

THE MISER AND THE LUMP OF GOLD.

(From Aesop's Fables).

Miserliness makes us poor.

Don't hoard.

Enjoy what you have.

Not to have is bad. To have and not use it is worse.

If you do not enjoy what you have, to have or not have doesn't make a difference.

A Miser sold all that he had and bought a lump of gold, which he buried in a hole in the ground where he went to look at it daily. One of his workmen observed his frequent visits to the spot and decided to watch his movements.

He discovered the secret of the hidden treasure, and digging down stole it. The Miser, on his next visit, found the hole empty and began to tear his hair and to make loud lamentations.

A neighbor, seeing him overcome with grief and learning the cause, said, "Pray do not grieve so; but go and take a stone, and place it in the hole, and fancy that the gold is still lying there. It will do you quite the same service.."