

Thoughts for Saturday Night.

Patience and cheerfulness adorn the ruins of fortune, as ivy does those of castles of temples.

The customs of an enslaved people are a part of their servitude; those of a free people are a part of their liberty.

Who can measure the power of a great idea? Armies fight in vain against it, and nations yield to its sway.

All men who do anything must endure a depreciation of their efforts. It is the dirt which their chariot wheels throw up.

Temptation is never dangerous until it has an inside accomplice. Sin within betrays the heart to the outside assailant.

There is no such a thing as luck. It's a fancy name for being always at our duty, and so sure to be ready when the good time comes.

We never detect how much of our social demeanor is made up of artificial airs until we see a person who is at once beautiful and simple. Without the beauty we are apt to call the simplicity awkwardness.

Douglas Jerrold says, in his 'Hedgehog Letters,' that 'respectability is all very well for folks who can have it for ready money; but to be obliged to run in debt for it is enough to break the heart of an angel.'

Enjoy the present, whatever it may be, and be not solicitous for the future; for if you take your foot from the present standing, and thrust it forward to tomorrow's event, you are in a restless condition. It is like refusing to quench your present thirst by fearing you will want to drink the next day.

Were the happiness of the next world as closely apprehended as the facilities of this, it were a martyrdom to live; and unto such as consider none hereafter, it must be more than death to die, which makes us amazed at those audacities that dash by nothing and return into the chaos again.

The Deacon and his Calf.

Last Sunday, as one of our straightest deacons was getting ready to shake the lines over his horse's back, and say "ge dap," his wife happened to remember that the calf had't been fed. The deacon looked at his Sunday clothes, and observed that he did not deem it incumbent upon him to suffer for the negligence of others; to which the deaconess replied that such language in the presence of the children, or a Sunday morning, and from a pillar of the church, was enough to shake one's belief in the professions that had been made by someone she could name. The deacon handed over the lines to his eldest boy, and climbed over the wheel without saying a word. He went around to the front door and took the door key from under the mat, came around to the back door, and as he was trying to put the key in the hole, the key slipped from his hand and slid into the mud. Finally he got into the kitchen and started for the barn yard with the milk. He sat the pail down on the ground and called on the calf, but the beast whisked its tail in the air, and bellowed at him. Then he captured the animal and pulled it along by the ears, and jammed its head into the pail, and the calf gave a spring, sending the milk in a cloud of spray over the deacon's shirt front. In trying to re-capture the beast the deacon dropped his hymn book out of his pocket, and before he could rescue it, the calf stepped both feet on it and tore the cover off. The deacon got mad. He took a hop-pole and belabored the calf. One end of the pole struck the shed, and bounded up, knocked the deacon's plug hat off. It rolled directly under the calf, who set his foot through the tile, and went tearing around the yard with his tail in the air, and that hat fastened just above the knuckle joint. The deacon went into the house, and as he unbuckled his shirt collar, he called out, "Maria, you go to church, and if anybody asks after me, tell them I staid at home to feed the calf."

An old rail-splitter in Indiana put the quietus on a young man who chaffed him upon his bald head, in these words:—"Young man, when my head gets as soft as yours, I can raise hair to sell."

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An attorney who was cross-examining a doctor, on a criminal trial, exclaimed, petulently—"A doctor should be able to give his opinions without mistakes." "He is as well able as a lawyer." "And a lawyer's are sometimes hung six feet above it," responded the doctor.

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