

Sledge Hammer Preaching.
The most popular of English preachers is the celebrated Dr. Spurgeon celebrated because of the homely and forcible way he has of approaching the understanding of his congregation. The following passage occurred in one of his recent discourses:

A certain tyrant sent for one of his subjects, and said to him "What is your employment?" He said "I am a blacksmith." "Go home and make me a chain of such a length." He went home; it occupied him several months, and he had no wages all the time he was making it. Then he brought it to the monarch, and he said: "Go make it twice as long." He brought it up again, and the monarch said: "Go make it longer still." Each time he brought it, there was nothing but the command to make it longer still. And when he brought it up at last, the monarch said: "Take it, and bind him hand and foot with it, and cast him in a furnace of fire." These are the wages for making the chain. Here is a meditation for you to night, ye servants of the devil. Your master, the devil, is telling you to make a chain. Some have been fifty years welding the links of the chain, and he says: "Go make it longer." Next Sabbath morning, you will open that shop of yours and put another link; next Sabbath, you will be drunk, and put another link; next Monday, you will do a dishonest action; and so you will keep on making fresh links to this chain; and when you have lived twenty years more, the devil will say: "More links on still." And then, at last, it will be: "Take him, and bind him hand and foot, and cast him into a furnace of fire." "For the wages of sin is death." Here is a subject for your meditation. I do not think it will be sweet; but if God makes it profitable, it will do you good. You must have strong medicine sometimes when the disease is bad. God apply it to your hearts.

General Rules of Behavior.

It is much easier to give negative than positive instructions in manners—to say what one should not, than what he should do.

Having dressed yourself, pay no farther attention to your clothes. Few things look worse than a continual fussing with your attire.

Never scratch your head, pick your teeth, clean your nails, or worse than all, pick your nose in company; all these things are disgusting. Spit as little as possible, and never upon the floor.

Do not lounge on sofas, nor tip back your chair, nor elevate your feet.

If you are going into the company of ladies, beware of onions, spirits and tobacco.

If you can sing or play, do so at once when requested, without requiring to be pressed, or making a fuss. On the other hand, let your performance be brief or, if never so good, it will be tiresome. When a lady sits down to the piano forte, some gentleman should attend her, arrange the music stool and turn over the leaves.

Meeting friends in a public promenade you salute them the first time in passing, and not every time you meet.

Never tattle—nor repeat in one society any scandal or personal matter you hear in another. Give your own opinion of people as you please, but never repeat that of others.

Never sit in the boxes of a theatre, nor in a concert room with your hat on. As a general rule, gentlemen must take of their hats wherever there are ladies.

Meeting an acquaintance among strangers in the street or a coffee house, never address him by name. It is vulgar and annoying.

Nothing marks the gentleman more than a desire to accommodate, and an anxiety to make every one happy.

If you have in any manner given offence, never hesitate to apologize, to express your sorrow, and to ask pardon. A gentleman, upon the slightest and most inadvertent matter, in passing before, or rubbing against you, never fails to say, "excuse me," or "I beg your pardon."

Never forget that ladies are in all cases to be first cared for, to have the best seats, the places of honor, and that they are entitled in all cases to your courtesy and protection.

Be careful never to offend delicacy in conferring favors. The obligation in such a case becomes an insult.

Do not cross a room in an anxious manner, and force your way up to a lady merely to receive a bow, as by so doing you attract the eyes of the company toward her. If you are desirous of being noticed by any one in particular, put yourself in their way as if by accident, and do not let them see that you have sought them out; unless, indeed, there be something very important to communicate.

Gen. Sherman, it is now believed, will become Secretary of War *ad interim*, on December 1st. The statement that it is necessary for him to resign in the army is erroneous. General Scott and other army officers have acted as Secretary of War at different periods in the history of the Government.

Ex-Confederate Postmaster Gen. Reagan is very strongly in favor of granting negroes the right of suffrage and all other rights the same as white men. He says any man unwilling to do this is a demagogue.

Harry's Sermon.
"Eddie," said Harry, "lets go to church and I'll be the minister, and preach you a sermon."
"Well," said Eddie, "and I'll be the peoples." So Harry led him away, and they went up stairs together. He set an old fire-screen in front of him, by way of pulpit, and thus began:
My text is a very short and easy one—"Be Kind." There are some little text in the Bible on purpose for little children, and this is one of them. These are the heads of my sermon:

Firstly. Be kind to papa, and don't make a noise when he has the headache I don't believe you know what a headache is, but I do. I had one once, and I didn't want to hear any one speak a word.

Secondly. Be kind to mamma, and don't make her tell you to do a thing more than once. It is very tiresome to say, "It is time for you to go to bed," half a dozen times over.

Thirdly. Be kind to baby.
"You have leaved out, Be kind to Harry," interrupted Eddie.

