed the broken hearted one."
"Oh, don't say that!" protested the other. "That is too broad a generalization."
"Well, I suppose there are some good, honest fellows who are not. But all the really nice men are."

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WRONG SPOOK.

Medium—Hush! Listen! I hear the gentle rapping of your wife. Victim—Gentle rapping? That's not my wife.—Life.

THE OLD ROLLER TOWEL.

How dear to our hearts are the things of our childhood, When fond recollections present them to view; The old district schoolhouse, the pail and the dipper, The same cut of gum which in turn we would chew. No fear of a microbe forever beset us, No state board of health interfered then at all; We bathed dirty faces in one common basin, And turned to the towel that hung on the wall. The old roller towel, the stiff roller towel, The germ-laden towel that hung on the wall.

Of crash was this towel, in generous proportion, And never was changed more than once in a week; We turned it around and used it all over, And for a dry spot it was idle to seek, With use and abuse it grew grayish in color, Acquiring an odor exceedingly rank; By Saturday night it presented a surface As hard and unyielding as any inch plank. The old roller towel, the stiff roller towel, From which the fastidious foolishly shrank.

But now it is gone, vanished out of existence, By virtue of power, which which the Board of Health holds; No more can we bury our streaming wet faces Within its bacterial, dangerous folds, No longer we meet with the discolored banner, Which hung from a roller nailed up on the wall; On clean huckabuck, initial embroidered, We wipe away tears which intrusively fall For old roller towels, the stiff roller towels, The germ laden towel that hung on the wall.

GROWN-UP LAND.

"Good mornin', fair maid with lashes brown, Can you tell me the way to Womanhood Town?"
"O, this way and that way, never a stop. 'Tis by picking up stitches grandma will drop; 'Tis by kissing the baby's troubles away; 'Tis learning that cross words never will pay; 'Tis helping mother, 'tis sewing up rents; 'Tis reading and playing, 'tis saving the cents; 'Tis loving and smiling, forgetting to frown. O, that is the way to Womanhood Town!"
"Just wait, my brave lad, one moment, I pray, Manhood Town lies where? Can you tell me the way?"
"O, by toiling and trying we reach that land— A bit with the head, a bit with the hand! 'Tis by climbing the steep hill Work; 'Tis by keeping out of the wide street Shirk; 'Tis by always taking the weak one's part; 'Tis by giving the mother a happy heart; 'Tis by keeping bad thoughts and actions down. O, that is the way to Manhood Town!"
And the lad and the maid ran hand in hand To their fair estates in Grown-Up Land.

HURRY, FISHING MIGHTY FINE.

When you hear the hylas calling, where the grassy-fringed waters shine, And the doves begin a cooing in the shadow of the pine; When the bluebird sounds his whistle up the vale and from the hill, And your ears begin to listen for the sound of "whip-up-will," Then there comes a moving feeling from the brain cells and the mind That sets your feet a-marching for the bait and fishing line, And the whole earth seems to call you, "Hurry, fishing's mighty fine."

Then in fancy you can see them in some deep, sky-mirrored pool, Floating side-wise, blowing bubbles from their up-stream swimming school, Waiting for your bait and line; Then again the magic calling, "Hurry, fishing's mighty fine, Sparkling water all a-quiver, Sky is blue, violets, too, Hurry, hurry down the river, Bait your hook and cast your line; Failure! never! keep on trying; Hurry, fishing's mighty fine."

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