SPEAK NO ILL.

Nay, speak no ill!—a kindly word
Can never leave a sting behind,
And, oh! to breathe a tale we've heard
Is far beneath a noble mind.

Full oft a better seed is sown
By choosing thus a kinder plan;
For if but little good is known,
Still let us speak the best we can.

Give us the heart that fain would hide—
Would fain another's faults efface;
How can it please our human pride,
To prove humanity but base?

No! let us reach a higher mood,
A nobler sentiment of man;
Be earnest in the search of good,
And speak of all the best we can.

Then speak no ill; but lenient be
To other's failings as your own;
If you're the first a fault to see,
Be not the first to make it known;
For life is but the passing day,
Then, oh! the little time we stay,
Let's speak of all the best we can.

Lodging under Difficulties.

Knowing that you like to keep posted on all matters of vital importance, I transmit you the following rich experience in the life of one of our so called "sample men:"—

Arriving late one night, during the past summer' at the goodly city of Alabama, tired and exhausted, he hastened to his hotel, and, as a particular favor, he requested good, comfortable and convenient quarters, which he was promised he should have. The polite clerk, after attending to the wants of the numerous guests, started our friend, with an attendant, in search of his room, which provad to be up many flights of stairs, through long and winding passageways going from one wing to anorher, and from right to left, till our hero arrived at No. 107. He occupied but little time over his evening devotions. He retired at once, but not to sleep. Not for him was "Tired Nature's restorer, balmy sleep."

The truth must be told, startling as it is—the bugs were too numerous, too strong and voracious to permit him to rest in peace. So, resuming his garments, he made for the office, in no very amiable frame of mind, and addressing the clerk, the following comversation ensued: —

Stranger—Say! have you a good strong porter about the house?

Clerk (eagerly)—Yes, we have the strongest one in the State.

Stranger—Is he intelligent?

Clerk—Oh, yes—quite intelligent for a porter, we think.

Stranger—One point more. Do you consider him fearless—that is, bold and courageous?

Clerk—As for that matter. I know he is, he would not be afraid of the d—l himself.

Stranger—Now, Mr. Clerk, if your porter is intelligent enough to find 107, fearless enough to enter, and is strong enough to get my trunk away from the bed-bugs, I would like to have him bring it down.

Teaching a Fop.

It does now and then happen that scoffers, who seek amusement by poking sly fun at the members of the Institute of France, come off second best in the encounter. An instance of this fact occurred the other evening at a social reunion in the aristocratic faubourg, at which a mixed company were present, and among the rest a well-known *savant*. Thinking to expose the old gentleman to ridicule, without in the least compromising himself, an impudent young coxcomb approached the academician, with an air of pretended respect, and, in the hearing of several ladies and gentlemen, to propound a grammatical query.

"Oh, certainly," said the old gentleman, good-humouredly, "I will do the best I can to satisfy your curiosity."

"Then, sir," returned the fop, would you please to tell me which of these two expressions is the more elegant, '*Give* me some water,' or, '*Bring* me some water?'"

"Why," returned the academician, with an imperceptible twinkle in the eye, "I should say that in your case, a more appropriate phrase than either would be, '*Lead* me to water!'"

The questioner's curiosity was satisfied.

☞ Thackeray has become rich, keeps his carriage, and gives large entertainments. Oliphant is Consul-General in Japan, Crowe is in the same capacity at Leipsic, and Tom Taylor has a fat Secretaryship at home.—Literature is getting to be a ladder of some height.

An ancient People.—There is a remnant of a race of Indians in New Mexico who are entirely different from any other tribe on the continent, and are supposed to be descended from the ancient Toltecs, who preceded the Aztecs. They are small, have a peculiar conformation of skull and face, are of peaceful habits, and live by agriculture. They weave cloth, build with tools made of stone, and build towns of stone and mortar with walls. They have now seven small towns; but the ruins of their ancient cities show that they were once inhabited by millions.

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