## A Lately Discovered Parable.

Then shall the kingdom of Satan be likened to a grain of tobacco seed; which, though exceedingly small, being cast into the ground grew; and became a great plant, and spread its leaves rank and broad; so that huge and vile worms found a habitation thereon. And it came to pass in the course of time that the sons of men looked upon the weed and found it much to be desired to make lads look big and manly. So they put forth their hands and did chew thereof. And some it made sick and others to vomit most filthily. And it further came to pass that those who chewed it became weak and unmanly, and said, we are enslaved, and can't cease from chewing it. And the mouths of all that were enslaved became foul, and they were seized with a violent spitting, and they did spit, even in ladies' parlors, and in the house of the Lord of Hosts. And the saints of the Most High were greatly plagued thereby.

And in the course of time it came to pass that others snuffed it, and they were taken suddenly with fits, and they did sneeze with a great and mighty sneeze, insomuch that their eyes were filled with tears, and they did look exceedingly silly. And yet others wrought the leaves thereof into rolls, and did set fire to the one end thereof and did suck most vehemently at the other end thereof, and did look very grave and calf-like, and the smoke of their torment ascended up forever and forever.

And the cultivation thereof became a great and mighty busines in the earth, and the merchant men waxed rich by the commerce thereof. And it came to pass that the saints of the Most High defiled themselves therewith; even the poor who could not buy shoes, nor bread; nor books for their little ones, spent their money for it. And the Lord was greatly displeased therewith, and said, wherefore this waste, and why do these little ones lack bread and shoes, and books? Turn now your fields into corn and wheat, and put this evil thing far from you and be separate, and defile not, yourselves any more, and I will bless you and cause my face to shine upon you.

But with one accord they all exclaimed: "We cannot 'cease from chewing, snuffing and puffing—we are slaves!"

SUPPLEMENT.

And it came to pass that the women of the land began to use it; and they broke sticks and made little mops thereof, and with tobacco powder they did besmear their mouths.

Then was to be seen a sight deplorable. Some it made hypocrites, for they did use it in secret. Some it made bold by its energy, to use it in defiance of decency, and the wishes of their friends; and they all did slobber and spit, and their mouths did show the sign thereof, with the unsightly dark stain around them, and they did run their tongues round their lips to clear them, and then they did spit again, and their handerchiefs were defiled, and oftentimes their clothes. Many grew sallow and husky, and tremulous, and said they were nervous and had more trials than anybody, and died before the time, and bequeathed impaired constitutions to their children, and the world was cursed by this fashion exceedingly, and a sigh was raised by the thoughtful of the land; for the hurt of the daughters of the people was great.

And it was said, what shall be done? Alas! what shall be done?

*Christian Messenger.*

He who blames others the most, is usually the most to be blamed. A quick eye to detect the faults of another usually a blind side to its own. A sharp tongue is moved by an unquiet spirit, and an unquiet spirit wanteth not words and complainings.

## Where and How to Churn.

According to the *Scientific Farmer*: "Churning cream to make good butter is not so simple a process as some may think. It must be churned at a proper time and at the proper temperature, and the churn should be stopped as soon as the cream has broken, but before the butter has gathered in large balls. In warm weather it is of great importance to watch the process closely, and to notice just when this change is to take place. At this time add enough cold water (not ice) to reduce the temperature of the mass to about fifty-six or fifty-eight degrees, and then complete the churning, which will be as soon as the butter is in granulated form, with particles about the size of peas. Then draw off the buttermilk and dish in cold water, repeating the washing until the water drawn off appears clear. Now take out a layer of butter into the tray, and sprinkle on finely sifted salt, at the rate of about an ounce of salt to the pound (more or less, as consumers may wish). Then take out another layer of butter and salt as before. After the butter is salted, set it away for about three hours for it to take salt and harden the grain. Now work it a little with a wooden paddle, and set away again until the next day, when it will need but little working before preparing it for market. By handling in this way you will get a clean, bright article, with a perfect or unbroken grain, which will keep sweet whether consumed immediately or packed down for future marketing."

## The Time to Cut Grass.

The proper time to cut grass for hay is a matter of some dispute, though the weight of testimony is in favor of early cutting. As an old writer on agriculture has wittily said, "grass should be cut while it is grass, and not after it has become hay." The flavor or richness of the grass passes away as soon as the stalk becomes dry, tough and fibrous and evidently much nourishment is lost, as well as the fragrance which gives it relish by leaving it standing too long. Farmers as a rule do not attach that importance to the hay crop which its real value demands and are apt to consider the exact time of harvesting it as a matter of no great consequence. But when it is consided that it is the crop that furnishes the largest share of food for both horses and cattle during at least half of the year, it will be admitted that it is of value enough to warrant the best care in cutting and curing. If it is cut at the right time a very few hour of sunshine will fit it for the mow or stack. It is better to be put up a little damp than to have all its moisture dried out in the sun. It should be put away in such a condition as to show green and bright when fed out in the winter. It is then eaten with the greatest relish and yields the largest amount af nourishment.—*Indiana Farmer.*

"IN" THE WORLD, BUT NOT "OF" IT.—The Gulf Stream flows like a river through the ocean, so that a vessel may have its prow in warm water and the keel in the cold. Just so a pure and holy life may flow through worldliness and pleasure-loving associations, and not mingle with them at all. So one may live, even in his own family, an humble Christian, when all others are cold, selfish, or sinful.

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