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The Beauty of Holiness.

"The beauty of holiness" is an expression found several times in the Old Testament.

Beauty is a combination of elements according to the laws of harmony. Anything is beautiful which, by our sense of sight or sound, gives us a sensation of pleasure.

The principles of holiness are beautiful. Religion, though not fanciful and unreal like poetry, is yet highly poetical.

Passing on from the ideal conception, we may safely say that practical holiness is beautiful. What symmetry it gives to life and character!

And that holiness which cultivates devotion to man and God, devotion to a good cause—yes, even to a bad one at times—is of itself beautiful.

How beautiful, for instance, is the exercise of faith. When the sculptor desires to impress us with the sense of the beautiful he carves from the stone a maiden with upturned face waiting for the Lord.

These thoughts lead us to ask a question: What is holiness—the beautiful thing of which we speak? We may readily answer what it is not.

What then is holiness? It is freedom from external sin—from intentional and overt deeds of evil.

We should strive to make the relative degree an exalted degree. A holy life has a moral power of fusion, surpassing the orator's genius.

Painlessness of Dying. One of the most common notions is that pain and dying are inseparable companions.

True Women. Every man of sense and refinement admires a woman as a woman, and when she steps out of this character, a thousand things that in their appropriate sphere would be admired, become disgusting and offensive.

As frosts unlock the hard shells of seeds and help the germ to get free, so trouble develops in men the germs of force, patience, and ingenuity.

Beautiful Snow.

Having been requested by several parties to furnish them copies of the poem entitled "Beautiful Snow," we adopt this method of granting their request, giving the poem and its history, as follows:

In the early part of the war, one dark Saturday morning in the dead of winter, there died at the Commercial Hospital, Cincinnati, Ohio, a young woman over whose head only two-and-twenty summers had passed.

Among her personal effects was found, in manuscript, the "Beautiful Snow," which was immediately carried to Eos B. Reed, a gentleman of culture and literary tastes, who was at that time editor of the National Union.

Such are the plain facts concerning her whose "Beautiful Snow" will be long regarded as one of the brightest gems of American literature.

Oh! the snow! the beautiful snow, Filling the sky and earth below, O'er the housetops, o'er the street, O'er the heads of the people on a meet!

Oh! the snow, the beautiful snow, How the flakes gather and laugh as they go, Whirling about in maddest fun, Chasing—laughing—hurrying by!

Oh! the snow, the beautiful snow, With one eye like a crystal, a heart like its glow; Once I was loved for my innocent grace— Flattered, and sought for the charms of my face!

Oh! the snow, the beautiful snow, How strange it should be that this beautiful snow Should fall on a slaver with nothers to go!

Oh! the snow, the beautiful snow, With a heart as wide open as I wonder too, For all that is on or above me I know There is nothing that is purer as the beautiful snow.

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Spring or Fall.

We have two or three inquiries now before us as to whether spring or fall is the best time to set out trees. We can't tell how often we have treated on this subject, but it is natural that the question should continue to be asked, as young men grow up, marry, and either go to farming or in other ways possess land, and desire information as to what fruit trees to plant, and when to plant them.

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