

"DEFENSE OF YOUNG MEN."

A Good Home a Mighty Defense for a Young Man.

Another Defense Is Indispensable Habit—Be Not Too Eager to Gain Wealth—There Is No Genuine Success, Except Through Toil Either of the Head or Hand—Young Men Fight Their Own Battle All Through, and You Shall Have the Victory.

Dr. Talmage's Sermon.

BROOKLYN, N. Y., Oct. 30.—Six thousand people, sitting and standing in the Brooklyn Tabernacle, and all the adjoining rooms packed, and people turned away! Such was the scene today. The congregation was estimated at 10,000. My soul, stretch every nerve, and press with vigor on.

The Rev. T. De Witt Talmage, D. D. preached on the subject: "Defense of Young Men," and took his text from II. Kings, chap. vi, v. 17: "And the Lord opened the eyes of the young man." He said:

One morning in Dothan a young theological student was scared by finding himself and Eliza, the proper upon whom he waited, surrounded by a whole army of enemies. But venerable Eliza was not scared at all because she saw the mountains full of defense for him.

A mighty defense for a young man is a good home. Some of my hearers look back with tender satisfaction to their early home. It may have been rude and rustic, hidden among the hills, and architect or upholsterer never dreamed or adored it. But all the fresco on ivory walls never looked so enticing to you as those rough hewn rafters. You can think no park so lovely as the garden in the back of a country seat so attractive as the plain brook that ran in front of the old farm house.

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While the divine frown must rest upon him who tramples upon this statute, God's special favor will be upon that young man who scrupulously observes it. This day properly observed, will throw its benediction upon all the week. The song, and sermon, and sanctuary will hold back from presumptuousness of observation, when the first canticle of life with either secret or open disrespect of the holy day, I venture to prophesy, will meet with no prominent success. God's blessing will be upon him who, in the quiet of his study, his body, and his soul.

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He smiled and said: "Do not waste your time by chasing these men. Go home and do your work, and they can do you no harm." I took his counsel and all was well. Long ago I made up my mind that if one will put his trust in God and be faithful to duty, he need not fear any man who has God on his side. A young man, and all the combined forces of earth and hell can do you no damage.

And this leads me to say that the mightiest of all defenses for a young man is the possession of thorough religious principle. Nothing can take the place of a true religion. It is the only armor that will stand against the assaults of the world, the flesh, and the devil. It is the only power that will enable a young man to stand firm in the midst of the most trying circumstances.

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WESTERN GROWTH.

What Inventions Have Done For The Farmer, Tradesman And Traveler

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To account for the transformation which has occurred in this valley within the last half century, would be to take into consideration the character of its inhabitants, the influence of our form of government and the unceasing and irresistible energy of the American people. But if we may single out one factor which will be recognized as having exerted more influence than any other, it will be the influence of inventions in the mechanical arts.

Take into consideration the soil and climate of this section so varying that vegetation like corn and the hardy cereals find their natural home in the North, while the cotton plant and sugar cane are almost indigenous to the South. Consider that these products form a large part of the food and clothing of the people of the globe. Then the question presents itself, How can these staples of life be profitably produced and placed in the hands of consumers?

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FACT AND FANCY.

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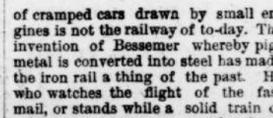
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the policeman's breast, lead ultimately to a diminution of the cases in which an epileptic fit is mistaken for a fit of drunkenness, and treated accordingly. —American Cultivator.

Fruits as Food and Medicine.

Of all the fruits with which we are blessed, the peach is the most delicious and digestible. There is nothing more palatable, wholesome and medicinal than good ripe peaches. They should be ripe, but not over ripe and half rotten; and of this kind they may make part of either meal, or be eaten between meals; but it is better to make them part of the regular meals. It is a mistaken idea that no fruit should be eaten at breakfast. It would be better to eat less bacon and grease at breakfast and more fruit. In the morning there is an acid state of the secretions and nothing is so well calculated to correct this as cooling, sub-acid fruit, such as peaches, apples, etc. Still, most of us have been taught that eating fruit before breakfast is highly dangerous. How the idea originated I do not know, but it is certainly a great error, contrary to both reason and fact.

The apple is one of the best of fruits. Baked or stewed apples will generally agree with the most delicate stomach, and are an excellent medicine in many cases of sickness. Green or half-ripe apples stewed and sweetened are pleasant to the taste, cooling, nourishing and laxative, far superior, in many cases, to the abominable doses of salts and oil usually given in fever and other diseases; raw apples and dried apples for constipation are better than liver pills.

Oranges are very acceptable to most stomachs, having all the advantages of the acid diluted to; but the orange juice alone should be taken, rejecting the pulp. The same may be said of lemons, pomegranates, and all that class. Lemonade is the best drink in fevers, and when thickened with sugar is better than syrup of squills and other nauseous things in many cases of cough.

Tomatoes act on the liver and bowels, and are much more pleasant and safe than blue mass and "liver regulators." The juice should be used alone, rejecting the skin. The small seeded fruits, such as blackberries, figs, raspberries, currants and strawberries, may be classed among the best foods and medicines. The sugar in them is nutritious, the acid is cooling and purifying, and the seeds are laxative.

We should be much the gainer if we would look more to our orchards and gardens for our medicines, and less to our drug store. To cure fever or act on the kidneys, no febrifuge or diuretic is superior to watermelon, which may, with very few exceptions, be taken in sickness and health in almost unlimited quantities, not only without injury, but with positive benefit. But in using them the water or juice should be taken, excluding the pulp; the melon should be fresh and ripe, but not over ripe and stale.

It is curious, but true, that the tables of the day laborer in town, who does not own a foot of land, and whom the country man contemptuously declares "lives from hand to mouth," is more bountifully supplied with vegetables and fruit than that of the farmer in the midst of his broad acres. The latter gives a variety of excuses for his neglect; and at a neighbor's with his mouth full of his second help of delicious green peas, will declare a garden "don't pay," and as he backs up his plate for another quarter-section of strawberry short-cake, will wonder how his host can find time to "potter with small fruit," regardless of or indifferent to the fact that no acre of his farm will yield so much good living, and so much to promote his health and happiness, as a quarter-acre garden spot, intelligently tended.

Even so small an area has infinite possibilities to be developed into a rich reward when we are educated up to the right standard; that thinking which leads us to seek less to hoard money for a possible "rainy day," than to enjoy life's pleasures and privileges every day. —Practical Farmer.

Probably Had.

"Have you heard the news?" she queried, as they stood waiting for the car.

"Something special?"

"I should say so! Mrs. —, of our street, is to have a new seakins this winter!"

"No!"

"True as you live, isn't that awful?"

"Well, I should say it was, and I won't rest until I have my husband examine the county records and see if they have mortgaged their place. I must have something to take her down with the first day she wears it!"

Not Fully Off with His Old Trade.

A barber lately resigned his position in the shop to accept a position as brakeman on a road running from Buffalo to Bellevue, Ohio. One night as the train was approaching Bellevue he was taking a quiet sleep, as most brakemen do. When the whistle sounded for the station he arose sleepily and sang out "Next!" for the moment thinking he was shaving a mug. —Buffalo Express.