Never go Empty-Handed.

I learnt this capital bit of advice long ago. A dear old aunt said it to some one else, when I was near, and I remembered it. You cannot think how useful the hint has been, nor how much trouble and time it saves me.

Just notice what it is we all do from morning to night. Why, we take things out of their places and put them in again,-if we are tidy people, that is! We cannot help doing this. The pots and pans, the cups and saucers, and plates and dishes, must be taken out and used many times daily. Then came the washing up and setting to rights. It is so with our books and clothes, and all we have. Well, then, there must be always something for ready hands to carry up or down. It is a great help in a house if we make it a rule to look round the room, and never go empty- thousands you come in contact with handed.

This may be a new thought to some of you. Try to act on it for one day, and see if it is not as useful as oil on a rusty wheel. The work gets done like magic in houses where all help father and mother, and try to save them fatigue. Won't mother's dear eyes brighten when she sees you trying ; and won't father be pleased when you save him journeys up and down by recollecting our wise maxim !

And when you go to see a sick friend or a poor neighbor, take something. A sweet flower, or a comforting text neatly written by yourself, will make sunshine. If you are really wanting to do good, look up and say often, "Lord help me :" and soon your heart will be as useful and busy as your hands. Only try .- A. M. V., in Friendly Greet-

What He Got by It.

Showing That it is not Good Policy to Doubt a Man's Word.

'Come mighty nigh killin' a fine buck dis mawnin',' said an old negro.

'Comin' long through de woods an' er old buck he jump up an' bookerty, bookerty he runs off a few yards an' stop still. Come in one er shootin' him

. Why didn't you shoot ?' 'Didn' hab my gun wid me, sah.'. 'Then how did you come within one

of shooting him ?' 'Case, sah, I come in one o' takin' my gun wid me."

Why didn't you take your gun?' 'Didn' hab none, sah.'

'You are an old fool.' 'Look heah, doan 'buse er man dat way when ver ain' got no cause. I ain't got no gun, fur a fellow dat wuz erbout to buy one frum axed me jes' one dollar mo'n I could pay. So, I come in one o' gettin' de gun. Ef I had er got it I would er tuck it 'long wid me, an' ef I'der had it I could er shot de buck easy, sah. So doan come 'roun' 'busin' er man when de facks is all ergin yer. I hab knowed folks ter fetch trouble on dar 'selves dat way. Er pusson oughter be keerful in dis heah woil' o'science an' speckerlation. Good mawnin,' sah. Since yer's acted dis way, I wouldernt gin yer none o' de meat ef I had er killed it. 'Fore yer talked dat way I woulder made yer present o' some o' de

The Woes of a Bashful man.

buck. See whut yer got by it, sah.'-

Arkansaw Traveler.

'You d-don't know how b-b-bashful I am,' he murmured; 'The gals just worrit the life outen me. When I stood up to be married, they all giggled, and when the minister asked me if I'd take this woman to be my wedded wife, I said I was 'purty well, thankee, and when he pronounced us man and woman, and said, 'whom God hath joined together let no man rip apart,' I broke down and bawled. Oh! it was horrible! But that's nothing to what's to come. 'Bout 'leven o'clock the old man sez, sez he, 'John, your room's head o' the stairs.' I was so skeered that when I tried to stan' up my legs gin way, and I tell over the dog and got bit in three places. I waited till everybody'd gone to bed then I crawled up stairs like a spoon thief. I was 'fraid to go in, so I sat on the stairs and shivered. 'It's no use,' sez I, 'what's got to be, hez;' so I shucked of my clothes out in the dark and shet my eyes. Then I made a break for the door. I found the bed and pulled the clothes over my head an' laid on the front rail. In the mornin' I peeked through my fingers to see if I could dress and git away 'fore she woke up, and hang me far a pirate if I wa'nt in bed with the old man and old woman. Oh, I can't go back. I can't I can't,' and the poor thing wept afresh.

HAD HIM FOUL.

'Say, mister, do you want your valise carried ?' asked a street urchin running after a man going down Fourth street with a valise in his hand. 'No. I don't,' answered the man with

a snarl. 'I'll carry it to the depot for a dime,' persisted the boy.

'I don't want it carried, I tell you, said the man, hurrying along.

'Don't you ?'

'No, I don't.' 'Well, mister, what the dickens are you caryin' it for? Why don't you set Gallery on North St., Millheim, Pa, it down ?'

Live for Something.

Thousands of men breathe, move and live-pass off the stage of life and are heard of no more. Why? They did not a particle of good in the world; and none were blessed by them, none could point to them as the instruments of their redemption; not a line they wrote, not a word they spoke could be recalled, and so they perished, their light went out in darkness, and they were not remembered more than the insects of yesterday. Will you thus live and die, O man immortal?-Live for something. Do good and leave behind you a monument of virtue that the storm of time can never destroy. Write your name by kindness, love and mercy, on the hearts of the year by year, and you will never be forgotten. No, your name, your deeds, will be as legible on the hearts you leave behind, as the stars on the brow of evening. Good deeds will shine as brightly on the earth as the stars of heaven.

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'Well ?'

'What was I put in here for any way?' 'You'll find out when the police court

'Podner, I am a very sensitive man, and the thought that I have committed a crime hauts me. I just tell you whats a fact, I can't stand it. What did I

'Well, if you must know, you got drunk and shot a man.'

'Oh, is that all? I was afraid that I had insulted some one. Much oblig-

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