

**Humorous Department.**

**Justice.**—"Fifty dollars and costs—total, sixty-eight thirty-five!" sternly said old Squire Ramsbottom, the well-known jurist of Petunia.

"All right, your honor," replied the traveling salesman who had offended, "I'll—"

"And take off them britches!" grimly proceeded the justice, pointing to that garment.

"What the deuce—"

"Non o' that, now, or I'll soak you for contempt! You plead guilty to giving a drink of licker in the back room of the hardware store to Flip Smith, a clerk thereof, at a time when Constable Slacktuff was peering through a crack although you didn't know it, from a bottle which you confess you bring here from the city in the hip pocket of your pants. Now, then, the law is plain, and says that any vehicle used in the transportation of licker shall be confiscated. By your own confession that licker was transported in your pants. Therefore, and to wit, they automatically became, and are hereby declared to have been at the time, a vehicle. Take off them britches, or I'll order the officer to do his duty!"

**Reason Why.**—Plattenfat had arrived home late from the office and his wife was not the sort of woman to let a thing like that pass unnoticed.

"Why didn't you catch the 7.30 train home tonight, Herbert?" she demanded.

"Well, you see, dear," replied Herbert, "I asked a porter from which platform my train started and he said 'if I turned to the left I'd be right.'"

"Well, didn't you?"

"Unfortunately, no, my dear!" replied her husband. "A little mistake on my part. I turned to the right and was left!"

**Ah!**—"And so you are the lady who is giving my wife painting lessons?" said Mr. Grabalot. "What sort of a pupil is she?"

"Well, I find her very apt, to say the least," returned Miss Dauber.

"That's funny, I always find her very apt to say the most," replied Mr. Grabalot musingly.

**Papering the Interim.**—Mrs. Newrich was having her house decorated. "I've just finished the drawing room," said the foreman; "what shall we do next?"

"You can do the dining room on Thursday," said Mrs. Newrich.

"What shall we do in the interim?" was asked.

"Oh, paper that, too."

**A Great Inducement.**—"I'd sorter like to live in town for a while," admitted Gap Johnson, of Rumpus Ridge Arkansas. "Them people there are big-headed and mean, and don't keer whether you live or die, and all that. But, dad-bum-ity, they don't have to get up in the morning till a couple of hours later than we do in the—yaw-w-w-w!—country!"

**Obviously Foolish.**—"Say, I'm going to fire that young doctor. He ain't doin' the rheumatism in my left leg a mite o' good. Claims the main trouble is my age."

"Well, maybe he's right; you are gettin' along, you know."

"Bosh! Age got nothin' to do with it. My right leg's just as old as my left, and there ain't a thing the matter with that one!"

**The Only Possible Resort.**—"Why in the world did you people send that lop-eared, peak-browed lunkhead to the legislature?" asked a guest, after the Hon. referred to had gone out.

"Why, he hadn't done nuttin' to nobody," replied the surprised landlord of the Polkville tavern. "Whur else could we send him?"

**The Difference.**—Both the optimist and the pessimist acknowledged that it cost more to live nowadays than it used to. The only difference between them is, that the former thinks it is worth it, while the latter feels that he is being badly skimmed.

**A Slight Mistake.**—"Ah, when love's dream comes true! What a delight it is to witness the joy of others! Did you ever in your life see anyone look so happy as the bride-groom yonder?"

"Hush! That's not the groom—that's the fellow the bride jilted six months ago."

**Ears Would Be Safe.**—Sister—If a fairy promised to grant you a wish, what would it be?

Little Brother—'I wish I was a giraffe with a long neck."

Sister—Why?

Brother—So that mamma couldn't reach my ears."

**His Natural Inquiry.**—"Women are killing their husbands entirely too often today!" said Professor Pate, laying down his paper.

"Very likely," replied J. Fuller Gloom. "But about how often in your judgment, professor, should a woman kill her husband?"

**Fits and Fits.**—"That gown is a beautiful fit," said the modiste, "and you don't seem pleased."

"I wasn't thinking about the fit of the gown," replied Mrs. Fashionplate. "I was thinking about the fit my husband will have when he gets the bill."

