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"THAT WHICH SATISFIETH."

A Life Lesson.

BY SYLVANUS COBB, JR.

"L'declare," said Abner Leeds, speaking to his wife, as they were walking home one evening, "Philip Twombly's house has a comfortable, cosy appearance."

"So it has," was the reply of the wife. "How neat and well arranged Mary Twombly ceeps everything," pursued Abner. "She is an excellent woman.

The wife was thoughtful, and made no reply to this.

"I did not mean, Julia, that she was better than my own wife. Of course you didn't so understand me."

"No, Abner; I do not think you would find fault with me. At all events, I try not to give you occasion." Julia Leeds looked up with a smile, and presently she added: "Mary Twombly is a good housekeeper, and a warm, devoted friend. Still, I think her house is no neater than mine."

"Of course it is not," said Abner.

"Only," continued Julia, "she has more to money will be refunded. We say this knowing its do with. Our house is exactly like theirs in its construction; it is finished in the same manner, and even the wall-papers are the

> "Yes," replied Abner. "Our houses were built by the same man, and from the same plan."

> "It is the addition of those pictures, and pretty ornaments which make Twombly's rooms look so cheerful," remarked Julia. "O, how much pictures do add to the attractiveness of a home. Don't you think so Abner?"

"Why-yes, Julia-I think they do."

"And," pursued the wife, "what fine pictures they have. How neat and pretty the frames are, and how tastefully they are arranged. I think I could arrange some very tastefully, too, if I had them."

Abner Leeds did not reply at once to this but finally he said, a little dubiously :

"I don t know, after all, Julia, as such things are of any real benefit."

"O, yes, they are, Abner. Everything is a benefit which helps to make a home cheerful; and what is there, in the way of ornament, more cheerful than good pictures? They are companions. I should not be lonesome where there were pretty pictures. Think, when you that picture now hangs, I thought how pleas are tired and weary, or when you are weak and ant it would be to have the ornament there; sick, how much comfort you can take in rest. and I also thought how much it would please ing the eye upon a cheerful picture. Pictures | my wife. I think this last consideration had make a room attractive; and surely we cannot the most weight with me then; for Mary was have too many attractions at home."

Abner Leeds liked pictures; and he knew that his wife was aware of that fact; so he could not dispute her position. He could only I remembered that Mary had asked me not

cannot afford to buy pictures. I have often in a thoughtful mood, and my thoughts took a thought, when I have been in Twombly's house, ure, clearly proves from his own experience that that I would like pictures, and mantle ornaments like his; but it's of no use to wish for them. I find no money to spare for such ex-

> "I wish we could have a few, Abner; but I our parlor. Ten dollars was more than I had wouldn't wish for them unwisely. Perhaps, at to spare for any such purpose. I looked at the

house, and entered the quiet little sitting room, five cents for it, and that I was in the habit of the three legged stools, the broomsticks, and comfort to others, are beating the reveille of

bright-haired and bright-eyed children. The apartment was as neat and tidy as any in the town; but the walls were bare; and as Julia cast her eyes over the vacant spaces, her thoughts might be easily read. How pleasant ome pretty pictures would look there; and how much more cheerful the room would be.

Perhaps, as Abner and his wife sat there. after the children had gone to bed, their thoughts took the same channel. Julia knew that Philip Twombly did not receive any more wages than her husband did. She knew that they both owned their houses, and that they both had about the same expenses to meet in the support of their families. Julia thought of this; but she would not speak of it; for she knew that her husband was not a spendthrift; and if he had any little habits which he wished to indulge, she would not find fault. He was kind and generous, and true and faithful, and she prized him as a precious com-

"You are thinking of pictures," Abner said as he saw his wife's eyes wandering over On the same day following I did the same, and the bare walls.

kissed him, and then added-"some time when you can afford it, you will buy me one, I know, and until then I shall be content."

Abner kissed his wife in return, and said that he would certainly buy a picture when he made. But this reward was not all. I not only had the money to spare.

