

BABY WONDER DEAD.

The Whispering Footprints. "Eddy, oh-h Eddy, where are you?" "My mother," came a shrill little voice from the back yard. "Come here, Eddy; I want you to do something for me." Then the back door opened, and Mrs. Taylor heard the soft thud of bare feet along the passage. But when Eddy entered the sitting-room, and stood by mother's sewing-table, she only said, "Why, Eddy, what's the matter?" Now there were no cuts or bumps or bruises about the little boy. Why should the mother think anything was the matter? Because his brown eyes, which generally looked right up at you like two little birds flying out of a cage, now had an uneasy look; neither here nor there, but away. "Nothing," the mother said Eddy, looking out of the window; "What did you call me for mother?" She had wanted him to run down to the village postoffice, to mail a letter, but the letter was forgotten now. Mother was silent for a few moments; then seeing something between her table and the door, she spoke: "I am sorry my little boy has disobeyed me about going to the apple orchard without leave. Eddy gave a little start. "The reason I put me here as your mother, Eddy, is because he thinks I know better what you ought to do, than you do yourself." Eddy did not answer. He was asking himself how mothers knew everything a fellow did. "I am specially sorry that you should disobey me by sneaking through the coal-room window," said Mrs. Taylor. "I would much rather have you say, 'I won't mind you,' and go in before my eyes, than go in by telling me a lie." "Why, mother, I didn't say—" began Eddy, glad of a chance to defend himself. "Do you think you only talk with your lips?" interrupted his mother. "What do you suppose has whispered to me that you have been in the apple cellar, and that you went through the coal room?" "I can't imagine," said Eddy, honestly. "Look behind you." The little boy turned, and there, between him and the door, were five cold-sty footprints on the white matting! Mother could not help smiling at the look of surprise and dismay on the little face, but it was a rather mournful smile. "Do you think we can ever do wrong Eddy, and not leave marks of it some where?" she asked. "And, oh my little boy, the marks that sin leaves are on your heart, which ought to be clean and white for God's eyes, instead of being all tracked over by wrong doing." "Won't they come out?" asked Eddy. He meant the footprints on the matting, but his mother was thinking about those other marks, when she said, "The blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth from all sin. You must ask him to forgive you, and to take away your guilt, and to make you hate sin, which leaves such ugly footprints on your little life." And then for a punishment, and for a reminder, mother kept the footprints on the sitting-room floor that whole day, so that Eddy might see them and remember how every wrong deed left dark stains on his little heart.

He Got His Reward.

A young man was employed by a large commission firm in New York city during the late civil war, to act as a certain party for a lot of damaged beans. The beans were purchased, delivered and spread out upon the upper floor of the building occupied by the firm. Men were employed to turn them over and over, and to sprinkle them with a solution of soda, so as to improve their appearance and render them more salable. A large lot of the first quality of beans was then purchased, some of the poor beans were first put into barrels, then the barrels were nearly filled with the poor ones; after this the good ones were again put on the top and the barrels headed up for sale. The employer marked the barrels, "Beans—A1." The clerk seeing this, said: "Do you think, sir, that it is right to mark those beans A1?" "The employer answered sharply: "Are you head of the firm?" The clerk said no more. The barreling and heading went on. When all was ready, the beans (many hundreds of barrels) were put on the market for sale. Specimens of the best quality were shown in the office to buyers. At length a shrewd purchaser came in (no man is so sharp in business but he will often meet his equal), examined the samples in the office, inquired the price, and then wished to see the stock in bulk. The clerk was ordered to go with the buyer to the upper loft and show him the stock. An open barrel was shown apparently of the same quality of the sample. The buyer then said to the clerk: "Young man, the samples of beans shown me are of the first quality, and it is impossible to purchase beans any where in the market for the price which you offer them; there is something wrong here. Tell me, are these beans the same quality throughout the entire barrel as they appear on the top?" The clerk now found himself in a strange position. He thought, "Shall I lie for my employer, as he undoubtedly means I shall, or shall I tell the truth, as some who will?" He decided for the truth, and said: "No, sir, they are not." "Then," said the customer, "I do not want them," and he left. The clerk entered the office. The employer said to him: "Did you sell that man those beans?" He said, "No, sir." "Why not?" "Well, sir, the man asked me if those beans were of the same quality throughout the entire barrel as they appeared on the top. I told him they were not. He then said: 'I do not want them,' and left." "Go to the cashier," said the employer, "and get your wages; we want you no longer." He received his pay and left the office, rejoicing that he had not lied for the purposes of abetting a sordid avariciousness, and benefiting an unprincipled employer.

A Few Hints About Roses.

