

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

LEARN TO WAIT.

Of all the lessons that humanity has to learn in life's school the hardest is to learn to wait. Not to wait with folded hands and claim life's prize without effort, but having struggled, labored and toiled and crowded the years with efforts and trials, and yet see not the result that all this would seem to warrant, nay perhaps disaster instead. To stand firm at such a crisis and not to lose hold or relax effort is true greatness whether achieved by man or woman. If we should have life crowned with success, if after toil, labor and effort we would not lose our reward let us not turn back nor give up, but hold on, be firm, patient hopeful, and wait.

HOME LIFE

It has been well said that a single bitter word may disquiet an entire family for a whole day. One early glance casts a gloom over the whole household; while a smile, like a gleam of sunshine, may light the darkest and weariest hour. Like unexpected flowers, spring up along our dusty road, full of fresh fragrance and beauty, so kind words and gentle acts and sweet dispositions make glad the home where peace and blessing dwell. No matter how humble the abode, if it be thus garnished with grace and sweetened with kindness and smiles, the heart will turn longingly toward it from all the tumults of the world, and home, if it be ever so homely, will be the dearest spot beneath the circuit of the sky.

MATRIMONIAL HINT.

There is no doubt that a great number of silly girls give their first best thoughts to idle dreams of matrimony. The care for nothing but reaching the coveted goal, and in so doing, improvement, elevation and dignified womanhood are forgotten. Long ere they are qualified for the cares of married life, they willingly take the responsibilities upon them, providing any one aspires for their hand, and when the marriage vows are spoken the heart is rid of an immense burden—the object of life is attained. No girl under twenty has any business to think of marriage. If she finds a disposition in one of the opposite sex responding with her own, let her admire and enjoy it but not to such an extent that the heart is ablaze with love and the mind a wilderness of air castles.

TO THE YOUNG FOLKS.

There are certain conditions which young people must observe, if the obstacles which do so much toward wrecking married life are to be avoided.

A young girl should never think of getting married until she is adept in house-keeping and domestic science. To make a real home for the man that she loves is her part. Not a place which is merely a stopping place to eat, and sleep, but a spot where comfort, contentment and happiness reign.

Again, a young man must not think of marrying until he is ready to settle down into a quiet, home life. It is said that either the worst or best of a man's nature asserts itself between the ages of twenty and twenty-two. After having his little fling, if he discovers that dissipation and immorality are but gilded apples of Sodom, which bring bitterness in to the heart and sorrow into the soul, he will be thankful that he is able to retain the love of one true hearted young woman and will be ready to devote his life to her.

CONJUGAL KISSING.

When one wife is now kissed with some pretence at regularity by the man who was always swearing be-

fore marriage that he would eat her up before the year was up, it is safe to say that ninety-seven other women go mooping around the house with lips parching from neglect, burning biscuits and running down shoes in sheer despair, for the want of that encouragement an occasional kiss would probably give. This is not as it should be for a kiss after marriage is relished equally with those before and if you want to see your wife tripping about with melody in her soul and feet like cork just imprint on her lips an occasional "Lovers' Kiss."

All that most married women need to make their beings of light and jewels of gladness is more kisses from the old man and less growling about how the potatoes are fried. No woman can be an angel without a slip of nectar now and then, and the husband who fails to grant a supply of ambrosia to the sprites in mushii, who make paradise-on-earth a possibility, deserves to be "hen-pecked" all his days.

THE SIN OF UNSELFISHNESS.

Any virtue carried too far becomes a vice. Industry is a virtue, but the woman who is too industrious to rest at the proper time carries it too far and runs her health.

Charity becomes a vice when it throws a veil over wickedness and protects an evil that should be punished for the sake of the innocent. The old Greeks were right when they said that the best rule to live by is "Doing nothing too much."

Moderation in all things, is the wise woman's law of life. She will do nothing too much, and especially will she guard against the sin of selfishness, for in the home there is nothing that works more subtly and more surely for the destruction of virtue in the rest of the household than extreme selfishness on the part of the mother.

As the children grow up, instead of becoming mother's helpers, they are continually waited on, growing daily more selfish and helpless and rade under such treatment. The boys come in, throw a cap here, a jacket there, leave muddy tracks all about; the unselfish mother follows after without a murmur wiping up and picking up. The girls are no better. The mother makes herself such an unselfish drudge that it seemed quite right and natural. They loll in the easy chairs while mother works and rests her weary limbs on a straight backed chair. They let her do all the work and grumble when called upon for the slightest help. The boys let her get up first in the morning, bring her own wood and build the fire.

As they grow older they feel no respect for the household drudge, and even their affection is tinged with a patronizing pity. If any sacrifice must be made it is always, the mother who must be sacrificed. She stays at home while the others go about. She wears the shabby dress and shawl while the others enjoy the new fresh clothes. She sleeps on the hard bed in the shabby back room, and the grown-up daughters have the best front room. She keeps the tough piece of meat for her own plate, and serves all the choice portions to the others. She saves and pinches and labors so the boys can go to college and the girls to a stylish school; and then when they come home with their fine educations (as they think) they secretly despise and are ashamed of the worn, wrinkled, shabbily-broken woman whom they call mother.

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T. A. GRISSOM, Adm.

NOTICE
Having qualified as administrator of Matthew Eaton, deceased, late of Franklin County, N. C., this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the undersigned on or before the 25th day of February, 1911, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please pay at once. This Feb. 4th, 1910.
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