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If it wasn't for wine, for whiskey and beer,  
How lonely I'd be in my kingdom down here.

When I planted the vine and coaxed it to grow,  
When I taught the rich purple vintage to flow,  
I knew that makind in their folly would drink  
Till they stumbled and fell over pedition's brink.

The preachers may scatter the gospel abroad,  
As sowers cast seeds o'er the plow-furrowed sod;  
But what do I fear from the zealous divine,  
So long as men quaff the ruby red wine.

So long as I see the gay glitter and glare  
Of the bar-room's bright light I never despair;  
For so long as men drink, so long as they spree,  
I know there'll be always a harvest for me.

**The Old Man Holds the Farm.**

*Exchange.*

A colored man owns a little farm of nine acres in the very middle of the Vanderbilt domain at Biltmore and he will not sell. Vanderbilt has offered \$1,000 an acre for it in vain. His last offer was \$20,000 for the holding, but Uncle Tom shook his head and would not take it. Imagine what a fortune \$20,000 would be to such a poor old colored man! But he declined it. The old darkey's cabin is so close to Mr. Vanderbilt as to make itself conspicuous. It is almost directly under the great wall above which the castle has been erected. One could almost strike it with a stone thrown from the castle. Finding it impracticable to wipe out the blot, Vanderbilt has done his best to efface the little farm by surrounding it with a ring of tall trees. These are growing rapidly, and before long nobody will be able to see from the castle the old man's humble cabin and its few surrounding acres. That it is pure obstinacy which has impelled the old man to hold on to his farm is by no means certain. He has had lawyers to advise him. He said with a sly look: "Oh, I'll sell. When Mr. Vanderbilt offers me what my farm is wuff, I'll sell!"

**Defeat Not Always Defeat.**

*Sunday-School Times.*

Defeat is not always defeat. It is not always those to whom the world awards the victor's palm who are the real conquerors. Many a man whose career is spoken of by others as a brilliant success, himself knows that his apparent good fortune was won at the price of virtue and manhood; while another, who lies by the dusty wayside of life defeated and broken, can comfort himself with the consciousness that his defeat came because he would not stoop to barter or soil his rectitude. After all, God's standard of victory and defeat is the true standard. It matters not how great a failure one's life may be, when judged from a merely human standpoint, if God pronounces it a success; nor can human approval and human applause change into victory that which God pronounces a defeat.

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## CONFLICTING LAWS.

**CHANGES NEEDED.**  
**Uniform State Laws.**

*Youth's Companion.*

One of the most serious defects in our mode of government is the absence of a uniform system of laws. The laws of the United States are, of course, supreme in every state, but the subjects with which they deal are strictly limited by the federal Constitution, and everything which lies outside is within the jurisdiction of the several states.

Acts permitted by local laws or tolerated by local sentiment may be of such a character as seriously to complicate the relations of the United States with other governments, and yet may be wholly beyond the control of the general government. The attack upon Italian in New Orleans in 1891, and many anti-Chinese riots in Western states are instances in point.

Each of the forty-four states has its own code of laws, to which at every session of its legislature large additions are made. There are wide differences and conflicts among the laws. Business practices which are permissible in some states are forbidden in others. Offenses which are visited with heavy penalties in one state are not punished at all in another state adjoining; and sometimes a house which happens to be crossed by a state line is in request, because certain acts which would be illegal at one end of it are legal at the other.

Marriage and divorce laws differ widely. Marriage relations forbidden in one state may be entered into under the more lax laws of another, and the parties to them may resume their residence in the state from which they came. A husband may desert his wife, and after living a short time in another state procure a divorce, and sometimes it is possible to conceal knowledge of the proceedings from her until the decree of divorce has been granted.

There are no means of reconciling these conflicting and contradictory provisions of law except by agreement among the states. An attempt has been made in this direction through the appointment by the several states of commissioners who meet in annual conference to consider measures for promoting uniform laws. New York took the initiative in 1890, and other states have followed its example. Probably thirty states will be represented at the conference in Saratoga this month.

The conference has no powers beyond discussion and recommendation. It recommends no law until it has been approved with absolute unanimity at two meetings. Business forms were first considered. A uniform law for the acknowledgement and execution of deeds was adopted; then one prescribing the form of a seal; then statutes as to wills and their probate.

Legislation as to the weights of the bushel or barrel was next considered. There are now variations which promote confusion and fraud; for example, a bushel of oats is thirty pounds in New Jersey and thirty-two pounds in New York. The conference has recommended the abolition of days of grace; proposed a code concerning bills, notes and checks; and considered other questions of business law.

All the states appointing commissioners expressly directed them to deal with marriage and divorce. Touching the first, the conference has recommended that some ceremony, or formality, or written evidence, signed by both parties and attested by one or more witnesses, be required in all marriages; and that stringent provision be made for their immediate record, however solemnized or entered into.

Regarding divorce, it was hopeless to seek agreement concerning causes and methods, but the conference recommended that no divorce be granted unless the defendant is domiciled or has been personally served with process within the state. This would put an end to the stealthy procuring of divorces in other states than that in which the parties reside.

Few as have been the recommendations of the conference, those that have been adopted by state legislatures have been fewer. The work of securing uniformity in state laws must be slow and difficult, and partial at the best; but as the reasonableness of it comes to be understood, the commissioners will be reinforced by a strong public sentiment.

