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This poor old man appears to have allowed some of his paper money to be carried off by the wind, thus making good that passage of scripture which says, riches take to themselves wings



and flee away. We sincerely pity any one whose heart is set on wealth, for he must, as a natural consequence, be miserable with fear that he shall lose it. Here is a prodigal who is in a fair way of not only spending all his money, but of becoming a confirmed drunkard; we sincerely pity any one who has so far forgotten what is due to himself, to his friends and to his God as



to yield to a habit that must forover destroy his prospects in this world, and unfit him for the would to come.



The cow is one of the most useful of animals; of her milk butter and cheese are made, and many a poor family are nearly supported by the milk of a single cow; her flesh is also good for food, and of her horns combs are made.

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The following is the picture of a man who appears to be in a great passi on with some one but for what reason is probably best known to himself.

We sincerely regret that any man should indulge in anger.

We are somewhat perplexed to know what kind of a title to give our hero of this page, but we may not come far out of the way to pronounce him a wouldbe-king, or some great one of



the earth; be that as it may, he certainly makes a very good appearance and will undoubtedly command great respect among hte nobles. The following is a picture of a minister preaching to his people, from the word of God; he is a good man, and desires the good of all the world; he feels deeply interested for children, and will do all in his power for them, and

we hope that our little readers will appreciate the kindness of all such good men. Should you like to be a king? Here is one who is clothed in all the pomp and show of the world, and at his feet is a humble little mouse, who, is afraid of his haughty superior; there is less difference, however, between

men and mice than most people are aware of. Reason is given to men and instinct to animals, which act the most wisely? What a beautiful thing a ship is, when all her canvass is spread to catch the breeze that is to waft her to some distant port across the mighty waters! See how majestically she rides upon the waves, every motion is grace-



ful, and she appears to be endowed with life, as she ploughs through the water to reach her place of destination. This is a picture of a free-mason's coat of arms, it makes quite a pretty appearance; here is a trowel, a rule, a pair of compasses, an olive branch, and a bee hive.



The sun in all his beauty has burst upon us, his rays are reviving, and all nature is smilling beneath his warmth. The leopard is a fierce and destructive animal in a wild state; when severely pressed for food he has been know to attack men, and to carry off children, but you are exposed to no such dan-



ger, and you ought to be grateful to God that you live in a land that is not exposed to the ravages of wild beast, and the no less cruel savage. An owl is one of the most noisy of birds; he is seldom heard in the day time, but as soon as darkness sets in his shrill schreech can be heard echoing through the woods, in most doleful numbers.



Here is a noisy little fellow who appears to be fond of his own voice, for he has stretched open his mouth with a hearty good will, and is filling the woods with his pleasant voice; he is a merry little bird, and may he live



to greet us with a song at every approaching spring and summer, and make glad the hearts of all who hear him.



This is the representation of a Roman gladiator, with a scroll in his hand.



