

# Local & General.

## WHAT IS THE USE?

What is the use of trimming a lamp?  
If you never intend to light it?  
What is the use of grappling a wrong?  
If you never intend to right it?  
What is the use of removing your hat?  
If you do not intend to tarry?  
What is the use of wading a nail?  
If you never intend to marry?  
What is the use of buying a coat?  
If you never intend to wear it?  
What is the use of a house for two?  
If you never intend to share it?  
What is the use of gathering gold?  
If you never intend to keep it?  
What is the use of planting a field?  
If you never intend to reap it?  
What is the use of buying a book?  
If you never intend to read it?  
What is the use of a cradle to rock?  
If you never intend to rock it?

## BIRTHDAYS.

The birthday, especially to young people, is a very "important day." To those who have grown up, and already formed their characters, for good or evil, it is of less consequence, except to remind them that they are one year nearer death and the judgment. But to the boys and girls, a year often produces great changes in size and stature, in thought, feeling, knowledge and principle. Life is a great highway or railroad, and these birthdays are the milestones upon it. They seem far apart at first, as the milestones do when the cars first begin to move; as the speed increases, they seem more and more frequent. So it is with the years, as they grow up; quicker and quicker they fly, till the last comes shortest and swiftest of all.

Then, little friends, you for whom these milestones are yet far sounder, be persuaded to turn them to wise account. Allow them to be stopping-places, where to inquire if you are in the right, the safe, the best road; to ask whence you came, and whether you are bound, how far you have advanced, and what you propose to accomplish by this journey of life. Look forward, look backward and resolve—for you are not too young if you can read and think—resolve that you will walk in no path but that of the just, the wise, the virtuous, which shineth brighter and brighter unto the perfect day: and that each birthday shall find you further on that road which leads to happiness and heaven.

Thus, let the birthday, whether spent in innocent festivity or in the quiet round of ordinary duty, be the best day of all the year; because it gives a quickening impulse to every good resolution and virtuous purpose. So, shall you grow up like young Samuel, "in favor both with the Lord and also with men."

Moderity is a plant that bears but one flower—envy.

It is far easier to see small faults than large virtues.

She who can compose a cross bably is greater than she who can compose books.

The sun is no worse for shining on muck, and the muck no better for being shone on.

If you let your throat be seared with daily lies, your very cravat will tighten around it.

Love is a butterfly that shakes dust from his wings into the eyes of his votaries.

Cider becomes sour by working; men's minds get so by not working.

When a man who has been rich finds himself compelled to break, his friends are apt to break with him.

Beauty has its privileges; a woman who has plainness of face must not expect to be indulged in the luxury of plumes of speech.

The most cheerful and soothing of all fire-side melodies are the bleeding tones of a cricket, a tea kettle, and a loving wife.

A woman is not fit to have a baby who doesn't know how to hold it; and this is as true of a tongue as of a baby.

There are worse serpents than those that crawl in the grass, and they deserve to lose their skins twice as often.

As the true gentleman will appear, even in rags, so true genius will shine out, even through the coarsest style.

Poverty, like other bullies, is formidable only to those who show that they are afraid of it.

Whether discretion is or is not the better part of valor, it is more certain that disdene is the better part of know ledge.

A man may be bold and young after twenty times a day, as bright and cheerful thoughts and sad and dependent ones succeed each other in his mind.

The soundest argument produces no more conviction in an empty head than the most superficial declamation; as a feather and a guinea fall with equal velocity in a vacuum.

Some silly spirits are seized with a longing about their funded hopes of future happiness; just as timid depositors and note holders are sometimes smitten with a panic and rush to the banks and demand their deposits.

An old lady said her husband was very fond of peaches, and that was the only fault he had.

"Fault, I confess," said one; "how can you call that a fault?"

"Why, because there are different ways of taking the air. My husband takes them in the form of brandy."

## A Card to the Suffering.

The Rev. WILLIAM COSGROVE, while laboring as a Missionary in Japan, was cured of Consumption, when other means had failed, by the use of a simple prescription, which he is sending to the great City of Jidde. This recipe has cured great numbers who were suffering from Consumption, Bronchitis, Sore Throat, Coughs and Colds, and the debility and nervous depression caused by these disorders.

In view of benefiting others, I will send this recipe, which I have brought home with me, in all probability, free of charge.

Address: Rev. WM. COSGROVE,  
433 Fulton Avenue, Brooklyn, N.Y.  
Dec. 15, 1862.

**Employment.** [S.5]—We will pay from \$15 to \$100 per month, and all expenses, for domestic service, and give a commission. Participants five. Address: Mrs. James' General Agent, Niles, Ohio. [May 18, 1863.] ly

## Schenck's Pulmonic Syrup

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