Friend—And you are very happy?  
Bride—Very. Almost every day I hear of some other girl who would have jumped at the chance to marry my husband.—*Detroit Tribune.*

Neighbor—How did your daughter's marriage with that count turn out?  
Mrs. Brickrow—Her last letter states that she has spent all her money, and she is taking in washing; but then, I presume she washes only for the nobility.—*Tid Bits.*

## The South's Progress.

*Norfolk Pilot.*

Time was when the East did not recognize the existence of business capacity and enterprise and pluck in the South, but it is so no longer. The recognition has been a long time coming, but accomplished facts are arguments, and no skepticism can refute or ignore. The East could not help itself.

When the South emerged from the war it was, perhaps, the most desolate and impoverished section in the New World. There is no room for doubt about it, in fact. Today it is rich and prosperous, and this result is very largely the handiwork of the Southern people. Credit for our achievement was withheld for a time, but it is accorded now by the press and people of the East. The *New York World* said in a recent issue:

"The close of the war left the South with all of its old business conditions wiped out. Without property, capital, credit or large business experience, the people of the South had only their natural facilities and undeveloped resources to depend on in the hard struggle for a restoration of their prosperity. But these have sufficed. They have shown in peace a pluck and persistency as great as in war, and have developed a business capacity not exceeded by that of the traditional Yankee. They have held their own in finance and banking, in railroad building and management, in developing the resources of their mineral wealth, in establishing manufactures, in improved agriculture and increased productiveness."

We believe it will be conceded that these statements, strong as they are, do not exaggerate the South's progress. The story has been an open one for everybody or anybody to read. But the *World* might have gone a step further and still remained truthful. It might have stated, what is a fact, that in the city of New York some of the most conspicuous business successes, in the past decade or two, have been those of Southern men who have led in commerce and the professions upon the *World's* native heath.

The same spirit, courage and fertility of resource that enabled the South to contend against overwhelming numbers and resources for four years of war, are back of the efforts to win independence and wealth in the peaceful pursuits of commercial and industrial progress. In this latter great struggle the South has the natural resources and advantages on its side and will go from one degree of triumph to another until the East will appear as a dwarf in comparison.

## Our Best.

*Sunday-School Times.*

A man's "best" is a wise averaging of his powers. It is true that what is worth doing at all is worth doing well. But it is also true that we must learn to let well enough alone. It is not merely specific and individual duties that are worth doing well, but it is the whole of life itself. This grand total of result is to be acquired as much by judicious letting alone as by taking up. It would be quite possible for an editor to strengthen his article, a minister to polish his sermon, a housewife to add grace to the arrangement of a room, or a farmer to glean a fuller harvest, were it not that a score of manuscripts were awaiting the editor's judgment, a sick parishioner were demanding the presence of the minister, a pudding were scorching in the housewife's oven, or the weeds and the neighbors' chickens were overrunning the farmer's garden. The best way to do all things is not to do some things. The best way to do some things is not to do all things. What is worth doing is worth doing well; but it is the part of wisdom to know just when well-doing means letting well enough alone to take up something else, and when it means letting that something else go altogether.

## About Success.

*Reflector.*

The world measures a man by his success. If he succeeds, he is all right in the public estimation, no matter by what means he has attained it. The world has no time to look into the methods by which the success has been attained and whether they be honorable or otherwise.

There are some important lessons to be learned from this fact foremost of which is that every man should strive for success. Applause follows it. Everybody bows to the winning man. But important as it is to succeed, success ought to be gained only by honorable means. Honesty is the best policy, and the wisest in the end, and a permanent success can only be attained by honorable means. Many a man gains temporary success by dishonorable means and flourishes for awhile; but he is found out and his success flits away and is gone.

## A Father's Hoax.

*Selected.*

A clergyman, a widower, recently created quite a sensation in his household, which consists of seven grown-up daughters. The reverend gentleman was away from home for a number of days in an adjoining county. The daughters received a letter from their father, which stated that he had married a widow with six children, and that he might be expected home at a certain time.

The effect of the news was a great shock to the happy family. There was weeping and wailing and all manner of naughty things said. The house was neglected, and when the day of arrival came it was anything but inviting.

At last the Rev. Mr. X. came, but he was alone. He greeted his daughters as usual, and as he viewed the neglected apartments, there was a merry twinkle in his eye. The daughters were nervous and evidently anxious. At last the elder ministered courage and asked: "Where is our mother?"

"In heaven," said the good man. "But where is the widow with six children whom you married?"

"Why, I married her to another man, my dears," he replied.

## What The Doctor Did.

*Our Dumb Animals.*

"You'd better ask the doctor for his bill next time he comes," said a poor sick minister to his wife. "I don't know when we can pay it, I'm sure. He's made me a good many visits, but I hope he won't have to come many times more."

The old doctor was a grim looking person, who said as little as possible, and spoke in the gruffest of tones; but he had kept his eyes, and was not half as unfeeling as he appeared.

At his next visit the minister's wife followed him out of the sick room and timidly preferred her request.

"Your bill?" said the doctor, glancing round the kitchen, then down at his boots.

"Yes, sir," said the woman. "Mr. Ames wanted me to ask you for it, but we can't pay it just now. We'll pay it as soon as we can."

"Well, here it is," said the doctor. And he took out his pocket-book and handed the astonished woman a ten dollar greenback, and was out-of-doors before she could say thank you.

## A Human Frog.

*Southport Leader.*

Living near the swamp gardens, east of this city, is a colored family a member of which, a boy of about twelve years of age, is strangely affected by weather changes, especially before rains, when he involuntarily bellows like a frog. This case is vouched for by a number of reputable white people who have been at work in their garden patches, and have heard the cry of the boy, and a few hours later there was a rain fall.

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