

Misspent Energies.

Men do not attach a steam engine to remove a straw, nor attempt to run a cotton factory with a foot treadle. No boy would be so foolish as to use a cable for a kite string, nor would his father expect to tether a restive horse with a cotton twine. But we are all wasting our energies from day to day in divers ways, differing from extremes in the above only in degree. In ways which, if concentrated upon a few things, instead of being distributed over all our activities, would make sufficient cause to send us to a mad-house.

In doing a thing there are several points to be considered; as the resistance to be overcome, the strength we have, and whether, if we are able to do it, the necessary exertion is not better reserved for something else. A man may be able to get a barrel of flour up stairs, or a heavy coat stove, or pull on a pair of boots a size too small, and keep a bottle of liniment by him a week after as a consequence. A woman with an armful of bundles, or a heavy baby, may succeed in overtaking a horse-car ten rods ahead, and pay for her triumph by the "heart-beat," vertigo, or something worse, for days after. She may take up, whip and pull down half a dozen carriages, in addition to the spring scrubbing and the general housework, as some ambitious workers do; but it is probable that such misapplied force will result in the introduction of a step-mother into the family before long.

We know a family that for two generations had drawn all the water for household use by a well-sweep nine and one-half rods distant, when there was no good reason at all to prevent a well from being dug at the house, and the water drawn by a pump. We have known a skillful wall-layer, whose labor was in constant demand, work by the week at cutting up old stumps for his winter's fuel, when he could have been twice the amount of good cut fire-wood with the money he could have earned in the time. Indeed, it is easy enough to see that most people, except ourselves, are wasting much time, and often doing much damage, by misapplied force. We are told that it is a waste to use more force than is necessary, as when a man works with dull tools; and it is equally a waste to work with the tool which is gone, then leave the thing to its own destruction, as in tending a garden well for six weeks in the spring, then letting the sprouting weeds do the rest of it.

But it is not in the expenditure of physical energy alone that there is a waste of power. We are told that as prodigal of mental and moral forces, and have fewer admonitions to lead to reform. We waste words enormously. We surround what is important or proper to say with little nothings, and the main thing is often lost entirely. A gabbler is not a good conversationalist; it is not by the use of a sea of words that a man is convinced. Books are too wordy; serious are by far too verbose. It may, indeed, be true, that, in the cases cited, words are largely substituted for mental force; still, a waste is no less certain.

There is, too, much sound advice, good argument, and wholesome remonstrance wasted. All these are useless unless the mind addressed is in a receptive mood, and mentally able to comprehend what is said. A drunkard does not leave his cups, nor a profligate his debauchery, by merely being advised to do so. A weak mind is opened to the heart; then little advice is needed. Argument, no matter how convincing, is vain with men buried in prejudice or superstition. A skillful exposure of evil will do more for the amendment of the "Tomb's Cabin" than a great class that slavery was an atrocious sin, whom no speech in Congress or elsewhere would touch. It is not John B. Gough's argument that rescues men from the demon alcohol. It is his great sympathy with their misfortune, so heartily expressed, that saves them.

Is there anything so utterly wasteful of mental and moral forces as engaging in religious controversies? Both parties engaged in the conflict usually come out of it badly demoralized. Bad blood is stirred up, allegations are set afoot, and the uncharitable side of the character grows apace. If the contest of energy is the least of the result, the uncharitable side of the character grows apace. If the contest of energy is the least of the result, the uncharitable side of the character grows apace. If the contest of energy is the least of the result, the uncharitable side of the character grows apace.

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