

**THE BETTER LIFE**

**The Broken Pinion.**

I walked in the woodland meadows,  
Where sweet thrushes sing;  
And I found on a bed of roses,  
A bird with a broken wing.  
I healed the wound; and each morning  
It sang its old sweet strain,  
But the bird with the broken pinion  
Never soared as high again.

I found a youth life-broken  
By sin's seductive art;  
And touched with Christ-like pity  
I took him to my heart.  
He lived with a noble purpose,  
And struggled not in vain;  
But the soul with a broken pinion  
Never soared so high again.

But the bird with a broken pinion  
Kept another from the snare,  
And the life that sin had stricken  
Raised another from despair.  
Each loss had its compensation;  
There were healings for each pain;  
But the bird with a broken pinion  
Never soared as high again.

—Selected.

**This is a Beautiful World.**

What is the secret of gladness?  
There are many things which help  
to make people glad. This is a  
beautiful world in which we live.  
When the work of creation was  
finished, God surveyed it and saw  
that it was very good. We do  
not think enough of what God  
has done for our pleasure in the  
way that he has adorned this  
world, preparing it to be our  
home. He has spread loveliness  
everywhere. He has covered the  
fields with a luxuriance of vege-  
tation. He has sown the earth  
with flowers. The wonderful va-  
riety in nature—mountain and  
vale, lake, river and stream—  
gives an added charm to the mar-  
velous beauty. Then over all  
this splendor God has thrown a  
vast vaulted roof of blue, in  
which, when night comes, instead  
of black darkness, thousands of  
star-lamps are hung to pour  
their soft, quiet radiance over  
God's children while they sleep.

Many Bible scholars say that  
when Jesus speaks of the many  
mansions in the Father's house,  
he does not refer to heaven only,  
but means that this world is one  
of the mansions, and heaven is  
another. Thus earth is one  
apartment of the Father's house.  
Surely it is beautiful enough, for  
this. No doubt heaven will be  
more lovely, more resplendent,  
than earth; for sin has left its  
marrings here on everything.  
"The whole creation groaneth  
the travail together in pain."  
Perhaps earth's storms and  
earthquakes and floods and  
other calamitous events and oc-  
currences are in some mysterious  
way part of the fruit of sin. In  
the story of the fall we have  
hints of a sad change that came  
upon the earth in consequence of  
sin.

At least we know that the  
heavenly home will not have any  
of these sad things in it. Earth  
is not so beautiful nor so good as  
heaven. Yet this is really one of  
the mansions of our Father's  
house in which we are now living,  
and its wondrous beauty and  
splendor ought to make us glad.  
He who studies nature, and has  
an eye for its beauty, has found  
one of the secrets of gladness.  
There are scenes which have in  
them splendor enough to fill our  
hearts with rapture. He who  
has learned to see what is lovely  
in field and forest and landscape  
has found an exhaustless re-  
source of gladness.—J. R. Miller,  
D. D., in "The Secret of Glad-  
ness."

**Five "Minds."**

Mind your tongue. Don't let  
it speak hasty, cruel unkind or  
wicked words. Mind!  
Mind your eyes. Don't permit  
them to look on wicked books,  
pictures, or objects. Mind!  
Mind your ears. Don't suffer  
them to listen to wicked speeches,  
songs, or words. Mind!  
Mind your lips. Don't let  
strong drink pass them.  
Mind your hands. Don't let  
them steal or fight, or write any  
evil words. Mind!—Ex.

"There are few things we need  
more to guard against than dis-  
couragement. When once we  
come under its influence, it makes  
us weak, robbing us of our hope  
and making cowards of us. Many  
a life is discarded and drawn  
down to failure through discour-  
agement."

No troubles are so great that  
they cannot be built into the  
steps of the staircase by which  
souls mount up to heaven.—Can-  
on Liddon.

**People We Love.**

The capacity of winning and  
holding the kindly regard of  
others is one of the best gifts of  
God and the means of the largest  
influence for good. In the Old  
Testament Joseph had this  
choice endowment. No matter  
with whom he came in contact,  
he elicited confidence and affec-  
tion. One had only to come into  
relationship with him to feel his  
mysterious charm. But this  
influence upon others is not  
entirely a matter of natural en-  
dowment. It may be cultivated  
by kindly thoughts and words  
and acts.