"Yes," said Harry, "I didn't mean to mention my own name in my sermon. I was saying, Be kind to little Minnie, and let her have your red soldier to play with, when she wants it."

Fourthly. Be kind to Jane, and don't scream and kick when she washes and dresses you.

Here Eddie looked a little ashamed, and said, "But she pulled my hair with the comb."

"People musn't talk in meeting," said Harry.

Fifthly. Be kind to kitty. Do what will make her purr, and don't do what will make her cry.

"Isn't the sermon most done?" asked Eddie, "I want to sing;" and wit out waiting for Harry to finish his discourse, or give out a hymn, he began to sing—and so Harry had to stop; but it was a very good sermon. Don't you think so?
Freedmen's Journal

It is said that the Falls of Niagara, on the American side, have undergone quite a change within the past two weeks, in consequence of the falling of huge masses of rock. The centre of the fall has gone back about 150 feet, and its form is almost as near the shape of a horse shoe as the Canadian Fall.

It is stated as a singular fact that the counterfeiting of the United States currency has reached such perfection that the counterfeit currency is regularly redeemed at the Treasury, cancelled and destroyed, with the rest of the mutilated currency.

His Excellency Andrew Johnson, President of the United States, has presented the Rev. A. T. Porter, Chairman of the Board of Missions of the Protestant Episcopal Church, a check for the sum of \$1,000.

An Irish girl at play on Sunday was accosted by the priest, "Good morning, daughter of the devil." She meekly replied, "Good morning, father."

The pursuit in which we cannot ask God's protection must be criminal; the pleasure for which we dare not thank him cannot be innocent.

There are melancholy men to whom life is only a dismal swamp, upon whose margin they walk, making signals to death to come and ferry them over the lake.

"You seem to walk more erect than usual, my friend." "Yes, I have been straitened by circumstances."

WHAT WE MAY EXPECT.—The National Intelligencer says: To show what cause of alarm the Southern people have from the supremacy of the radical party, it is sufficient to refer to the alarming threats put forth by that party, or by some prominent influences in it—threats as follows:

1. Disfranchisement of the rebel whites.
2. Putting all power in the hands of the blacks and a few loyal whites.
3. Organizing and arming the colored people, as proposed by the Washington Chronicle.
4. Keeping up bodies of loyal troops at the expense of particular localities, as proposed by Southern loyalists in their addresses.
5. Confiscation more or less extensive. Gen. Butler told the soldiers they could start from Arlington and go South, confiscating.
6. Hanging the principal rebels.
7. Ignoring the existing State organizations, and appointing military Governments.
8. Annuling the pardons granted by the President.
9. Exclusion of every person South who had ever taken an oath to support the Constitution, whether compromised by the rebellion or not, from all offices, civil, military or naval.

BLOODSHED IN MEMPHIS.—The Memphis Avalanche, closing an article on the carnival of crime in that city, says:

"We will now close this article by stating, that not in the wide world is there as much shooting, stabbing and killing as in Shelby county, when we take into consideration the intelligence of the community. Night after night affrays occur; men are shot within a few yards of our office; bullets are fired into windows—and it is da'ner your check! bang! I'm shot!—rightly, from one end of the city to the other. One of the most astonishing features of this revelry of blood is the nonchalance of the participants. They "go for one another" like men at a rowing match. While wrestling, two persons became engaged in a difficulty under our window, some nights ago. One made at the other with a knife, who replied with a shot, and exclaimed, "I've killed him!" "You are a liar!" says the individual hit, while he had a hole in him you could put your thumb in. Tif city is mad; crime is epidemic, and the poisonous elements consist in the evil practice of carrying weapons.

WORTH KNOWING.—A young lady while in the country some years ago, stepped on a rusty nail which ran through her shoe and foot. The inflammation and pain were of course very great, and lockjaw apprehended. A friend of the family, however, recommended the application of a beet taken fresh from the garden, and pounded fine, to the wound. It was done and the effect very beneficial. Soon inflammation began to subside, and by keeping on the crushed beet and changing it for a fresh one, as its virtue seemed to be come impaired, a speedy cure was effected. Simple but effectual remedies like this should be known to every one.

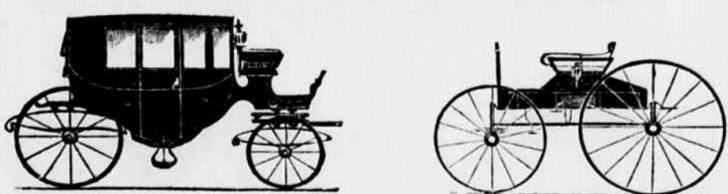
and that no suit can be maintained to recover on a note the consideration for which was Confederate money. Nor can any suit be maintained to recover on a note given as compensation for the hire of a substitute in the Confederate army.

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