

#### Not Reassuring

Doctor-No better, eh? Well, you must not worry or get nervous, you know. Four years ago I had the same complaint as yours, and you see I'm perfectly well now."

Patient-Yes, but you didn't have the same doctor!-Tid Bits.

## The Needle and Thread Tree

The wonders of botany are apparently inexhaustible. One of the most remarkable specimens is the Mexican maguey tree, which furnishes a needle and thread all ready for use.

At the tip of each dark green leaf is a slender strong needle that must be carefully drawn from its sheath; at the same time it slowly unwinds the thread, a strong, smooth fibre attached to the needle and capable of being drawn out to a great length .-- Mexican Herald.

## Labor Day

The American laborer is at his best on this September holiday. Somehow he measures up to our ideal of him on these occasions. We are not one whit disappointed as we silcutly observe him in the line of match.

The parade is not as goregous and elaborate as some, but the men marching with steady heads and robust bodies can not be discounted. The sight of these commoners in the streets of our land on Labor day confirms our faith in American institutions. Every year the wage worker becomes more aspiring and intelligent. Here's to him and his good hea'tn as he celebrates the day of days of September, 1904! May he speedily enter into his own! And that's nothing less than the whole earth.-What's the Use.

# Distressing Stomach Disease

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# "The Cup of Cold Water"

of a young man who, after several every act showed love and sympathy years of faithful service to his employer, absconded with a considerable sum of money. That was the young man's only in the name of a disciple, verily to be inserted in the newspapers an advertisement calling upon the young being to give the cup of cold water; man to return and promising that he and there is no waiting for the reward would not be prosecuted, but would to be bestowed. The moment the cup be helped out of his difficulties. The is extended, that moment the reward young man read the advertisement, is obtained. returned to his home, made a clean breast of his error, was forgiven by the man whom he had wronged, reinstated in his position and given every possible encouragement to recover his lost ground. It developed that the young man was in financial distress, and in a moment of desperation had used his employer's money. This incident occurred two years ago, and since then this young man has, at least to the satisfaction of his employer, justified the magnanimity which that employer showed.

It will not, of course, do for it to become a matter of general understanding that a man may embezzle and be forgiven; and yet, there have been, unquestionably, many cases in which the methods used by this New York employer could have been used with advantage by other employers.

The doctrine, "I am not my brother's keeper," is not the doctrine for thoughtful men. The man who persistently cultivates the notion that he is concerned solely in his own welfare and that he owes no duty to his fellows has not even begun to learn that life is worth living.

On a tablet in the First Methodist church in the city of Omaha is engraved, to the memory of a fine Methodist preacher, the best and highest tribute that could be paid to a human being. It is said of this man: "He was a helper of men." Incidentally, it may be said that those who happen to have had the pleasure of this Methodist preacher's acquaintance well know that the tribute is entirely deserved, and that the man to whose memory that tribute is paid proved himself a helper of men whenever he came in contact with a human being wno needed aid.

The claim that half the world does not know how the other haif lives is justified. A very large number of people are free from serious trouble, and many of these are entirely ignorant of the burdens borne frequently by their own immediate neighbors. It is indeed strange that so much of the trouble, the sorrow and the grief that exists in this busy world is concealed from the view of many men. But the man who is willing to lend a sympathetic ear and extend a helping hand very soon comes in touch with his troubled fellows and very soon learns of the sorrow and grief, concerning which less sympathetic men remain in ignorance. While it is not an easy task to comply with the injunction, "Bear ye one another's burdens,' the man who does his best to obey that rule obtains from life a great deal more than the one who utterly ignores that rule. 'The drying up of a sin. tear has more honest fame than shedding seas of gore;" and the world is full of tears; some of them are coursing down furrowed cheeks; some of them fill eyes that are rapidly growing dim; many of them are unshed and invisible. But if every tear may not be dried, if every wounded heart may not be healed, a word of sympathy and kindwhich finds expression in the 'ear and

Kindness, like mercy, "is twice blest;

New York newspapers recently told jute of God himself." The One whose and kindness for men said. whosoever shall give to drink unto these little ones a cup of cold water first misstep, and the employer caused I say to you he shall in no wise lose his reward." There is in this world today an opportunity for every human

A men bowed with grief because of the death of his beloved wife is given the warm handclasp that needs no words to explain what it means. That's the cup of cold water.

