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**Why Men Will Steal.**

In a talk on "Stealing in High Place.—Cause and Cure," on a recent Sunday evening Rev. Dr. F. A. Noble, of the Union Park Congregational church, Chicago, uttered some plain and simple, yet forceful truths which should be carefully considered by every young man holding a position of trust in this country to-day. Dr. Noble said:

"There are facts sufficient before us to make us believe that there are large numbers of people who are willing to convert to their own use much of that which does not belong to them. This is hurtful to everybody living in such an atmosphere of distrust—thinking that somebody is trying to cheat you in every transaction. There are four causes constantly operating upon men to make them betray confidence, the first of which is a low moral sense—a lack of conscience. It is a fact that there can be cultivation in literature, art, the sciences, in one of low moral organization. The second is the mad desire to make money. We are living in an age of impatience. Everything is on the rush. Millionaires spring up in a week—impeccable lords come over here and marry our girls. The man in a bank, seeing the sudden fortune of another, yields to temptation and takes his employer's funds for investment. There is usually but one result—ruin. Then there is the determination of young men on moderate salaries to live beyond their means, which when the end is reached leaves the ambitious fellow deeply in debt and usually disgraced. The moral delinquencies of our young men can be expressed in four words—cards, horses, wine and women. The fourth cause for crimes of this stamp is the fact that men do not count the cost, the ruin and disgrace, not only for themselves, but their dear ones as well. A cure for all this can be found in a reversal of the processes that cause them. If you have a low moral sense, realize it and guard it. Develop the conscience. Be more patient in the matter of accumulating riches. Live within your means and do not spend money to-day with the idea that you can get even to-morrow. Make the sacrifice to-day. Bear in mind what a misstep will cost you and your friend! What is wanted is more moral courage. Establish a principle and be able to stand by it. When we are afraid of God we cease to be afraid of men."

The police and educational authorities of Chicago think that an institution for the care and training of incorrigible children who are not criminals should be provided in that city, and a movement is on foot to establish a school for such waifs. It is from this class that the great army of criminals is recruited, and every state in the union should take cognizance of the fact and try to make good citizens of the homeless and wayward children of the streets.

A RECENT young and much-indulged Philadelphia bride is reported to have had twenty-six bridesmaids to attend her. Not all stood at the altar, ten occupying front pews, but the procession of young women preceded her entrance, and sixteen surrounded her through the ceremony. The question naturally arises: "Where were the young men?"

A SOUTH NORWALK (Conn.) tailor recently made a wager of five dollars that he could eat one hundred and fifty raw tomatoes. The day set for the contest came, and one by one the red beauties disappeared, until his capacious stomach held the one hundred and fifty tomatoes. He probably had never heard that tomatoes produce cancer.

MARK TWAIN has been quite a prolific inventor. His first patent, taken out in 1871, was a strap for suspending trousers. He has been assignee of quite a number of patents, several of recent date. His patent scrapbook has been a success. And yet, so say the gossips, poor Mark is penniless.

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