**Originality.**—"Our new minister is just wonderful. He brings things home to you that you never saw before."

"Huh! I've got a hound-dog who does the very same thing."

**IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL**

**Sunday School Lesson**

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**LESSON FOR SEPTEMBER 18**

**ABSTINENCE FOR SAKE OF OTHERS (TEMPERANCE LESSON).**

**LESSON TEXT**—I Cor. 10:23-33; 3:16, 17. **GOLDEN TEXT**—Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.—I Cor. 10:31.

**REFERENCE MATERIAL**—Rom. 12:1; 14:2-3; 15:1, 2; I Cor. 6:3-20; 9:24-27.

**PRIMARY TOPIC**—A Clean, Strong Body.

**JUNIOR TOPIC**—How to Win the Race.

**INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC**—Presenting One's Body a Living Sacrifice.

**YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC**—The True Meaning of Temperance.

The occasion of this teaching was the uncertainty as to the right attitude toward "things sacrificed unto idols." This problem was most vital while the Christians were in the midst of the heathen, and with some modifications no less vital still. In mingling with society many perplexing questions arise, such as amusements, way of spending Sunday, enjoyment of luxuries, owning stock in certain corporations, etc. Our lesson contains principles adequate for our guidance in all these problems.

It was customary to divide the animal offered in sacrifice into three parts. One part was consumed on the altar, another part was given to the priest, and the third part was kept by the party bringing the offering. The priest's part was frequently sold in the markets. The part which the offerer kept was sometimes eaten at home and sometimes in the court of the temple. The Christian who bought meat in the market was liable to get meat which had been dedicated to the idol god. Then, too, one would be invited to eat socially at the table of someone who had kept his portion of his offering and now set it before his guests. Some with adequate knowledge had no scruples about it; others with less knowledge thought it sinful. The one who has knowledge should bear with the weak one, and at the same time should seek to teach his brother the truth so as to set him free from bondage of superstition. The glory of God should control in all things.

**I. "All Things Are Lawful for Me"** (v. 23).

This declaration is limited, of course, by things which are right in themselves. It is not true that a Christian is free to do those things which are wrong. The Christian can only indulge in "lawful things" as they are expedient and unto edification. As individual Christians we have liberty to do many things which because of their influence on our fellow Christians we should abstain from.

Even with one's self that which is not edifying should be ruled out.

**II. "Let No Man Seek His Own"** (v. 24).

The Christian is under the control of love. The controlling principle of love is unselfishness. The one dominated by love considers the other's interests rather than his own.

**III. "Eat the Food Set Before You"** (vv. 25-30).

It is not incumbent upon us to be on the hunt for occasions of the conscience either of ourselves or others. Exercise your freedom in the enjoyment of all right things which the Lord places before you, but as soon as it is brought to your attention that certain things are to the disadvantage of others, you should desist; that is, exercise self-control.

**IV. "Do All to the Glory of God"** (v. 31).

This is the grand and supreme rule of life for the Christian. The Christian is not at liberty to do that upon which he could not ask the blessing of God. In our eating, employments and pleasures, we should have as our transcendent aim God's glory. How could one ask God's blessing upon the intoxicating cup, dancing, gambling, theatergoing, Sunday desecration, luxurious extravagance, etc?

**V. "Give No Occasion for Anyone to Stumble"** (v. 32).

We should so live that no one can ever say that we have been the occasion of their downfall.

**VI. Follow the Example of Jesus Christ** (11:1).

Christ through love gave up all for the sake of others. He did not please himself. Everyone, therefore, who is a Christian should imitate Him.

**VII. The Christian's Body is the Temple of the Holy Ghost** (3:16, 17).

This great truth is true of the Church as a body, but that which is true of the body is true of the individual composing the body; so the point in this Scripture is the serious consequence of defiling the body.

**To Do Our Best.**

God hides some ideal in every human soul. At some time in our life we feel a trembling, fearful longing to do some good thing. Life finds its noblest spring of excellence in this hidden impulse to do our best.—Robert Collyer.

**Patches.**

No man seweth a piece of new cloth on an old garment; else the new piece will fill it up, and the rent is made worse.—Mark 2:21.

