
ACADEMIC DEPARTMENT

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Young men, you are the architects of your own fortunes. Rely upon your own strength of body and soul. Take for your star, self-reliance. Don't take too much advice—keep at your helm and steer your own ship, and remember that the great art of commanding is to take a fair share of the work. Think well of yourself. Strike out. Be in earnest. Be self-reliant. Be generous. Be civil. Read the papers. Advertise your business. Make money, and do good with it. Love your God and fellow-men. Love truth and virtue. Love your country and obey its laws.—PORTER.

AN ALLEGORY



IN the beginning when "God created Heaven and earth and all that in them is," He made a Being with a dual nature—a nature sometimes gentle, tender, helpful as the Spirit of Love; sometimes furious as unrestrained anger, violent and cruel as a demon, the very prince of Devils.

Ever since the creation this Being has wandered over the earth uncontrolled by any edict of man; has wandered over sea and over land, in caverns deep within the bowels of the earth, up the steepest mountain sides to the summit and far beyond.

As a Spirit of Love he aids the great steamboats on their voyage across the deep; hastening passengers to their destination, and driving cargoes to port.

As a Demon he wrenches masts and rigging from these same ships, forces them upon rocks, rends them in twain, sinks them in the briny depths, and all the while keeps the water lashed into such fury that lifeboats are powerless to combat with the violence of the waves.

As a Spirit of Love he helps air ships in their flight, brings rain for thirsty vegetation on the land, turns mills that furnish power for numerous labor-saving devices, carries smoke and noxious gases from cities, leaving the atmosphere pure and healthful. He showers leaves as a coverlet upon plants, carries pollen and scatters seeds. He modifies the climate of over-heated portions of the earth, making torrid lands habitable; he mitigates the extreme frigidity of polar countries by carrying warmth and cheer into the icy region.

As a demon he takes ships of the air in his mighty power, breaks their machinery, whirls them helpless over and over and dashes them to pieces