

## THE HOME CIRCLE COLUMN.

Pleasant Evening Reveries.—A Column Dedicated to Tired Mothers as They Join the Home Circle at Evening Tide

### CRUDE THOUGHTS FROM THE EDITORIAL PEN

Did you get much done at the sewing circle today? Yes, we tore up a few reputations and sewed a few seeds of discord in the congregation.

Keep near your children. Do not let them grow away from you. Keep them close in your confidence and affection, so they will confide in and not be afraid of you. We know a lad who takes pleasure in giving his mother an account of his doings during the day, whether they are pleasant or otherwise. She laughs with him if they are funny, and gently chides where he is wrong, but in a way that does not make him afraid of her. He will not relate a single instance to his father, because before the story is half through he will begin to scold him for doing so and so. It is plainly seen which can have the most influence with him.

Be courteous to your children. A kind manner and gentle tone usually have the desired effect, however obdurate the case, and children are born imitators. As in water, "face answereth face," so the reflection of our own lives in those of our children. Make home the most attractive place in the world to them; give them space to play, even if carpets and furniture suffer a little. Certainly order and cleanliness should be a law in every household, but take heed lest your children fear a stain upon clothes or carpet more than one upon their conscience.

Just a simple little "thank you," but how pleasant an act of kindness or chivalry will seem if only rewarded by a gracious "I thank you." Politeness is never beyond the reach of anyone, and it is the truest sign of good-breeding. It is not more than right, and it should be expected of everyone, to thank people for any kindness they may show us, whether it may be their duty or not. How much more willing we are to do for one when we know that our work will be appreciated by a grateful thank you! If a friend takes the trouble to send any little token of love, no matter what, common sense, if not decency, should dictate that an acknowledgment, either verbal or written, is expected.

#### MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS.

Those are just the words; four in number, and refer directly to the grumbling, growling, fault-finding mischief makers. People who never mind their own business are like the street whiffet dogs, that are always barking, biting, nipping and nabbing somebody. Can we presume the great Creator made you especially to superintend His universe, and to be eternally prying, meddling and seeking to control and direct everybody's affairs?

It is enough to make one indignant to see what pains some people go to to ferret out the plans of others, and start a bit of gossip. They leave their own gardens to grow full of weeds, while they are trying to hold up before everybody the few they pull from their neighbor's. O, how they toil to rob these of their reputation, their peace, their prosperity and pleasure. They do everything but mind their own business. They never discern their own faults and follies. By the time the whole town is criticised, and judgment pronounced, they've not a moment left to do more than congratulate themselves on their own good works.

People who don't mind their own business, bring more misery into families, societies and churches than everything else. They turn the pleasant, peaceful stream of good will into a loathsome pool; they intrude on ground where angels would even fear to tread.

Now, minding ones own business

is the very best remedy for the itching ears that are never satisfied with hearing, and the busy tongue that hurries to speak cruel words. Minding your own business will turn your attention to self, and you will forget to watch so closely the shortcomings of others; it will make peaceful homes, happy neighbors, and quiet consciences; and you will be able to realize and more fully comprehend the truth spoken in holy writ, "Blessed are the Peacemakers."

Learn to laugh. A good laugh is better than medicine. Learn how to tell a story. A well-told story is as welcome as a sunbeam in a sick room. Learn to keep your own troubles to yourself. The world is too busy to care for your ills and sorrows. Learn to stop croaking. If you cannot see any good in the world keep the bad to yourself. Learn to hide your pains and aches under a pleasant smile. No one cares to hear whether you have the earache, headache or rheumatism. Don't cry. Tears do well enough in novels but are out of place in real life. Learn to meet your friends with a smile. The good humored man or woman is always welcome, but the dyspeptic or hypochondriac is not wanted anywhere, and is a nuisance, as well.

#### THE WIFE.

We go out to God's acre, and we read upon the tombstones of the poor wives who sleep quietly beneath the daises, with their hands folded upon their breasts, of their virtues, and we think that some of the inscriptions should read, "Died of overwork." If life is a battle to man, it is more to a woman. Woman does not draw her inspiration from the same source as man. Three things she needs and must have: First, your society and companionship; second, your confidence; and third, your love. She doesn't want to wait until she is dead to read her virtues on her tombstone. She wants her husband to tell her how much he loves her. There are couples, happy in the eyes of society, who in the home are nothing to each other. There are couples who in society blossom over with courtesies to each other, but who in their own homes are as stolid as oysters. In society the husband will almost break his neck to pick up her handkerchief if it falls, and at home will allow her to carry the coal-hod. We sometimes marvel at the coolness with which a man asks a tenderly-reared maiden to leave her luxurious home to cast her lot with him upon the untrod sea of matrimony, and I marvel at the faith of the maiden who accepts the offer, saying: "Whither thou goest I will go, and where thou lodgest I will lodge; thy people shall be my people and thy God my God." Grave obligations grow out of this love and sacrifice and man's duty next to glorifying his Creator is certainly to live for woman's happiness.

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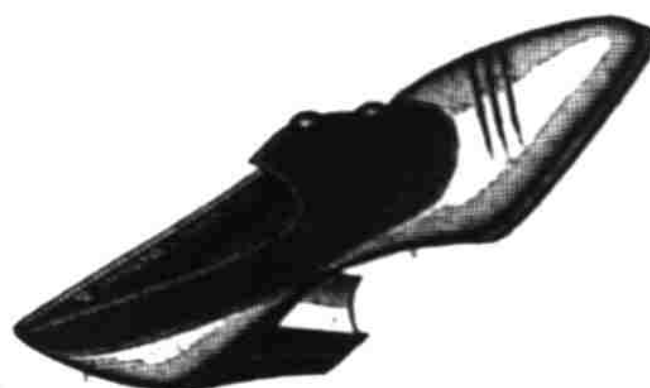
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