

THE ARKANSAS METHODIST.

SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 1885.

Temperance.

EDITORS METHODIST:—My friend Barlow says he don't see how the whisky business helps the prosperity of a town.

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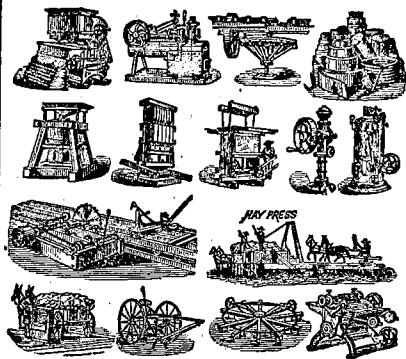
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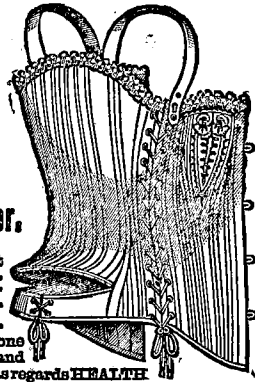
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Little Helpers.

H. M. GRANADE, Editor.
Batesville, Ark.

HYMN.

Old Tune—"Jesus loves me, this I know."
Gospel truth has wondrous power,
Let us heed it every hour,
Strive to do God's holy will,
Evermore his laws fulfill.

CHORUS.

Help us, dear Savior,
Help us, dear Savior,
Help us, dear Savior,
To work and live for thee.

Our Work.

Let each "Little Helper," or each family, or each class in Sunday-school, or at least each school, get a little tin bank, and let us fill it with our own earnings, savings and collections. Send it up to conference next winter by your pastor. It will go into the children's fund for missions and for good books for poor Sunday-schools. Raise a little crop of something, set a hen, piece a quilt, do little jobs and errands, save your little mites, ask your friends to help work, pray and look for the blessing of God. Write me a letter about your work, your school, your soul, your Savior.

Ex-ag-ger-a-tion!

That is a big word, and means big talk. Some folks have a habit of saying a great deal more than is true. That is exaggeration.

My little brother was once sent up on the hills to drive down the cows. In a few minutes he came running back to where we were making shingles and piling them up in round piles about five feet across. Here he came, hat off, hair standing, face all excited, eyes extended, nearly out of breath, and saying, with great earnestness: "Father, I saw a rattlesnake up yonder as big around as a shingle pile and as long as ten thousand rails." When a man went to kill the snake he found him only about three or four inches thick, and about half as long as one rail. The excited boy had exaggerated wonderfully.

This is an easy way of lying. Let us all avoid it. In all things—in talking, in eating, in drinking, sleeping, reading, and playing "let your moderation be known unto all men."

There is another form of speech which is not intended to mean just what is said, nor to deceive. See an example of it in the last verse of the last chapter of the Gospel by St. John. Who will write to me and tell me what this figure of speech is called?

The Spotted Canary.

A beautiful canary bird in England once could sing very sweetly, but at last could only get off a constant "twitter, twitter." He had lost his habit of singing, by which he made the whole house ring with cheerful notes, and now become only a little noisy pest. How was this? Bad company did it. He was put out where a lot of noisy, twittering swallows were about him. Hearing nothing but their constant "twitter, twitter," the sweet little singer was spoiled by learning it himself. How many sweet, cheerful little children, have been thus spoiled? The do not find home as pleasant as they like. Father is rough, mother is cross, older brothers and sisters are not kind, and then their little merry hearts long to get out into other company. Or it may be parents and older persons have done what they could to make home sweet and attractive for the little ones—books, papers, music, toys, flowers, good company, and prayers have been provided, but some boys and girls are so wayward and silly that they prefer to be with a crowd of giggling, light-headed creatures, at a dance, roller skating rink, or a rude frolic of some sort, and so they get away from the good and go to the bad. How sad to see the bad effects of wild company upon a tender, pure child, when once given over to their influence. "Be not deceived; evil communications corrupt good manners."

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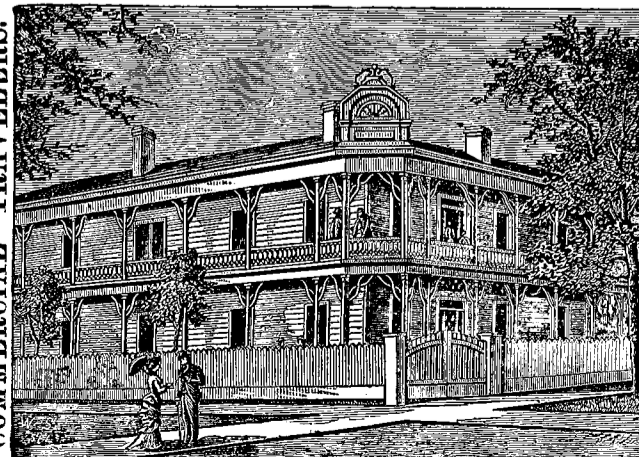
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