

EDGEFIELD ANSWER

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"We will cling to the Pillars of the Temple of Liberty, and if it must fall, we will perish amidst the ruins."

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the most of, and looking the little peddler full in the eye, he exclaimed:
"Furrier, didn't you come to this country to escape from tyrannical, down-trodden and oppressed Europe? Didn't you flee to these happy shores to live in a land of freedom, where the great rights of liberty is guaranteed to all? Didn't you furrier?"
He paused for a reply, when the little peddler squeaked out—
"No, sir, I come to this country to sell sheep ready-made clothes."

The astonishment of the orator, the shouts and roars of the multitude, cannot be described. The speech was finished.
PLEASANT WORDS.—They don't cost much. They come bubbling up in a good natured heart, like the freely gushing waters of a fountain. It is as easy to speak them as it is to breathe. They come forth as naturally and easily from the lips of kindness, as the rays from the sun. There is no pausing-taking about the matter. These kind words leap forth of themselves, and delight to fly away in every direction on their errands of love.

2. They make the man happier that uses them. They react upon him. Hot words make the lover's wrath hotter. Solving words make the lover's warmth the warmer in the bosom. They are fuel to the sacred flame. Loving words help to make a more perfect man. They are the life of the soul.
3. Kind and pleasant words touch other people's hearts and make them kind. They fall like flakes of fire on the cold and selfish hearts of others—not to scorch, but to melt—and to irritate without hurting. Under such words the coldness and unkindness of them. Under such words grim visages relax, their icy outlines are dissolved, and the soul that had been frozen to the core, gets thawed out; and he who had the gloomy December on his visage, is not long in getting a genial June in place of it.

4. Pleasant words begot other words like themselves. They are contagious. They have been in a crowded omnibus. A few snappish, sulky words have multiplied their species, till the travellers have taken share in the same stock. But a genial soul enters. His kind words get wings. They produce an epidemic. Growler number one and scowler number two, change their countenance, and say a few kind words. A second wave washes over the crowd, and the coach, and is off for parts unknown; and good nature keeps all things in excellent trim for the rest of the trip. So sermonizes the Boston Traveller in four sections.

A QUAKER CONFRERE.—Old Jacob J. was a Quaker merchant in Burlington, N. J., and, like all shrewd men, was often a little too smart for himself. An old Quaker lady of Bristol, Pennsylvania, just over the river, bought some goods at Jacob's store, when he was absent, and in crossing the river on her way home she met him aboard the boat, and as she used to be upon such occasions, he immediately turned to her and said, "I have just bought some goods at your store, and I have paid for them." "Oh, no," said he, "how much a yard did you give for that and that, and that?" taking up the several pieces of goods. She told the price without hesitating, saying she had paid for them. "I could have sold you those goods for so much a yard," mentioning a price a great deal lower than she had paid. "You know, I can undersell every body in the place; and he went on criticizing and undervaluing the goods till the boat reached Bristol, when he was invited to go to the old lady's house. "Jacob," said he, "I have just bought some goods at your store, and I have paid for them." "Oh, no," said he, "how much a yard did you give for that and that, and that?" taking up the several pieces of goods. She told the price without hesitating, saying she had paid for them. "I could have sold you those goods for so much a yard," mentioning a price a great deal lower than she had paid. "You know, I can undersell every body in the place; and he went on criticizing and undervaluing the goods till the boat reached Bristol, when he was invited to go to the old lady's house.

How to TELL A LAWYER.—A few days since a gentleman, being beyond the limits of his neighborhood, directed a part negro if he was traveling led to a certain place. He gave the required information, but seemed curious to know who the stranger was, as he was a lawyer. "Charles, why do you haunt me? Why do you come here?" "I am," said he, "slowly waiving in his hand a small roll of paper, 'Jessie, pay the account I owed to the Advertiser, and let me rest in peace.'"
Mrs. J. has fulfilled his desire, and is now not fearful of any future visits from the shadowy land.
ONLY ONE O'CLOCK.—Mr. —, coming home late one night from "meeting," was met at the door by his wife.
"Pretty time of night, Mr. —, for you to come home so late!" "Three o'clock in the morning, my dear, a respectable man in the community, and the father of a family!"
"Taint three—it's only one, I heard it strike. Council always sits till one o'clock."
"My soul! Mr. —, you're drunk; as true as I'm alive, you're drunk. It's three o'clock in the morning."
"I'm not, it's one. I heard it strike one as I came round the corner, two or three times."

NEVER WEARY IN WELL DOING.—When some one asked old father Sober of Kentucky, "Why do you continue to preach, when you have converted but one sinner in twenty years?" "I have converted one," said he, "I replied the other. 'Then, said the good man, 'here's for twenty years more; I may convert two.' And the faithful old soldier toiled on to the end in his Master's work."
A KNOWING DOG.—A somewhat curious example of intelligence in a dog is stated to have occurred a few days ago at Toulon. Some mischievous boys fastened a tin kettle to his tail, and the poor animal in great terror ran off, closely pursued by them. In spite of his terrors, the dog, it was noticed, looked in a peculiar way at the house he passed, as if seeking for shelter in one of them, and at last seeing one in which was the office of the commissary, he rushed into it, entered the office, and quietly lay down, as if certain of obtaining protection. If the local newspapers are to be believed, the reason why the dog selected the office of the commissary in preference to any other was that his mistress, an old and somewhat eccentric lady, having a few days before been converted by the same boys, went to the commissary and sought and obtained his protection. The dog, who was with her at the time, remembered the local journals' remark, the effect produced, and in his turn took advantage of it.—Galignani.

