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

### CRUDE THOUGHTS FROM THE EDITORIAL PEN

The home where "Good morning" and "Good night" are carefully said by one another, are the homes of the world where good thoughts are generated, where good deeds have place, and from whence go out good lives.

A happy home is the brightest spot on earth that the eye of God looks down upon. Love and peace in his home sends sunshine around the man wherever he goes; disorder and trouble there is misery everywhere.

Let the ungrateful world sneer at the maiden aunt, but God has a throne burnished for her arrival, and on one side of that throne in Heaven there is a vase containing two jewels, the one brighter than the Kohinoor of London Tower, and the other larger than any diamond ever found in the districts of Golconda—the one jewel by the lapidary of the palace cut with the words "Inasmuch as ye did it to father," the other jewel by the lapidary of the palace cut with the words, "Inasmuch as ye did it to mother."

To guard our sons and daughters from evil, or at least to maintain at the very core of there being an ally against all contaminating touch and harmful counsel let us win their confidence when they are little, cultivate it as they grow up, and preserve it always. There is no talisman more magical, no better means of overcoming the difficulties of education that arise from the changing age of our children. As time goes on, authority is modified, perforce. If you desire to educate your children in freedom, your au-

thority must be felt less and less, and at last efface itself altogether. Confidence on the contrary, must persist. How many parents do not comprehend this! Excellent at educating nurslings and guiding childhood they continue to treat their children the same at all ages; they steal away their power of initiative, stifle their aspirations, and by the very act of clinging to a passing authority, let perish a confidence which might have been constant. Nor is it enough to be resigned to seeing the will and personal force of our children establish themselves, we should welcome with joy all the signs of budding character, and as far as it can possibly be wise, give free play to the spirit of independence and enterprise. Do not hinder the man's being formed in the child.

There are few worries of life which a man cannot now and then shake off but who can shake himself free from the skeleton in the closet, from the worry of the household, a blister on the heart. A day will tell how many a man carried that with him without wincing down to the grave. When husband and wife are helpmate to each other in the best sense; when order and love and goodness prevail in the house. Then the man who has a hard battle in life to fight can leave his struggles behind him when he enters there. With all our faults we are the most home loving of people and that is the reason why we are the greatest of people.

There is one very noticeable feature about boys that has been gained by observation, and in nine cases out of ten, these observations prove

correct. Every town school has its "bad boys," generally not many, rarely less than three nor more than five. After their first two years, or they have passed the primary age, this troublesome disposition begins to crop out and they soon become the chief annoyance, and though there are but one or two, they keep things in an uproar and almost ruin every good intent of the school. And thus they go on severely taxing teachers as to know what course to pursue. They forbear with them much, persuade not a little, and try all means and methods to win them to a course of right, but it seems all in vain. Thus these boys put in a few years of school life and then away but their course in the world is no better than when in school. These few "bad boys" become the annoyance of the town, and now the authorities are put to their "wits end" to know what to do with them. Parents, perhaps, highly respectable, honorable and among the best, for their sakes much is foreborne—much overlooked; but these boys go right on despite pleadings or warnings and next day they are before our courts—and next would be behind the bars but for the influence of friends and money.

Why is it that we so easily forget that the little things in life are what make it easy or hard? A few pleasant words, a warm hand clasp, a cordial letter, are simple things, but they are mighty in their influence on the lives of those about us, adding a ray of hope to many disconsolate hearts, giving a bit of courage to disappointed, weary ones and helping to make our own lives sweeter at the same time.

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