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Everybody seems to be saying a good word for the bush and lima bean.

THE BROTHERS.

Ride we out at the dawning of day— Gray are the hills and a blush on the sky— Up between fields where the dew frosts lay, Jack and Harold and I.

Can ever an hour with this compare? Is ever a bloom like a waking one? Ho, for the breath of the unwarmed air That knows not the kiss of the sun!

Over the highway and down the hill Speed we well like the wings of a bird, A reddening east and a warning thrill, The world has awaked and stirred?

A sudden ray and a cock's shrill call, A salty scent from the sea blown down, A thought of the work that awaits us all

And yonder the spires of the town! Back we ride at the close of the day, Met by the breath that the brier sheds,

And a bird that is flying to rest away, And one star over our heads.

Can ever an hour with this compare, When the day and the night are almost one, Filling the sky and the silent air, Hushed at the death of the sun?

Back 'twixt the dewy fields we ride, Under the deepening heart of the sky, Passing the bridge and the hills steep side— Jack and Harold and I.

And down by the mill will one of us wait, Wait for the wave of a hand, for a smile, And over the hill, by the vine-clad gate, Will one of us linger awhile.

But under the stars, in the gathering gloom, One rideth on, rideth on for a space, Then, oh, the scent of the white rose bloom, And the joy in a mother's face!

Mr. Lease "at Home."

Judge. Mrs. Lease—(looking up from her newspaper)—William, does it not make your blood boil to read of these combinations of capital against—

Her husband—One moment, my dear; the baby is awake again. I must give him some more soothing syrup.

Mrs. Lease (as he leaves the room)—Both the baby. I can't have peace to think in the house. It's enough to drive a woman to drink.

Mr. Lease (who has returned after pacifying the baby)—My dear, I don't think camphorated oil is good to rub on his chest; it opens the pores and—

Mrs. Lease (impatiently)—All right, do as you please; as I was saying, William, the down-trodden farmer cannot get bread and bacon to eat, while—

Mr. Lease—(excitedly)—Ah, now I remember it! I put the bacon in the pot just after you left for the convention, and I never thought of it again till this moment. How could I be so stupid?

Mrs. Lease (after his return from the kitchen)—William, I fear you can not raise your mind above sordid things. It is of no use to talk to you of the great problems which are now engaging the human intellect.

When I start to tell you about capitalistic domination you give your thoughts to the baby; and when I try to explain the causes of the agricultural depression you can not take your mind off your humdrum household duties.

Mr. Lease (humbly)—Don't be hard on me, my dear. After your office hours you can spend your evenings in improving your mind while my work is never done. I was up with the baby nearly all last night. To-day I couldn't get the kettle to boil, and I have a heap of sewing ahead of me to-night.

Mrs. Lease—Well, perhaps there are excuses for you. Go on with your sewing while I finish this article.

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TRAIN ROBBERIES. THEY ARE INCREASING.

Higher Rates for Carrying Money.

Richmond Dispatch. The express companies throughout the country have put up their rates for the carriage of money.

The increase amounts to about 25 per cent., and is the result of the losses entailed upon the companies by the train robberies which have grown so much in frequency and daring during the last two years.

In every such case the companies are subjected to much expense in pursuing the thieves, and often they fail to recover the treasure stolen.

Experience has taught them, they say, that they can not continue to carry money at the old rates with hope of profit, and that the increase which they have made is the simple dictate of common-sense business management.

The following table compiled by the Express *Cette*, of Cincinnati, gives the number of "hold-ups" of railroad express-trains during the past five years, and shows that the evil is a growing one and that vigorous legislation is needed to put an end to it:

Year.	Number of "Hold-Ups."
1890	12
1891	16
1892	16
1893	33
1894	27

Total number trains "held up" 104
Total number of lives lost - 27
Total number of people injured 27

Senator Butler has introduced a bill which puts money packages of express companies on the same level as United States mail matter, and it is believed that if it becomes a law "hold-ups" will be of infrequent occurrence.

Train robbers seldom interfere with the mails. They have more fear of the United States authorities than of the State authorities. They know that to touch any piece of mail matter is to set in motion a band of trained officers who have ample means with which to pursue them to the land's end, whereas local authorities are rarely provided with the means to pursue and punish them.

So, when they have to take chances of detection and conviction they prefer to incur the penalty of the State law rather than of the Federal law. And then, of course, they know that they are far more certain to find currency in express packages than in mail matter.

If the United States Government would undertake the carriage of money packages and would insure delivery, it might have all of this carrying business. But this the government has always declined to do.

If the Post-Office Department will not do this business why should not Congress extend its protection to money packages carried by express companies? If it would do so we should soon see the companies returning to the old rates; perhaps to rates lower than ever before.

We are not familiar with the details of Senator Butler's bill, but unless it is liable to some objection that does not occur to us, we should think that it ought to pass.

In the instance of the Aquia-creek robbery we see how difficult and costly it is to pursue train robbers, and how troublesome it is to bring back for trial a prisoner who has been arrested in another State. This, too, notwithstanding the fact that Governor O'Ferrall has made untiring efforts to bring the guilty to judgment.

Indeed, if the executives of all other States which have been the scenes of train robberies had pursued the rascals with the same vigor and determination that Virginia's Executive has pursued those who held up the train at Aquia creek, this form of crime would have disappeared long ago.

But experience has shown that in some States the authorities are not very diligent in pursuing such offenders. The fact is that takes money and men to follow these desperadoes, and to overwhelm them if they show fight, and too often the officers of the law have considered their detection and punishment more a matter that concerned the express companies than a matter that concerned the general public.