TRIP LIGHTLY.—Trip lightly over trouble, Trip lightly over sorrow, Trip lightly over grief, We only make grief double By dwelling on it long. Why clap your hands so tightly? Why sigh or frown so tightly? Why not seek joy instead? Trip lightly over sorrow, Trip lightly over grief, We only make grief double By dwelling on it long. Why clap your hands so tightly? Why sigh or frown so tightly? Why not seek joy instead? Trip lightly over sorrow, Trip lightly over grief, We only make grief double By dwelling on it long. Why clap your hands so tightly? Why sigh or frown so tightly? Why not seek joy instead?

MISCELLANEOUS READING.
BATHER ENTHUSIASTIC.
The following story is acknowledged to be "good" but we believe it has not found its way into the papers to any great extent. "A few years since, some roughish boys in town not a thousand miles from the capital of New-Hampshire, named Joseph N. —, as he was generally called, "Joe," to attend Sunday School. Joe was an ever-green, half-witted profane lad; and the boys, anticipating considerable fun; but the various questions propounded to him were so easily and correctly answered that no one could for a moment suppose that he was not versed in theological lore. Joe was duly ushered in and placed on a lecture in front of one on which his friends were seated, and recitation commenced.
The teachers first questioned the city on their regular lessons and afterwards turn to Joe.
"My friend, who made the world we inhabit?"
"Eh?" said Joe, turning up his eyes to an expiring calf.
"Who made the word we inhabit?"
"Just as he was probably about to give the answer, one of the boys seated behind him, inserted a pin in his (Joe's) pants, about nine inches below the ornamental button, on his coat."
"God Almighty!" answered Joe, in an elevated tone, at the same time rising to his feet.
"That is correct," replied the teacher, "but it is not necessary that you should rise in answering a sitting posture is just as well."
Joe was seated and the recitation proceeded.
"Who died to save the world?"
"The pin was again inserted, and Joe replied, "Jesus Christ!" in a louder tone than before, rising again from his seat.
"That is also correct," but don't manifest so much anger," said the teacher in an expostulating tone.
After Joe had calmed down the examination was resumed.
"What will be the doom of all wicked men?" was the subject now up for consideration, and, as the pin was again stuck in, Joe thundered out, with a still higher elevation of his body, "Hell and Damnation!"
"My young friend," said the instructor, "you gave the true answers to all the questions, but while you are here we wish you to be more mild in your words. Do, if you can, restrain your enthusiasm, and give a less extended scope to your feelings."
JUDGING FROM APPEARANCES.—We have a good voucher for the following item:
Not long since, while Rev. Mr. Mc—, a Presbyterian minister, was in the neighborhood of Bull's Gap, visiting his friends, he was overtaken one day by an old gentleman, who seemed to be quite inquisitive. After riding along some time together, the stranger remarked:
"My friend, I believe I can guess your occupation."
"Perhaps so," responded Rev. Mac.
"From appearance, I think you're a preacher."
"You're right," said the Rev., "but how do you tell?"
"Sir, by the tie of your neck-cloth, and the cut of your coat, together with the fine horse you ride; anybody can tell that."
After a while the stranger rode a little in advance of the Rev., when the latter, not to be outdone by his companion, exclaimed:
"Sir, I believe I can guess what you follow for a living."
"I guess you can't," said the stranger, reining up.
"Yes, sir, I can; you are a preacher, too; a little German Jew, a peddler of ready-made clothing, who seemed to be very much impressed with the arguments of the orator, greedily swallowing up every thing he uttered. That was too good an opportunity not to make

the land or on the sea, when the eye of no mother is upon them, remember their love and be restrained by the path of vice. Let them say nothing, do nothing, what a mother would not approve, and they will never bring their gray hairs with sorrow to the grave.

SAD CASE.—A Woman.—On Friday last a neatly dressed and beautiful lady, evidently a stranger in this city, called at the office of Mayor McGavock, and requested a private conference with that gentleman. Privately with her request, the Mayor was acquainted with the truly melancholy part of her history, which led her to call upon him for advice and assistance. Among other things, such as only the broken-hearted could weep, she informed him that she lately arrived here from Charleston, coming hither at the instigation of a man who had wooed and won her affections, and then by the artifices, usually employed by the smooth-tongued seducer, wrought around her, and determined to unburden to some kind-hearted person the story of her wrongs, and seek the means of their redress.

In the first part of her conversation with the Mayor, she seemed quite calm and rational, but to relate with entire composure her sad and grievous wrongs was more than her woman's heart would allow her to do. Perceiving her unhappy condition, Mayor McG. kindly suggested that she should furnish her lodging at a hotel, and the next day advise with her as to what was best to be done. She assented and was conveyed to a hotel. Next day the Mayor called on her, according to promise, but was unable to find her sadly changed from what she was even on the previous day. Her sorrows had pressed too heavily upon her—her reason was dethroned, and a wild laugh and incoherent expressions told too plainly how terrible was the ordeal through which she had passed. At the suggestion of the Mayor she was conveyed to a hotel, and the next day the Mayor called on her, according to promise, but was unable to find her sadly changed from what she was even on the previous day. 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