I wombly, and the latter had a fine oil paintng under his arm.

It was only a few steps to Twombly's house, taken from its wrapper, and proved to be a upon the wall, it seemed really to shed new radiance over the apartment. It was attractive and refreshing.

"I declare," said Abner, as he cast his eyes about over the pictures. "I should like some such as these, but I don't have the money to spare. What did this landscape cost?"

"The picture and frame together, cost fourteen dollars."

"Upon my soul, Philip, I don't see how you afford it."

"Ah," replied Philip Twombly, with smile, "there's a secret in that." "A secret?"

"Yes." "What is it?"

"I'll tell you, Abner. Just sit down, and ou shall know how I afford these little attractions to my home."

Abner Leeds sat down, and Philip spoke as

"After we had been married a year, or a little more, we went to visit my wife's uncle. He had a great many very valuable pictures in his house, and both Mary and I took much pleasure in looking at them. When we came home. Mary often expressed the wish that we could have some pictures I wished as much as she did; but I was not so free in the expression of my wish, because I felt that I cloud not afford such luxuries. One day while we were in the book store, we saw a picture which we both fancied. It was an engraving-a scene from Shakspeare-there it hangs, in that giltrame. The price was ten dollars, for the pic ture and frame. Mary was very eager, but I had to put her off. I had no ten dollars to spare. That evening, as I sat alone in this very room, looking up at the very place where precious wife, and did so much for my com fort. As I sat, thus pondering, I took out a cigar, and was on the point of lighting it, when to smoke in the parlor, because the odor of the "I admit all that, Julia; but you know I tobacco clung so long to the curtains. I was curious turn-a new turn for me. They ran in this way:

"I could not possibly afford to buy the pic ture which my wife so much wanted, and which would add so much to the cheerful aspect of some time, you can afford to purchase some." | cigar which I held in my fingers, and thought At this juncture they arrived at their own what that cost. I remembered that I had paid

times more. My cigars did not always cost so much as that, but I did not hesitate to set down that item of expense at fifteen cents a day. This led me to another thing: I drank from three to four glasses of ale a day, making another item of at least fifteen cents. So here was an expense of thirty cents a day for ale and cigars. I reckoned it up, and found that it amounted to over two dollars a week, and about me hundred and nine dollars a year! So in a little over four weeks, I smoked and drank a ten dollar picture l'

"This led me to another thought: what good did the cigars do me, and what good did the ale? I rather fancied that I should be better of without them. Not only were they making a bondman out of me, but I had good reason to believe that they were gradually undermining my health. I set an hour in this mood, and when I arose, my resolution for the feature was taken. I threw my cigar away, and on the evening of the next day I put thirty cents into a box, having left my ale and cigars untouched. so I kept on doing. For a few weeks I mis Julia started, but quickly replied, with a sed my old masters, and there were some sea sons of struggle; but I had an object in view. "Not selfishly, my good husband?" She and I was firm. At the end of a month I found ten dollars in my box, and I went and brought the picture. When I saw my wife's sparkling eye, and received her warm kiss of thanks. I had reward enough for all the effort I had had conquered an evil habit, and gained there-Only a few days after this Abner met Philip | by the means of adding new attractions to our home, but I also improved in mental and physical health. That was something over three "Come home with me and see it," said years ago. The old box is still in use, and into it I drop my daily tribute. Thus you see, the pictures which adorn our walls, the ornaand Abner went with him. The picture was ments upon our mantles, and the little statues in our garden, are the things which I have landscape, from some of the lake scenery of chosen in lieu of ale and cigars. In short, New York; and when it was hung in its place Abner, in the expenditure of money for the purchase of what we may term luxuries, I have learned to strive after THAT WHICH SATIS-FIETH."