There is nothing that goes so  
directly to the heart of any one  
as a general recognition that  
immediately springs up in his  
heart. A sympathetic link be-  
tween the two natures is estab-  
lished if the recognition is genu-  
ine. Most of us hardly begin to  
realize how much a friendly and  
appreciative word does to lighten  
the burdens and to cheer up those  
whom we meet. What self-respect-  
ing people want, no matter how  
poor they may be, is not alms,  
but a friend. But friendship  
costs so much more than a gift.  
It costs something of ourselves.  
But the gift without the giver is  
bare.—The Watchman.

**Does Your Anchor Hold?**

A sailor in Gloucester, Mass.,  
had been wounded in a wreck and  
was brought ashore. The fever  
was great and he was dying. His  
comrades gathered around him in  
a little fishing house, and the  
physician said, "He won't live  
long." The sailor was out of his  
mind until near the close. But  
within a few minutes of his death  
he looked around and called one  
comrade after another, bade them  
good-by, and then sank off into  
a sleep. Finally, when it was  
time for his medicine again,  
and one of the sailors shook him  
and said, "Mate, how are you  
now?" he looked up into the eyes  
of his friend and said,

"My anchor holds!" It was  
the last thing he said. And when  
they called upon a friend of mine  
to take charge of the funeral ser-  
vices, you can imagine how pow-  
erful was the impression it made  
upon his hearers when he quoted  
the dying words, "My anchor  
holds!"

Does your anchor hold? Can  
you, when death comes, and when  
your friends are gathered around,  
just look up and say, "My anchor  
holds?"—Russell H. Conwell.

**Something Better Than Pleasure.**

We cannot always get what we  
most desire and what we most  
earnestly strive for, and it is well  
for us and for others that this is  
so. If we most desire, and most  
earnestly strive for, mere person-  
al happiness or enjoyment, we  
are sure never to get it. The  
man who thinks most of his own  
pleasure gets neither that nor  
anything else worth having. But  
the man who wants to help  
others and thinks most of doing  
service to his fellows, generally  
gets what he most wants and a  
great deal besides. As Trench  
puts it:

"A righteous doom! that they who make  
Pleasure their only end,  
Ordering the whole life for its sake,  
Miss that whereto they tend."

While they who unselfishly  
press forward all the time in the  
path of right,

"Of duty only taking heed, find pleasure  
by the way."

The man who lives for pleasure  
has no real pleasure. The man  
who lives for something better  
often has pleasure and a great  
deal more besides.—Selected.

"In judging another we should  
always give him credit for what  
he has to resist."

Today is your day and mine, the  
only day we have, the day in  
which we play our part. What  
our part may signify in the great  
whole we may not understand;  
but we are here to play it, and  
now is our time. This we know:  
it is a part of action, not of  
whining. It is a part of love,  
not cynicism. It is for us to ex-  
press love in terms of human  
helpfulness. This we know, for  
we have learned from sad experi-  
ence that any other source of life  
leads to decay and waste.—David  
Starr Jordan.

Cheerfulness, enforced at first,  
by and by inspires a gracious  
contentment; and self-sacrifice,  
at first a conscious struggle, loses  
itself in the self-forgetfulness of  
love. In such ways as these the  
daily crosses of duty change into  
the many-rayed crown of life.—  
Brooke Herford.

**OLD SCOTTISH DOMINIES.**

**Their Thoroughness In Expounding  
the Scriptures Never Equaled.**

The length, breadth, depth and  
thoroughness of the Scottish ser-  
mon of the eighteenth century were  
vividly portrayed by Dr. Watson,  
better known as Ian Maclaren, in  
one of his lectures. A subject, as  
he remarked, was thoroughly thrash-  
ed out in those days. One text fur-  
nished a minister with eight ser-  
mons, another spread his comments  
and explanations upon a passage of  
eight verses over a period of nine  
months, while a third commenced  
a course of addresses to his congrega-  
tion on the epistle of St. James in  
1766, and a whole generation  
had passed away before it was com-  
pleted in 1792. Even the endur-  
ance of Scottish congregations  
seems sometimes to have been un-  
equal to these great trials, and an  
order had to be issued that the peo-  
ple should not entertain their neigh-  
bors with discourses while the min-  
ister was holding forth.

