

WHAT REWARD?

He was a boy most delicately bred,
A town boy and his mother's only one,
Her fair hands stroked his shapely, curly head.

His Umbrella.

Mrs. Maria Drummond, who for many years held a high position in England among people of the trust rank, had, as a girl, the opportunity of helping a great man in his wooing.

She Boiled the Tea.

In connection with the introduction of tea into England a very amusing story is told of a certain titled woman who had been presented with a pound of the finest green tea.

HOW WE GROW OLD.

The thread that binds us to life is most frequently severed ere the meridian of life is reached in the case of persons who neglect obvious means to renew failing strength.

Origin of the Word Baptism.

There have been many stories of the origin of the word and practice of baptism, but I doubt whether this ingenious explanation of its derivation of an old darky preacher, which will be appropriate to give here, has ever been printed.

An Expensive Luxury.

A creditor called upon a debtor and found him busy carving a turkey. "Well, sir, are you going to pay me at last?" "I should very much like to, my dear sir, but I find it impossible. I am cleared out—ruined; I haven't a farthing."

An Example in Point.

De Sappy (entering)—Aw, say, old fellow, where is it that "fools wash in where angels wash to tread?"

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THE ETHICS OF GETTING A LIGHT.

Please allow me to suggest that a gentleman will not, in these United States of North America, ask a stranger for fire from his cigar; that is, if a gentleman is one who has a wakeful regard for the feelings and prejudices of others.

THE PROFESSIONAL DINER OUT.

The stock in trade of the professional diner out is his dress suit and the people he knows. Smith invites him because Jones does, and Brown because Jones and Smith do.

Let This Be a Warning.

"That was a horrible tragedy. A girl spurned the hand of a lover and he stabbed her with an ice pick."

THE INCOME OF THE AVERAGE PROFESSIONAL DINER OUT.

The income of the average professional diner out is generally nearer \$12 a month than \$1,200 a year. Indeed there are many who not only feed on their friends, but lodge and dress on money borrowed as well.

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