When Abner went to his home that evening, he had a new thought in his mind. He made a daily use of alc and cigars. He had never thought it any harm, and even now he did not regard it in that light. But he was led to ask himself if from his limited means, his spare money might not be spent for something which would be of more benefit to himself and family. He had strength of mind enough to keep resolution when it was once formed, and, before he pressed his pillow on that night, his resolution had been taken. On the following morning he prepared him a box, with a hole in the top, and when evening came, he dropped into it three dimes. It was the money saved from the old channel. He had smoked no cigars and he had drank no ale through the day. Another day passed with the same result. It came hard; there was a conflict, and a struggle. Such tyrants were not to be conquered without effort. But Abner Leeds was firm. His foot had been set in the new course, and, he would not yield his manhood to the old appetite. And he triumphed. When the temp ter was put away-when the desire for the old narcotic and stimulant had been wholly over come, he went to his box, and he found fifteen dollars there. Away he went to the store where pictures were sold, and purchased a pair of handsomely framed engravings. He carried them home, and hung them up, and then called his wife to see them.

Where did they come from? O, how pretty ! She hoped he had not inconvenienced him self in purchasing them?

And then Abuer told his wife the whole story-told her what he had done, and what he meant to do.

Ah, when the arms of his fond wife were about his neck-when she kissed him, and bles sed him, and told him how happy and gratified she was-then he began to realize in a new and brighter light the reward of his self sacrifice.

And Abner Leeds was true to his promise As the months rolled on, new pictures were added; new books were brought home; pleasing ornaments graced the mantle; and new joys thus flowed to the household. And all for this what has he lost? Nothing. He had been the gainer in every way. 1 It was truly a blessed lesson of life which he had learned; and he tried to teach it to others; so that other homes might be as bright and cheerful and attractive as his own.

It is with the tree of genealogy as with the where Julia's sister was caring for the two smoking four or five of them a day, and some tobacco-stoppers, made from the ends and chips. life and plenty for him.

Little-or-Nothings.

A rejected lover sometimes escapes a great disappointment by means of a small one.

The best government is a government of the

Sorrow is never more sorrowful than when t jests at its own misery.

The infirmities of great men are ever the consolation of dunces.

Calmness indicates refinement. A gentlenan makes no noise; a lady is serene.

A bad husband beats his wife, and a bad

The narrower a soul is, the more easily it is

vife beats the devil. The mountain tops are cold even when cov-

red with firs. Men of narrow ways are not in the narrow

Heaven is so near to us as to be within an afant's reach.

way recommended in the Bible.

Praying to God is but poor amends for preyng upon men.

Many people take offence at everything, whose conscience take offence at nothing.

An earthquake doesn't dispose men to sleep, out it makes the earth yawn.

How glorious must be the earth when even her shadow, the Night, is so beautiful.

A merchant's safe, like a soldier, is of litile value if it can't stand fire.

Say to a captious man that it is a fine day, and he will be sure to suggest some defect in

The good deeds that most sons prefer that

their father should leave behind them are real estate deeds. If a man waits to consider a clear duty or

lingers to prepare for it, it is either left undone or done feebty. Appointments, once made, become debts.

I have no right to throw away your time if I do my own. It is as great folly to spend time in trifles as

it would be to shoe horses, as Nero did, with

Take care to be an economist in prosperity; and there is no fear of your having to be one

Those are praise worthy levelers who would raise the lowest part of society to the level of

A purse without money is better than a head without brains; the first may be filled, the

A lady should discard a lover that she can't influence. She shouldn't keep a beau that she

Glorious indeed is the world of God around us, but more glorious far the world of God

Soldiers are of little efficiency unless harmonious. Their minds, as well as their bodies, should be in uniform.

When a lover asks the important question, his sweetheart can say yes—and yet not give a

The figure of justice is placed on the cupola of a court-house to indicate that she is above the reach of the multitude.

The sublime mystery of Providence goes on in silence, and gives no explanation of itselfno answer to our impatient questionings.

Many persons are purified and exaulted by sickness; as if the hand of disease had been stretched out over them only to make the sign of the cross upon their souls.

The sun that only burns the brows of other oak of the forest; we my boast of the timbers men turns the work of the farmer's hands to it has given to a state vessel, but say nought of glory and gold. The rains that brings dis-