When you plant roses, you want an abundance of flowers, and to obtain them, you must give proper care. The first thing to be considered is the soil. If not a deep, porous loam, it must be made so by removing the soil and filling in, or by spading to a depth of a foot, and a half, and mixing with the original soil, well-rotted manure from the cow stable, and sand if the soil is too heavy, or manure, wood-ashes and clay if too light and sandy. Never plant in cold, stiff clay, and give a top dressing of well-rotted manure every year. In planting roses, as well as all other plants, dig the holes large enough that the roots may all be straightened out; if bunched up, they will only decay and your plant will stand still and die. As roses produce their blossoms on the new growth, they should be pruned in the spring. Roses that bloom more to an once during the summer should be pruned after blooming, as they will induce new growth, consequently more blossoms. People who are generous with their roses will have more than those who are stingy, for when a rose is removed and a piece of the branch with it, new growth is started and several roses will take the place of the one given away. I have reference to the monthly roses. Keep your roses well cultivated, as this opens the soil to the dew, light and air. The more thoroughly and frequently the soil is worked the more thrifty will be the plants and blossoms. Never allow seed capsules to mature, as this weakens the plant. The roses are among the most desirable as they are not only beautiful and fragrant, but also free flowering. They are hardy as far north as New York, and further north may be protected with evergreen boughs.

Eggs are useful in the following applications:

"A mustard plaster made with the white of an egg will not leave a blister. A raw egg, taken immediately, will carry down a fishbone that cannot be extracted. The white skin that lines the shell is a useful application to a boil. White of egg, beaten up with soft sugar and lemon, relieves hoarseness, a teaspoonful taken once every hour. An egg in the morning in a cup of coffee is a good tonic.

YOUTH AGE AND KNOWLEDGE.

"Yes, sir," said Jones to Smith, "as men grow in age and experience they advance in knowledge." "I don't think so," replied Smith. "Don't think so? That's rather singular." This opinion Jones on the subject is the universal opinion. "It may be, but I have my own opinion, nevertheless, and it is that the younger we are the more we know. When I was a youth I knew twice as much as my father. Now I am aged and I don't know half as much as my son.

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Notice to Taxpayers.

The tendency of tax payers of the County, especially the negroes, to disregard the Auditor's appointments for taking returns, has grown so alarmingly that we will be compelled to enforce the law which is

50 PER CENT PENALTY
For Not Returning.

If you should be unable to meet the Auditor at the places below named, remember that the office at Abbeville is open for the purpose of taking returns from the 1st day of January to the 20th of February except on such days as below indicated. I would respectfully ask every white man in the County to inform his employees of the time and place of the Auditor's appointments in his community and in case they fail to meet him there, to send them to Abbeville within the time above named.

Under the recently adopted constitution of this State, every man within the age of 21 and 60 years, capable of earning a support, except Confederate Soldiers over 50 years of age, is liable for poll tax.

Remember when you sign a return, for yourself or for another, you take an oath that you have returned the property therein named at its true value. Remember also if you have credits, and return none, or only a small fraction thereof, you lay yourself liable to an investigation by the Assessing Board and to prosecution before the Auditor. We wish only a fair and honest return.

For the purpose of accommodating the public in the matter of taking tax returns, I will fulfill the appointments below mentioned, either in person or by deputy. Note the dates and save yourself a trip to Abbeville, or 50 per cent penalty.

The appointments are as follows:
Greenwood—Monday and Tuesday, January 11th and 12th.
Ninety-Six—From arrival of down train, Tuesday, the 12th, to the arrival of the up train Thursday, 14th.

Coronaca—Friday, January 15th.
Verdery—Saturday, January 16th.
Calhoun Falls—Tuesday, January 19th and until the arrival of up train Wednesday, January 20th.

Lowndesville—Thursday and Friday, January 21st and 22nd.
Bradley—Tuesday and Wednesday, January 26th and 27th, from the arrival of down train Tuesday.

Troy—Thursday and Friday, January 28th and 29th.
McCormick—Saturday January 30th, and Monday, February 1st, until time for departure of Anderson train.

Bordeaux—Tuesday, February 2nd.
Wellington—Wednesday, February 3rd.
Mt. Carmel—Thursday and Friday, February 4th and 5th.
Hodges—Monday, February 8th and till the arrival of up train Tuesday, February 9th.

Donalds—Wednesday and Thursday, February 10th and 11th.
Due West—Friday and Saturday, February 12th and 13th.
Antreville, at McAdams' store—January 15th and 16th.

Cedar Springs—January 16th, at Hunter's store.
Long Cane—January 15th and 16th, at Residence of A. F. Calvert.
Mt. View—January 16th, at Clinkscales' store.

Abbeville—The office will be open to the entire County for the purpose of taking returns from January 1st to February 20th, except on the following dates, viz: Monday and Tuesday, January 11th and 12th.
Tax payers will observe the following instructions:
Where you have land in more than one township, don't fail to make separate returns, giving the exact number of acres in each.
Present your plats and deeds to the Auditor where you have detected an error in your former return, in order to verify a correction.

W. W. Bradley, Auditor.