

scaffold too high for her to reach, that she may kiss and bless you in evidence of her deathless love. When the world shall despise and forsake you, when it leaves you to die by the wayside unnoticed, the dear old mother will gather you in her feeble arms and carry you home and tell you of all your virtues until you almost forget that your soul is disfigured by vices. Love her tenderly, and cheer her declining years with holy devotion.—*Ex.*

Forever.

A little girl, whom we know, came in her night clothes very early to her mother one morning, saying:

"Which is worst, mamma, to tell a lie, or steal?"

The mother, taken by surprise, replied that both were so bad she couldn't tell which was the worst.

"Well," said the little one, "I've been thinking a good deal about it, and I've concluded it's worse to lie than to steal. If you steal a thing you can take it back, less you've eaten it; and if you've eaten it you can pay for it. But"—and there was a look of awe in the little face—"a lie is forever."—*Ex.*

Be Cautious.

Don't judge a man by the clothes he wears. God made one and the tailor the other.

Don't judge him by his family relations, for Cain belonged to a good family.

Don't judge a man by his speech, for a parrot talks, but the tongue is but an instrument of sound.

Don't judge a man by his failure in life, for many a man fails because he is too honest to succeed.

Don't judge a man by the house he lives in, for the lizard and the rat often inhabit the grandest structures.

When a man dies, they who survive him ask what property he has left behind. The angel who bends over the dying man asks what good deeds he has sent before him.—*Ex.*

The Chinese have a peculiar and abominable practice with which they mark the beginning of the new year. The devout follower of Confucius pays his debts, if possible, at that season. There have been some attempts made to introduce the custom here, but being a pagan practice it is, of course, abhorred by Christians, and is but seldom observed.—*New York Herald.*

Young Man, Hold On.

Hold on to your tongue when you are just ready to take God's name in vain.

Hold on to your tongue when it is about to place that to your lips which brings misery and death.

Hold on to your feet when they are about to take you into the place of sin.

Hold on to your heart when evil associates seek your company and invite you to join their revelry.

Hold on to your good name, for it is of more value than gold.

Hold on to truth, for it will serve you well in time and eternity.

Hold on to virtue. It is above all price to you at all times and places.

Hold on to your good character, for it is and ever will be your best wealth.—*Ex.*

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