SOMETHING ABOUT SELFISHNESS.

Love Yourself Last.

He that loveth his life for my sake shall find it.—Matthew 10: 39.

Selfishness is the cause of nine-tenths of the misery in the world and of nine-tenths of the other tenth.

If you carefully analyze this vice as it exhibits itself in your own life you will see that it is closely allied to cruelty. That is to say, you are willing to be cruel to some one in order to obtain a gratification for yourself.

Selfishness is a despicable and demoralizing form of deprivity. It is the cracked tire of the wheel of progress, the broken shaft in the engine of moral improvement, a kind of spiritual earthquake which turns everything topsy turvy and makes harmony, brotherliness and true religion utterly impossible.

An unselfish world has been the dream of poets and prophets for centuries. They saw the divine possibilities of human nature, the noble qualities, both intellectual and moral, with which we are endowed. They had visions of earth that was both earth and heaven, of a race which boldly marched from the lowlands of base passion to live on the uplands, with the stars forever above it, unobscured by clouds.

The millennial energy is driving us in that direction, but we make as slow progress as a man who climbs a mountain with a heavy burden on his shoulders. The instances of self-sacrifice and patriotism and philanthropy and large charity which we see give us a glimpse of the ethereal plateau which it is our manifest destiny to attain some time, but as yet we are racked and torn and riven and disrupted by a curious greediness for ourselves and a persistent indifference to the fate of others.

We feel no personal responsibility for the guilt or misery of our neighbors. We have enough of the grace of God to hope that everyone may be content and happy, but not enough to compel us to help them to attain their desire. In a word, the genuine Christ spirit is not a strong factor either in our society or in our individual lives. Christ, who busied himself in doing good, and whose teaching may be summed up in the injunctions to think less of ourselves and more of others, is still a stranger to us, although we have known we have known him for nearly two thousand years. We believe more in the theology of the Apostles than in the religion of the Lord.

Suppose that by some magic our selfishness were eliminated and a divine and pitying love should take its place. Suppose we were filled with a holy determination to give needed protection to every young man who now seeks in vain for the good cheer of an honest life, and to hold in our sisterly embrace every poor girl who is driven by desperation to an holy career, would the world be any the worse?

Suppose the Church should say, we are too busy to talk about theology, we will do that when we have eternity before us. For the present we must get out the lifeboats and save the tempest tossed and ship-wrecked—what then? What then? Why for the first time we should understand Christianity. The New Testament would become an open book and religion a blessed reality.

Lose yourself and you will find yourself. Love yourself last and the stars will shine with a brighter beam. Save some one, give some one a share of your plenty, pity the poor and oppressed, let no day pass without a kindly word or a generous deed, and angels will come and visit you, for you will be doing God's work in God's way. If you wish to go to heaven in the hereafter you must put a bit of heaven into some forlorn life here.—*N. Y. Herald.*

CRYSTALIZING FRUITS.

How Expensive Confections May Be Made Cheaply at Home.

Few confections are more delicious than candid fruit, and, too, few sweetmeats are more expensive, sixty cents a pound being the regulation price, and a pound presents a very small amount. They can be prepared at about half the cost, however, at home, if care is taken.

Cherries, currents, pineapples, apricots, pears and peaches are best experimented upon, says the New York *Telegram.* The two former can be used in bunches; the pineapple is sliced across the fruit, each piece being a good quarter inch thick; apricots are cut on one side, and the stone slipped out, while pears and peaches are halved, and, of course, peeled.

Make a very thick syrup, pound for pound, adding for each pound a small cup of water. Boil the sugar first, then drop in the fruit, and when they have boiled clear take out and drain from the syrup. If the cherries are stoned (the red oxhearts makes the finest, being not so sweet as the white, and without the rank tartness of the sour red ones), it is nice to string them on a broom splint, as they can be more cleverly handled.

Sprinkle liberally with powered sugar, lay on a sieve, and set the fruit in a warm oven. In two hours turn the fruit, sprinkle with sugar again. Keep this up until the sugar has dripped out. On no account have the oven hot, as it will dry the fruit and leave it like so much leather. And, of course, the fruit must be laid in single rows when drying.

When the juice has evaporated, and the sugar has formed a glazed surface, put away in boxes in a dry place. Waxed paper should be laid between each layer. A bureau drawer is as good a place as any to keep them.

"Why did she marry Fiddleback?"

"Because she was in love with another man, and the man was in love with another girl, and the girl was in love with Fiddleback. It was the only way she could get even with the girl, you see!"

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"Papa."

She knelt beside the dejected figure and fondly kissed the drooping head.

"Papa, can I not keep the wolf from the door by my singing?"

He was without hope, although he smiled.

"My child," he sighed, "your singing would keep almost anybody else from the door' but the wolf is pretty nervy, you know."

"Classmates," remarked the valedictorian, solemnly, "we shall find the world a cold world."

Like most valedictorians, he was very visionary.

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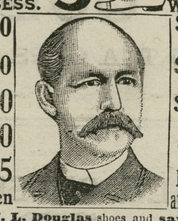

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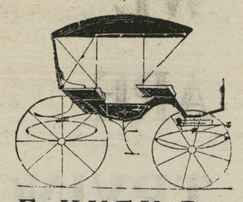

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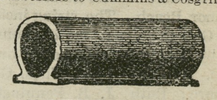

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