

**Good Habits.**

Remember, boys, before you are twenty, you must establish a character that will serve you all your life. Habits grow stronger every year, and turning into a new path is more and more difficult; therefore it is often harder to unlearn than to learn; and on this account, a famous flute player used to charge double price to those pupils who had been taught by a poor master. Try and reform a lazy, unthrifty, or drunken person, and in most cases you will fail; for the bad habit, whatever it is, has so sound itself into the life, that it cannot be uprooted. The best habit of all, is the habit of care in the cultivation of good habits.

**Getting Divorced.**

The husband can divorce his wife at pleasure and leave her to the charge of maintaining their children in the island of Corea. If she groves unfaithful, he can let her go to death.

The first wife may be divorced in Siam, but not sold, as the others may be. She then may claim the first, third and fifth child; and the alternate children are yielded to the husband.

If a man desires a divorce in the regions, he leaves the house, and does not return in six months. The wife understands it, packs up her clothes and leaves.

If the parties wish to separate in Ceylon China, they make a pair of foot-steps, or a pair of shoes, and the union is dissolved. The husband must restore to the wife the dowry belonging to her part of marriage.

**Conjugal Attention.**

The duties of husbands are thus laid down in a discourse by the Rev. Dr. William Aikman:

"The first duty of husbands is to sympathize with their wives in all their cares and labors. They are apt to forget, in the perplexities and annoyances of business, that home cares are also annoying and try the patience and strength of their wives. They come home sickening sympathy and attention, but are too impatient to give. A single kindly word or look that tells his thought of her and her troubles, would lift half the weight of care from her heart." Secondly, husbands should make consultants of their wives, consulting them on their plans and prospects, and especially on their troubles and embarrassments. A woman's modesty is often better than all his wisdom and shrewdness, and her ready sympathy and interest is a powerful aid to his efforts for their mutual welfare."

**"He had to keep it hid."**

We have a good story of a man who went to the frontier to see a friend. The family consisted of the husband and his two grown sons; the two old lady was the only one of the family who did not take a little of the "On her feet." Nothing but the fire a few minutes, the old woman tipped him a wink, and the visitor followed him out. Stopping by a tree he pulled out a long-necked bottle, remarking, "I have to keep it hid, for the boys may get to drinking and the old woman may raise the deuce." They took a drink and returned to the roadside. Soon Tom, the eldest son asked the visitor out to seek a glass and taking him behind the bush, filled but a flask, remarking, "I have to keep this hid, for the old man will get drunk, and the deuce is to play," and they both enjoyed the drink and returned. "Soon Hott stepped on the visitor's toes and walked off the visitor following. As they reached the pigpen, Bob drew out a good-sized bottle, remarking, "You know the old man and Tom will get drunk and I have to hide this." The visitor concluded he could not drink confidentially with the whole family, and started for home.

[?] J.B. was a stingy old creature, eager for money, but he was a zealous member of a church, and constant in his religious exercises. One day, said Calhoun, he heard a brother say, "what could have made the staid old wretch a Christian?" He told you, said John. "He has read that of the streets of the New Jerusalem are paved with gold, and he is determined to get there."

[?] "Got anything for a sick man to read?" inquired a pug-nosed boy. "I know said the other day. Yes, I have anything you like. Bibles, pious religious books, *Christian Herald*, and so forth," replied the clerk. "Bibles?" asked the boy. "Yes, you think that's a sinners' book? Give me a lively thing now!" "Well—one with an illustration of a soldier."

[?] "Aye," said the young lady, "but some pictures advertise blanketed declarations for sale. I want a couple of ones." "Why?" asked the mother. "Because, ma, Mr. F. is too modest to ask me to marry him—and, perhaps, if I should tell him of a blanketed declaration, he might agree."

[?] At a revival meeting in Montgomery county, recently, a young convert forgave all his enemies, particularly the fellow who threw his paper into a yellow jacket's nest.

[?] A consumptive nun in Rhode Island had an idea that if she could drink fresh blood, that it would cure her. She had no objection to blood, or eight men belonging to neighboring towns and got himself in jail.

[?] A thief had a photograph of a cat. A catfish took around his school. His bugs of drink he drank. And water he wicked with his spoon. And many a wink he winked. Then said a lecturer. "There, gentlemen, forward people, show what a big man at dinner." Nature, sir, we answered the Professor, has provided us with eye teeth.





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
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