Shake the deciduous and evergreen shrubs after each heavy snowfall.

THE SUNNY SIDE. Be Ever Hopeful.

Selected. There is no greater man than he who is true to himself when all around deny and forsake him.

There is no work so humble that faithfulness in it will not be noticed and rewarded.

Notice in any path in life the most successful figures walking in it, more often than not, you will find that they are people who have failed more than once.

"When Emerson's library was burning at Concord," relates Miss Alcott, "I went to him as he stood with the firelight on his strong sweet face and expressed my sympathy for the loss of his most valued possessions, but he answered cheerily: 'Never mind, Louisa, see what a beautiful blaze they make! We will enjoy that now.' The lesson was never forgotten, and in the varied losses that have come to me I have learned to look for something beautiful and bright."

None of us realize that hopefulness is not only a delightful quality to meet with in others, but a positive duty incumbent on all of us.

St Paul, the most practical of writers on life and its difficulties, brackets it with faith and love as the chiefest of Christian virtues. It is not a mere accident of disposition whether we persistently look on the dark and gloomy or the brighter side of things, but a habit of mind which we can cultivate or allow to die through want of use.

Begin with small things, and the habit will grow on you in greater ones. Steadfastly resolve to look for the bright place in every event, and if your path in life is gloomy and difficult, look not only on the thorns and stones of the way, but fix your mind steadily on the helps which come in the darkest lot, and the sun and stars which are always shining above, if we will but lift our eyes and see them.

It is not yourself only you will serve by the formation of hopeful views and habits; you will be a perpetual cordial and tonic to all those among whom your lot is cast.

Exercise a strong will to secure tranquility. If we worry about the past which is gone, or the future which has not come, the blessed to-day, which is all we can be sure of, we never have.

Gone to the Dead-Letter Office.

Detroit Free Press. He slowly approached the stamp-clerk's window at the post-office with a letter in his hand, and asked: "Do you trust?"

"Not in any one on earth," replied the clerk.

"If I should frank this envelope, same as congressmen, would it go?"

"No, sir."

"Isn't this government a paternal one and willing to furnish a stamp to a needy person and collect later on?"

"No, sir."

"But there must be a way I can send this letter to Washington?"

"Yes; post it without a stamp, and it will go to the dead-letter office there."

"Yes; post it without a stamp, and it will go to the dead-letter office there."

"Ah! I see. It's to a friend of mine in that same office, and of course he'll get it. 'Seuse me, sir, but I'm a bit off this morning, and not as clear-headed as I might be. You have saved me a stamp, sir—a 2-cent stamp—and I feel grateful, and will always remember you. That's the way, of course, and here she goes. What could I have been thinking of to stamp a letter going to the dead-letter office!"

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ARE MORALS IMPROVING? A CHANGE IN BOTS. But They Know More.

New Berne Journal. We have recently seen stated that the standard of morals has been lowered. We do not think so. It has been in some respects changed, and in some cases very much for the better.

Many things that our fathers did, without fear and without reproach, would be inadmissible in this day. Indeed the biblical narrative recites many things, in connection with the early worthies, which would be considered reprehensible now.

Morals have not deteriorated. The blessed work of our holy Christianity is going on, and civilization is advancing with every revolution of the wheels of Time. Of course we know that Morals and Christianity are not the same, but men would have no faith in our religion if it did not ennoble life and make a decent regard for the observance of Morals an essential of exalted character.

"Our boys are not as good as they used to be," is sometimes referred to as showing the decadence of morals. Admitting the fact, while doubting its truth, it may be observed that boys are not what they used to be. A boy of six years is more in contact with the world and knows more of "the pleasures of sin now, than a lad of twelve dared to think of in the days of our father; and a young American of fifteen has sounded depths and scaled heights that men of that early day never dreamed of in their wildest moods; but, in the grand aggregation of life, the mighty mass of humanity is moving upward and onward.

There are more Christian mothers than ever before, and it would be a contradiction of all history to assume that a mother's influence is not supreme in shaping character. She may not be able to make her child a model of piety, but she can, and in most instances does, mould his manners and influence his character.

Tell us not that in expressing these opinions we are optimists. We are optimists in its broadest sense. We do believe that all events are ordained for the best—but we are very far from believing that whatever is is best. There is much that is wrong in this life; very much that is evil in the world, but so sure as day follows night, we are approaching the time foretold by seer and prophet when the wilderness shall blossom as the rose.

Maternal influence, educational facilities, church privileges, civilization in its higher development, and agencies of which we know nothing, are working out the grand problems of life and drawing man nearer to the good, the beautiful and the true.

John Wesley and the Farmer.

Onward. A farmer went to hear John Wesley preach. He was a man who cared little about religion; on the other hand, he was not what we call a bad man. His attention was soon excited and riveted. Wesley said he would take up three topics of thought: he was talking chiefly of money. His first was, "Get all you can." The farmer nudged a neighbor and said: "This is strange preaching; I never heard the like before; this is very good. That man has got things in him; it is admirable preaching." John Wesley discoursed on "industry," "activity," "living to purpose," and reached his second division, "Save all you can." The farmer became more excited. "Was there ever anything like this?" he said. Wesley denounced thriftlessness and waste, and he satirized the wilful wickedness which lavished in luxury; and the farmer rubbed his hands as he thought, "All this I have been taught from my youth up," and what with getting, and what with hoarding, it seemed to him that "salvation" had come to his house. But Wesley advanced to his third head, which was, "Give all you can." "Ah, dear! ah, dear," said the farmer, "he has gone and spoiled it all."

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