It must have been easy to slip  
into heresy in those days. The de-  
claration of a stern Cameronian of  
the middle of the century, which  
has fortunately been preserved, in-  
dicates the ready pitfalls for the  
feet. "I leave my protest," said he,  
"against all sectarian errors, heresies  
and blasphemies, particularly  
against Arianism, Erastianism, Soc-  
inianism, Quakerism, Deism, Bou-  
rigianism, familism, skepticism, an-  
abaptism, millenarianism, pelagianism,  
Campbellianism, Whitefieldism,  
latitudinarianism and independency  
and all other sects and sorts that  
maintain any error, heresy or blas-  
phemy that is contrary to the word  
of God, particularly the toleration  
granted by the sectarian usurper,  
Oliver Cromwell, the anti-Christian  
toleration granted by the popish  
Duke of York and the present con-  
tinued toleration granted by that  
wicked Jezebel, the pretended Queen  
Anne."

**The Wisest of Frenchmen.**

Skeptic, philosopher, abstracted  
from the world, Montaigne never-  
theless does not shirk when the  
choice comes between speaking out  
and keeping silent. Can we repeat  
too often his "We must rend the  
mask from things as well as from  
men?" This is no easy task. Even  
the strength of the young moun-  
taineer may not suffice. Masks fam-  
iliar to us all our lives become  
very dear. Let us leave them; there  
are other things to do. Is there not  
something ignoble in this use of our  
courage, to maltreat an old, vena-  
ble appearance? Give us some work  
of poetry and romance; bid us scale  
heaven. And so the masks of things  
remain unremoved. Old Montaigne  
had something sturdy in him at bot-  
tom. There is the admiration of  
the heroic in him always. Of the  
three philosophers that he studied,  
the epicurean, the pyrrhonian, the  
stoic, his heart was inclined to the  
last, and I think he would rather  
have had a nod of approval from  
Cato the younger than have heard  
Sainte-Beuve salute him as the wis-  
est of Frenchmen.—Henry D. Sedg-  
wick in Atlantic.

**How Lead Pencils Are Made.**

Few people are aware of the dif-  
ficulties that were surmounted in  
the manufacture of the common  
lead pencil. In the first place, the  
graphite of which it is made is rarely  
found sufficiently homogeneous to  
allow pencil lead to be cut from it,  
so it is always ground to powder  
and then pressed into blocks. The  
great difficulty was to press the  
blocks until the graphite was hard  
enough to use, and for many years  
every effort in this direction was  
defeated by the crumbly nature of  
the material. Finally a device was  
employed that exhausted the air,  
after which the blocks were again  
pressed, and when this was done the  
material was found to be as hard as  
when taken from the quarry. But  
thousands upon thousands of dol-  
lars were spent in experiments be-  
fore the result was reached.

**Indiana's Tall Men.**

A civil war record of the height  
of Indiana soldiers shows that out  
of 118,254 there were 15,047 5 feet  
10 inches tall, 8,706 5 feet 11 inches,  
6,679 6 feet tall, 2,614 6 feet 1 inch,  
1,357 6 feet 2 inches, 406 6 feet 3  
inches and 330 over 6 feet 3 inches.  
Commenting on these statistics, the  
actuary of the United States sani-  
tary commission writes, "It is evi-  
dent from our statistics that the In-  
diana men are the tallest of the na-  
tives of the United States, and these  
latter the tallest of all civilized  
countries."

**Familiarity With Snakes.**

Familiarity with the snake breeds  
toleration. He is a lawless sort of  
creature certainly, with too many  
vertebrae and no eyelids, but he is  
not always so horrible as he is im-  
agined. A snake is rather a pleas-  
ant thing to handle than otherwise  
—warm, firm, dry, hard and smooth  
on the scales, rather like ivory to  
the touch. He is also a deal heav-  
ier than you expect.

**Jumped on a Ten Penny Nail.**

The little daughter of Mr. J. N.  
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rake made of ten penny nails, and  
thrust one nail entirely through  
her foot and a second one half  
way through. Chamberlain's  
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suffering was experienced. In  
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naugh & Benson, Benson Drug  
Co.

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earth would weigh twenty-seven  
and a half pounds on the sun.

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germs in all skin diseases, and heals it when  
all other remedies fail. For sale by Allen Lee.

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be produced the sun must not be  
more than 42 degrees above the  
horizon.

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and you have tried all other remedies, try a  
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eases. For sale by Allen Lee, Druggist.

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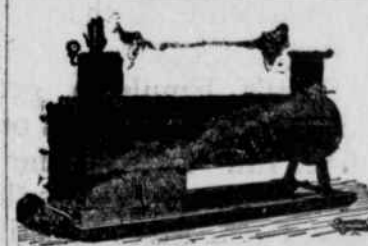
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