

The Worst Master in the World.

The Arabs have a fable from which we may learn a lesson.

Once upon a time a miller, shortly after he had lain down for an afternoon's nap, was startled by a camel's nose being thrust in at the door of his house.

"It is very cold outside," said the camel; "I only wish to get my nose in." The miller was an easy kind of a man, and so the nose was let in.

"The wind is very sharp," sighed the camel; "pray allow me to get my neck inside." This request was also allowed, and the neck was thrust in.

"How fast the rain begins to fall! I shall get wet through. Will you let me place my shoulders under cover?" This too, was granted; and so the camel asked for a little and a little more, until he had pushed his whole body inside the house.

The miller soon began to be put to much trouble by the rude companion he had got in his room, which was not large enough for both, and as the rain was over, civilly asked him to depart.

"If you don't like it you may leave," saucily replied the beast. "As for myself, I know when I am well off, and shall stay where I am."

This is a very good story; and we hope the Arabs are all the wiser and better for it; but let us also try to turn it to as good account.

There is a camel knocking at the heart of us all, young and old, seeking to be let in; its name is sin. It comes silently and craftily and knocks; "Let me in," only a very small part at first. So in comes the nose; and it is not long before, little by little, it gains entire possession; "I saw," "I coveted," "I took," "I hid," step by step, until he was "led captive by the devil." Once in possession, the master soon becomes the tyrant. Thus it is that bad wishes arise; then wrong deeds; until evil habits rule us.—The French say, "It is the first step that costs;" if the first step is not taken, the second will never be known.

A Good Cement.

A correspondent of the N. Y. Tribune gives the following receipt for making a good cement:

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A Curious Discovery.

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A devoted wife will always speak plainly though kindly, to her husband. Here is a case in point: "When I die," said a married man, "I want to go where there is no snow to shovel." His wife said that she presumed he would.

Jacob's taste led him to choose Rachel; Moses' nobility of spirit made him choose to suffer with his own people; Regulus' manhood made him choose death rather than dishonor, but the Burlington school girl chews gum.

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