A woman, broken-hearted, yet, woman-like, strong even in the presence of the greatest sorrow, is the beneficiary of those little neighborly scrvices which, while they have no language. speak volumes in sympathy and love. That's the cup of cold water.

A merchant, staggering under adverse conditions, honest, although unfortunate, and striving to save the remnants of his business, is given a little extra patronage by appreciative customers and a little unusual encouragement by merciful creditors. Tnat's the cup of cold water.

A man struggling against the power of an overwhelming appetite and sinking sometimes even to the gutter, is urged to try again and save himself from social oblivion. That's the cup of cold water.

The sisters of the Good Shepherd, devoting their lives to the rescue of fallen women. That's the cup of cold water.

The good sisters at St. Joseph's, the faithful women at the Wise Memorial, the tender nurses at the Clarkson and the Methodist hospitals-all devoting their energies toward alleviating pain -none of them with proper recompense in the way of money, many them without any financial whatever. That's the ci.e's dead, water. 

The noble work done by the state hig catch merely for the fun of it. at the St. James Orphanage in caring The moulder of this department for the little ones who but for the Philadelphia friend has

The man who, thrown from a position through no fault of his own, finds assistance in obtaining means of a livelihood, through the intercession of some busy yet sympathetic neighbor. That's the cup of cold water.

The little garments that are sent to cover the nakedness of some child of the poor. That's the cup of cold water. The contribution to the empty larder of the destitute, the supply of medicine to the poor and sick. That's the

cup of cold water. The visits to the sick and injured. at's the cup of cold water.

The word of cheer to the stupid or thoughtless lad who finds the greatest problem of life to be the mastery of his simple studies. That's the cup of cold water.

The mending of the broken toy provides comfort to the little lad and the repairing of the tattered doil checks the sobs of the little girl; and that's the cup of cold water.

In this day some of us may be too proud to remember, and certainly many of us are too dignified to repeat, that little jingle so familiar to our childhood days: "Little drops of water, little grains of sand, make the mighty ocean and the pleasant land; little deeds of kindness, little words of love, ness will do much to assuage the grief help to make earth happy like the heaven above." Yet, would not the world be considerably better if that simple little verse were placed over it blesseth him that gives and him every desk in every counting room in that takes," and is, indeed, "an attrib- the land, so that he who runs may

read and he who reads may pront for himself and give profit to his fellows? Someone has said: "The best portion of a good man's life is the little, nameless, unremembered acts of kindness and of love." Every tear that falls in sympathy with another's woe, every handelasp that is meant to assuage another's grief, every word that is given to provide encouragement to one who stumbles and falters on the way, every smile and every cheer and every sigh that is the product of our loving kindness contributes to the progress of the world, to the advantage of humanity and to the upbuilding of our own precious selves.

A man will obtain the best in life when he strives for that condition where thoughtlessness gives way to thoughtfulness, where love for one's self is well balanced with love for one's fellows, where men are not too dignified to mingle their tears with the tears of a grief-stricken neighbor, where the word of comfort is every ready for the benefit of "these little ones," for the relief of the despairing and the help of the disconsolate. Then, whatever creeds and doctrines may say, the bearer of the cup of cold water, writing "finis" to his life's work, may, without fear and without trembling, face the great unknown with: "Now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word, for mine eyes have seen thy salvation."-Richard L. Metcalfe in Omaha World-Herald.

### One Too Many

The Youth's Companion prints this story of Lincoln, which was related by the late Senator Harian at an old settlers' meeting at Mount Pleasant, Ia. Some politicians had called on Picsident Lancoln to urge the appointment

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