

yearning of a loyal heart to serve a little longer those she loved. Why did I not more often stay the eagerness of youth, and, pausing on the threshold of the day, say, "mother, I love you?" Or, with a keener gaze look round to see where loads full heavy for so worn a frame, could by a younger hand be lightened?

In haste I turned the leaflets of my book of life, with scarce a thought of the home pictures, where the mother ever stood the central figure. Why was it not given to me then to realize, that, though life might shower choice blessings on my future way, a choicer one was even then mine own; and yet still more: though other gifts might be twice meted out, only one mother could be granted me.

God help the girls who stand this day beside their mothers, to be so true, so helpful, and so full of kind intent, that when the sunny days of youth have merged into the somber ones of gray, and mayhap missing something from their store of earthly blessings, they waken to the fact that nowhere does the world, in all its richness, hold for them a mother, they need not find coupled to their loss the wish that they had been more kind.—BELLE KELLOGG TOWNE, in *Rural Home*.

Stephen Alleh's Pocket-Piece.

[In the pocket-book of the Hon. Stephen Allen, who was drowned from on board the *Henry Clay*, was found a printed slip, apparently cut from a newspaper, a copy of which is given below. It is worthy to be placed in every newspaper, and engraven on the heart of every young man.]

"Keep good company, or none. Never be idle. If your hands can't be usefully employed, attend to the cultivation of your mind. Always speak the truth. Make few promises. Live up to your engagement. Keep your own secrets if you have any. When you speak to a person look him in the face. Good company and good conversation are the very sinews of virtue. Good character is above all things else. Your character cannot be essentially injured except by your own acts. If any one speaks evil of you let your life be so that none will believe him. Drink no kind of intoxicating liquors. Ever live (misfortune excepted) within your income. When you retire to bed think over what you have been doing during the day. Make no haste to be rich if you would prosper. Small and steady gains give competency with a tranquil mind. Never play at any game of

chance. Avoid temptation, through fear you may not withstand it. Earn money before you spend it. Never run into debt unless you see a way to get out again. Never borrow if you can possibly avoid it. Do not marry until you are able to support a wife. Never speak evil of any one. Be just before you are generous. Keep yourself innocent if you would be happy. Save when you are young, to spend when you are old. Read over the above maxims at least once a week."—*Ec.*

Hang on Like a Beaver.

When our Tom was six years old, he went into the forest one afternoon to meet the hired man, who was coming home with a load of wood. The man placed Master Tommy on the top of the load, and drove homeward. Just before reaching the farm, the team went pretty briskly down a steep hill. When Tommy entered the house, his mother said, "Tommy, my dear, were you not frightened when the horses went trotting so swiftly down Crow Hill?" "Yes, mother, a little," replied Tom, honestly; "I asked the Lord to help me, and hung on like a beaver." Sensible Tom! Why sensible? Because he joined working to praying. Let his words teach this life-lesson: In all troubles, pray and hang on like a beaver; by which I mean, that, while you ask God to help you, you must help yourself with all your might.—*Young Pilgrim*.

Wait.

"Oh, the drudgery of this everyday routine!" cries many a business man and many a house-keeping woman. "To get through the day and have the same round to traverse to-morrow!"

Yes, but how do you know what use the gracious Superintendent of your life is making of this humdrum, as you call it? A poor, blind mill-horse treads his beat, hour after hour, and it all seems to come to nothing. But the shaft he is turning is geared into others, and they into wheels, that in other rooms above him, far away beyond his hearing, are working out results that he could never comprehend. Wait until you see no longer through a glass darkly, and see the unknown bearings and connections of your life-work with other generations, and may be, with other worlds.

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