

the earth's motions. In November it is as much as 16 minutes fast, while in February it is slow by about the same amount. As long as clocks did not keep time accurately this discrepancy was not noticed, but as soon as clocks were made which kept better time than the sun, then Old Sol stood convicted of misrepresentation. The earth is a little nearer the sun in winter than it is in summer, which makes it go a little faster in its orbit. This and other conditions make it so that the sun time agrees with clock time only four times during the whole year, and at all other times the sun is either rushing ahead or lagging behind. It is a wonder that some of our advanced legislators have not proposed to correct this by law.

SELF-CONTROL

Life is made up largely of vexatious incidents. Nearly every day, or mayhap, hour, something will happen to try our patience. To give way to our impulses and "fly to pieces" is to prove ourselves weak indeed. To remain calm in the face of unexpected trials or calamities is to prove ourselves possessed of strength.

The refined man or woman, boy or girl, never allows unbridled anger or passion to render them coarse in word or deed. The quality of self-control is an immense factor when it comes to deciding whether or not a person is a lady or a gentleman. The person of bad manners, of loud and boisterous roughness and rudeness of speech, will find himself shunned by the better class of people. Often, no doubt, such a person will wonder why he or she is socially ostracized. They fail to realize their own glaring and repulsive shortcomings—to see themselves as others see them.

Rough and coarse stories, profanity, and all those evidences of lack of culture, are simply the fault of ignorance more than the result of any other cause. Who will deliberately want to be kept in a low circle of society? It is an easy matter for any person of intelligence to cultivate habits and manners which shall stamp him or her as a person of refinement. Put on the brake against all low thoughts; cast out all that is not good and pure; resolve to live in a better atmosphere and create that atmosphere yourself, or help to create it. Have a clean purpose. Start in now to control your every thought and action and you will find it easier every time you try. Self-control stands for much that is good in the world.