—Mlle. Hanoun, known as Turkey's Joan of Arc, is likely soon to be named as the only woman ambassador to the United States.



Mr. Bill Dale, Cartersville, Tennessee.

Kind friend, I sent myself with pen in hand to drop you a few lines to let you know I am well hoping you the same. Well, Bill, I have some news to tell you about what happened when I got back here and since I got back and hear it is the first person I seen when I got to the railroad station was Jimmy Fayne and he was dressed up like a millionaire and I reckon he is one. He took me in his motor car up to pats home, patrisa you know, pat she hugged me and Jimmy left rite away but said he would be back. I asked pat had she heard about yore trouble bill and she answered no what, then I told her bout you and the lowdown black adam ball bill and she said pore old bill he had such a high temper nobody could ever understand it but it can't be are you serious elizabeth.

Well I said yes I mean it, pat shook her head sorrowful and said 'tell me all about it elizabeth dear, when I had told her the hole story about it we went up stairs, pat went to a closet and got a butle dress my size. I ordered this the day before you left your pat said but it mite have to be altered, wile you are dressing pat said I will speak to Mrs. Dale over the telephone, pat said yore mother has softened tor her son and I promised to tell her any news I had concerning him. Asaid all rite.

Pat was gone down stairs talking over the telephone for a long time and when she returned to me I was dressed and we went down stairs together and the new dress differed half to be altered. After dinner was over me and pat went to a swing at the end of a vranda which had a dim lite on it, pat spoke all of a sudden and said to me how would you like to go to live with Mrs. Dale bills mother. I remembered I haddent liked yore mother bill cause of what she said about me and I got about half mad, don't you want me to live hear with you pat I asked.

Of course pat said, 'ide be glad to have you but Mrs. Dale, wants you too pat said, her treatment of her son which is you bill has most broke her hart pat said, pat said the only hold Mrs. Dale has on her son is through you elizabeth and she is a sad and remorseful woman, then I got to thinking bill I mite be the cause of bringing pece between you and yore parents and so I told pat I would go and I did, I me glad said pat but I me sorry to lose you but it is the best way and we can see each other often cant we deag.

Well bill it wassent long until a big motor car called around at pats for me and setting in the hind seat was yore father hissself John K Dale, he helped me into the car with him and he seemed glad to see me, after we had said good morning and so forth he said anxious like now elizabeth please tell me all about bills trouble for patrisa mite have oimted something you know, at first I was awful afraid of him but I soon got to likeing him fine and I told him about you and that lowdown black adam ball from beginning to end and when I told him about the fit in the river he grinned and grinned and said you always was jam full of the fit stuff.

Well he come out of it all rite the worst of it is his having to stay in jail until the trial comes off said yore father at the next term of cot, weel better see if we can't get him out on a bond he said haddent we elizabeth and I said yes, bill I found yore mother indude a sad woman, there wassent much about her to remind me of the time when she called me a savaje person, she said I am delited you came elizabeth and I eride a little I couldnt help it when I jest half to cry I jest half to cry and nothing else don't help a bit, because she kissed me bill.

Well bill yore father he wired the athorities in cartersville and found out that cale Moreland had confessed to the shooting of black adam and you was free and it has set his mind at rest, but it diddnt set my mind at rest for because I no the mountain hart, I know cale Moreland is jest taking yore place in jail until the day of the trial for that is the way of the Morelands, pore cale is a good boy, I am doing fine hear bill but I often wish I could have old Doe River hear to sing me to sleep like it used to, yore mother is teaching me how to read and rite and spell like pat did and I am learning fast, you can see by this letter I can rite an spell fine cant I.

Well bill klud friend jimmy fayne has Jes sent yore mothers made up hear to ask if he can see me and I will half to go down stairs and see what he wants.

Yores respectively, Babe.

Bill Dale folded the bulky letter and put it slowly back into the envelope. Then his gaze wandered through a window and to where a golden-winged high-holer was hammering industriously at the top branch of a dead tree. He smiled to himself. By

money crop is concerned, and our information is that Bamberg county is in far better condition than many others this year.—Bamberg Herald.

—John Bunyan, author of "The Pilgrim's Progress," was a traveling tinker.

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