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Good Words.

The grandest of all empires is to rule one's self. There are few grand who are not also calm. If you hear that others have spoken ill of you, consider if you have not done the same about many people. How much better to heal an injury than to avenge it! Guard vigorously that social tie which binds man to man, and establishes the rights common to the human race. Life is a pilgrimage, a warfare, and those who climb up and down steep paths and go through dangerous enterprises, are the brave men and the leaders in camp. To rest basely at the cost of others' labors is to be a coward, safe because despised.

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THERE is no excuse whatever for the slovenly appearance of many yards or lawns about the farmer's home. It is not the sign of good farming, since carelessness in one place denotes very clearly carelessness in another.—*Chicago Journal.*

TURNIPS FOR COWS.—I have tried every way to destroy the flavor of turnips in milk, but without success. I have boiled it, fed the cows after milking, but it was all the same—turnip flavor unmistakable—and as we do not like our butter so flavored, I only feed turnips when the cow is dry.—*Mrs. G. Bourinot, Ottawa, Canada.*

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