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A LESSON FOR YOUNG MEN.

A young New Yorker of the highest social connections, whose father was a fine type of the clean-thinking, clean-living American citizen, has recently disgraced himsely and brought reproach upon an honored family. The story of his escapades fills columns in the newspapers. The moral is so plain that even the most rattle-brained and audacious of gilded youth can comprehend it and profit by it.

Alphonse Daudet once wrote a book which had a great vogue among a certain class of readers, although it was tabooed in many libraries and pronounced unfit for the perusal of young persons. The book was dramatized. A year or two ago an actress of distinction who presented the play in New York was prosecuted by the authorities. It was alleged that the dramatization was indecent and subversive of sound morals. Daudet always claimed that he was animated by the strongest moral purpose; that his object was to teach young men a solemn lesson; to emphasize the truth of the saying that one cannot touch pitch without being defiled. That is the lesson which the shameful exploits of the gilded young man from Gotham teach. Evil communications corrupt good manners, even the manners of those who are most confident of their strength and imagine it is easy to escape contamination.

The young New Yorker who is filling so many pages of the newspapers cuts a sorry figure. Vice is never beautiful, but sometimes its ugliness is relieved by the exhibition of manly qualities. People who have done wrong, who have strayed away from the straight and narrow path, have occasionally displayed courage and loyalty when they were violating social conventions. But as a rule the man who yields to his most vicious inclinations does not display any of the higher qualities of manhood. True nobility does not flourish in an atmosphere of shame and degradation, and that seems to be the only atmosphere which the man and woman in this case have breathed since they defied the social law. The man had every inducement to lead a decent life. He had influential friends, an established position in society and a promising career ahead of him. If he had chosen to remain in the military service of his country there is every reason to believe that he would have obtained promotion. If he had selected some other career his ability and the influence of his friends would probably have secured advancement for him. Instead of obeying the better instincts of his nature he abandoned himself to a life of profligacy, and the result was the usual one. He has forfeited the respect of his friends, brought sorrow upon his family and acquired an evil notoriety which he may never be able to live down. Daudet pointed the moral in his book, it is true, but it is a moral which is as old as the world. Neither man nor woman can touch pitch without being defiled. The history of the world abounds in incidents which emphasize the truth of this solemn old proverb. The surest, perhaps the only, way to avoid defilement is to shun evil associations. That seems to be well-worn advice, but it is one of those truths which experience has shown to be self-evident. No doubt the New Yorker thought he could have his fling, enjoy himself in a vicious way for a brief season and then return to the paths of rectitude. No doubt it seemed easy for him to raise above the level to which he had allowed himself to sink. Yet the facts show that he sank deeper and deeper in the mire, until he was apparently lost to all sense of shame.

People who delude themselves into the belief that reformation is not difficult, that after men and women have violated the moral law openly and flagrantly they will recover themselves and become useful members of society, are optimists with unbounded faith in human nature. The best thing a young man can do is to refuse to take the first step in a vicious career. Every time he conquers his inclinations he will strengthen himself against future temptations. If he once touches pitch he may soon become accustomed to defilement, it matters not how refined he may be or what careful training he may have received in his youth. A heartbroken mother is sorrowing over the degradation of the young New Yorker whose exploits have recently filled the newspapers "Judge not," say the Scriptures, "that ye be not judged." Perhaps some who have condemned this man have not been tempted as he has been tempted. But one could well wish, for the honor and dignity of the stronger sex, that he had borne himself differently in the hour of his temptation, and had been more considerate of the family upon whom he has brought so much sorrow.—Sun.

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