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THE PRETTY MARKET GIRL.

"Dear me! I'm sure I don't know what to do; if ever anybody was in a fix I'm in one now."

"What is it, auntie; can't I help you out of your fix?"

"Sakes alive! no, Lattie, dear, you can't help me one bit."

"Now don't say that, auntie; I'm quite certain I can help you if you will only allow me. Why, I've been here a whole week, and I have done nothing but dress, read, eat and sleep, and I'm quite as useless as the stuffed owl that is perched above the book-case that is in the library, and a great deal more in the way."

"Why, child! and good Mrs. Bentley stopped in her work of preparing a turkey for the market, and looked with loving earnestness upon the beautiful features of her niece. 'I don't like to hear you talk that way. You in the way! Why, bless your dear heart, the beloved child of my dead sister can never be in the way.'"

"Well, auntie, I shall not feel like coming out here to spend another Thanksgiving with you if you will not allow me to be of some service during my stay," persisted Lattie. "Come, tell me all about your fix; as you term it, and see if I am not worth something besides running around and amusing myself while others are making themselves useful."

"Don't forget to deliver those four large turkeys at Colonel Ormsby's," her aunt called after her.

"Oh, no, but you haven't told me where he lives," said Lattie, drawing rein and waiting for the information.

"I declare, I don't know where he does live; but you can inquire at the market where you are to deliver the rest. It's somewhere in the north part of the city; use a great way from the market, and they'll be likely to know him there."

"I think I can find it," replied Lattie, and drove off at a brisk pace.

In due time she arrived in the city and drew up at a brisk pace.

Explaining the cause of her coming, she delivered the articles intended for the residence of Colonel Ormsby.

was understood that Leon Lancaster should come out and take dinner with her on Thanksgiving day; as he was Lattie's affianced husband, he was of course a great favorite of Mrs. Bentley's.

Before the dinner hour arrived Lattie went to her room to dress.

"Hurry down, Lattie," said her aunt, "for the company have nearly all arrived, and I wish to introduce you before dinner to those with whom you are not acquainted."

"I will, auntie; and here let me beg of you to find no fault with my dress when I come down," replied Lattie.

Lattie bounded away, wearing a queer expression on her beautiful face, and Mrs. Bentley hustled away to watch the progress of the preparations for dinner.

In a few moments a stylish turn-out drove up to the door, and Leon Lancaster, looking strikingly handsome, in elegant attire, sprang out, and after being cordially greeted by Mrs. Bentley, entered the house, where Mrs. Bentley met him, escorted him into the parlor and introduced him to the guests already there assembled.

BETTER WHISTLE THAN WHINE.

As I was taking a walk early in September I noticed two little boys on their way to school. The smaller stumbled and fell, and though he was not much hurt, he began to whine in a babyish way, not a regular, roaring cry, as though he was half killed, but a little, cross whine.

So he did; and the last I saw of the little fellows they were whistling away as if that was the chief end of life. I learned a lesson which I hope I shall not soon forget, and it called out these few lines, which may possibly cheer another whiner of mature years, as this class is by no means confined to the children:

It is better to whistle than whine; It is better to laugh than to cry, For though it is cloudy, the sun will soon shine Across the blue, beautiful sky.

It is better to whistle than whine, Poor mother! so weary with care, Thank God for the love and the peace that are thine, And the joy of thy little ones share.

It is better to whistle than whine, Though troubles you find in your way, Remember that wise little fellow of mine, And whistle your whining away.

God bless that brave boy for the cheer He brought to his old heart of mine; When tempted to murmur that young voice I hear, "It is better to whistle than whine!"

HOW TO DO UP SHIRT-BOSOMS.

Take two tablespoonfuls of best starch, add a very little water to it, rub and stir with a spoon until a thick paste carefully beating all the lumps and particles. Add a pint of boiling water, stirring it at the same time; boil half hour, stirring it occasionally to keep from burning. Add a piece of starch that has been dissolved in a small quantity of gum arabic solution (made by pouring boiling water upon gum arabic, and standing until clear and transparent), or a piece of clean mutton tallow half the size of a nutmeg and a teaspoonful of salt will do, but it is not so good. Strain the starch through a strainer or a piece of thin muslin. Have the shirts turned wrong side out; dip the bosoms carefully into the starch and squeeze out, repeating the operation until the bosoms are thoroughly and evenly saturated with starch; proceed to dry. Three hours before ironing dip the bosoms in clean water; wring out and roll up tightly. First iron the back by folding it lengthwise through the center; next iron the wrist-bands and both sides of the sleeves; then the collar-band; now place the bosom-board under the bosom, and with a dampened napkin rub the bosom from the top towards the bottom, smoothly and arranging each part neatly. With a smooth, moderately hot flat-iron, beginning at the top and ironing downwards, continuing the operation until the bosom is perfectly dry and shining. Remove the bosom-board, and iron the front of the shirt. If the iron becomes rough or smoky, lay a little fine salt on a flat surface and rub them well; it will prevent them from sticking to anything starched, and make them smooth.—Hearth and Home.

A GOOD EDUCATION.—This from Edward Everett: "To read the English language well, to write with dispatch a neat, legible hand, and to be master of the first four rules of arithmetic, so as to dispose of at once, with accuracy, every question of figures which comes up in practice—I call this a good education. And if you add the ability to write pure grammatical English, I regard it as an excellent education. These are the tools. You can do much with them, but you are helpless without them. They are the foundation, and unless you begin with these, all your flashy attainments, a little geology, and all otherologies and oologies, are ostentatious rubbish."

We wish the above were printed in letters of gold on the walls of every school-room, seminary, college and university in the land, for it contains a great truth, too often lost sight of, too often treated with supercilious contempt. Mr. Everett was one of the most accomplished scholars America has ever produced, and the per of any abroad; yet he recognized how little was required for a good education, and how inequitable any education is without that little.

THURLOW WEEB gives his views upon the Philadelphia Centennial. He has mourned the degeneracy of the age which restricts the explosion of gunpowder on the Fourth of July, and hopes for the credit of the nation, that the Centennial celebration be a huge Fourth of July holiday explosion. He begs that for once, on the one-hundredth anniversary of American independence, the "almighty dollar" be forgotten, and all reference to an industrial exhibition be at once abandoned, because, in such an affair, he "discovers a 'ring' and a 'job' which may bring universal but unwelcome discredit and mortification." He would prefer to see the money donated to the enterprise spent in showing invited foreigners round the country and properly inebriating them with Americanisms.

HOW AND WHEN TO DRY COWS.—It would seem as though there need be no difference on the subject, when the great trouble generally is with our cows and our way of feeding them, that they will dry up anyway for the greater number, long before we really want them to. But there are some excellent cows, and well kept, which continue to give milk nearly the entire year. It is better for these, however, to be dried off carefully by drawing off all the thick milk every three or four days. Not to do this would be to endanger the udder and perhaps cause the loss of the use of one or more teats. The time for doing it should be from a month to six weeks before the cow comes in.—Rural Press.

GOOD LANGUAGE.—Young people should acquire the habit of correct speaking and writing, and abandon as early as possible any use of slang words and phrases. The longer you put this off, the more difficult the acquirement of correct language will be; and, if the golden age of youth, the proper season for the acquisition of language, be passed in its abuse, the unfortunate victim will probably be doomed to talk slang for life. You have merely to speak the language which you read, instead of the slang which you hear, to form a taste in agreement with the best speakers and poets in the country.

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