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JUVENILE COLUMN.

WHAT WOULD MY MOTHER SAY? When youth trips over life's flowery way...

ADVENTURES OF A BLUE MONDAY.

One Monday morning, a peculiar kind of schooner-rigged craft landed on the beach at La...

As for the boys, they were not really wicked, but full of mischief, and very venturesome...

After Willie and Fred had looked about the boat to their heart's content, they went up to the public house...

About two o'clock the four men came reeling from the public house, and singing and shouting...

The four men, all talking at once, made known their wish that Paul would take them in search of their boat...

"I don't go," said Paul, "and you can't take that boat; some of you would be drowned, certain there's a rowboat for you, if you won't take my advice and stay ashore..."

drowned!—dead!—they would never see them again! never hear their pleasant voices! The dear ones they had loved for years were taken from them in a moment...

When Paul's son came scudding along towards the beach, he told his father how he had found "that boat" adrift with no one in her.

"Poor women!" said old Paul, trying to console the sorrowing mothers; "perhaps your boys have swum ashore, which is more than I think them four men did as yet to find the boys; most likely all of them is drowned, and all because your boys took their boat."

The mothers sat moaning and wringing their hands, while Paul's son lowered the sails and busied himself about the boat. Old Paul was just going to make another of his consoling speeches when he saw two objects coming towards them...

"It is all very well for you to be embracing, and so happy," said old Paul; "but just think of them four men your boys have sent on an untimely grave, to say nothing of my boat, most likely lost."

"Why," said Paul; "they saved your lives, for if your boat had been here when you wanted to start, just before the storm, I have no doubt you would be drowned men by this time, considering what a blow we have had, and what a condition you were in."

"You are right," said one of the men; "for we were nearly drowned in getting ashore from the small boat."

As for Fred and Willie, old Paul thought that a word of advice would not be lost upon them; but when he heard how frightened they had been, he concluded that they, like the four men, had learned a lesson that they would remember much longer than mere advice.

SLANG.

It not unoften happens that there are many words placed in the category of slang which so completely and graphically express an idea...

Slang has taken a great hold on people of all classes. We hear it every where. If anyone pays attention to the conversation of young men—and of many old ones for that matter, and even people of education—he will perceive what a great hold slang has taken upon them...

That such is the case everyone most admit; and that it ought not to be so no one can deny. When a young man habitually makes use of low words in conversation, it is an evidence of mean and unworthy thoughts...

"I fear," said a country pastor to his flock, "when I explained to you in my last charity sermon that philanthropy was the love of our species, you must have misunderstood me to say species, which may account for the smallness of the collection. You will prove, I hope, by your present contribution, that you are no longer laboring under the same mistake."

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