

shows your independence. You are a man now, and should indulge in a few of the manly sports of the age, and what is a grander and surer path to fortune than that of "spotting winners?" Some people say it is the curse of our workshops, but don't you believe it. Buy a guide to the turf, and a sporting paper or two every morning, lay them about your bench and study them, have little discussions as to the merits of your fancy, tip the boys and porters to bring up the latest news, or a "special," and with a little practice—if your employer is fool enough to allow it—you may go about wagging your head mysteriously, and be looked upon as a prophet and one "in the know." You need not mention it when you lose, but make a big song when you win. As you get shorter and shorter of money, borrow from your more sedate neighbour at an exorbitant rate of interest, and when he wants it back, borrow from another a little more than you require, pay your friend and put the remainder on a "gee-gee." The excitement of this manly sport will soon make you forget all about work, and you will get it.

If you want to do some work, look respectable, and get the sack all the same, then, forget to wriggle your slips; always take a fresh board to cut out a pair from, and throw the remaining piece aside, it helps to make a litter. Leave your gas flaring away while you go to do a half-hour's work at the machine. Don't trouble about looking through a set of books for the heads, but band them up just as they come—it makes a little variety; and, as for straightness—leave the finisher to make that all right. Always cut your materials full large, it is good for trade and there is plenty more where that came from. A "foreigner," is a natural privilege; stand up for your rights like a man,—of course behind the employer's back. Rub off the gold into your private rubber, and when the employer melts down the rags you can laugh to think how little the gold button in the crucible will be, and—then he will give you the sack.

Never use your brains, but do as much of what you are told as suits your fancy; if that happens to be wrong, say, "Oh, it isn't my fault! I can't help it." Be perfectly indifferent as to the quality of your work; you will be paid all the same, or, if complaints are made, put the blame on to the tools. If the employer takes on a cheap job to keep his men going in time of slackness, do not hurry up: that is his look out, and you need not disturb your usual calm. If it is a good job, to be done in old style: ridicule his old-fashioned notions; if he wants it done by some newer and quicker process: laugh at such new-fangled ideas. Employers are curious folk to deal with, and you will take the cake at raising their ire by such means.

Possibly you have met men of these types before, but did not know what they were trying after; very often they do not discern what they are aiming at themselves. They have notions that employers are very handy on Friday night or Saturday, but are out of place at other times, and they discuss the merits of an employer by the standard of their own ease. But this is how it works round: the less done for the weekly wage, the greater the cost of production; the greater the cost, the fewer the orders; and when you have worked all the orders up, the Sack shall be Yours.

### A Handsome Finisher's Specimen

Is shewn in the accompanying binding from Messrs. Horn & Patzelt's gilding school. The title is "Mantegazza's Hygiene of Love," and the work was both designed and executed by Herr Bauer. It is in white morocco, the ornamentation in oriental style, inlaid with dark and medium greens, claret, bright red, and chrome yellow. We are sorry that the illustration does not show these colours, as the effect is very fine, but



red and yellow is very hard to photograph. The back and insides are very simple, but the edges are elaborate, being tooled and painted in six colours. Altogether it is a very fine piece of work.

MR. S. COBB, of The Electrotpe Co., 80 Fleet-street, E.C., having received a permanent appointment abroad, has transferred his interest in the Company to the manager, Mr. E. P. Hodder, who will continue the business on the same lines without any change in the staff.