

The Fireside.

THE RAISON D'ETRE. ELEANOR KIRK. The same old sea and the same old sky; The same old vessels sailing by; The same old father taking the sand; The same old fisherman rowing to land; The same old lane and the same old mud; The same old cow and the same old tree; The same old toad and the same old tree; The same old terrier barking at me.

The same old piazza, dusty and bare; The same old women taking the air; With the endless stories of long ago; Of the same old ball and the same old beau; The same old rush when the mail comes in; The same old fools and the same wise men; The same old pie in the same old pie.

Oh, bother such rest and health, say I; I'd rather be till-perchance to die— Than live in the days before the flood; And antique claim in historic mud. But this I'll add, though 'twill prove me bold— One nice young man would atone for the old. And take the milder from land and sea. And I guess that's what's the matter with me!

REMEDY FOR DISCONTENT. Many persons imagine that if every desire and need could be gratified they would be completely happy; but they would soon find that a restlessness longing for something unattainable would prove a bane for all fancied repose.

It is not intended by heaven that we should be contented with the material things which serve only to quicken the senses, and then produce a loathing and disgust that render life unbearable.

We are never content with what we have, and imagine that just the opposite of what is our lot would be the condition we would most enjoy; that a greater energy and enthusiasm in our pursuits would secure us the much coveted success—that a keener perception, a higher love of order, and a nicer arrangement of details would render us more eminent in our special vocation or profession.

Sometimes we fancy if there were fewer diversities of gifts and callings, and mankind were all one shape, hue, and temperament it would be better; but how soon would this monotonous life, and how absolutely dull would existence soon become.

Extract from the Baccalaureate address presented to the Wesleyan Female College, Macon, Ga. "No work to do, indeed!" Why young ladies there is now being conducted under the leadership of your own sex, the grandest moral movement of this or any other age.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union, inaugurated and managed by women, is doing more to reform society by the destruction of the traffic than all similar organizations ever accomplished.

It is there is one cause which appeals stronger than another to your sympathy and aid, it is this work of your fair country women in saving your homes and preserving your fathers and brothers from the curse of a drunkard's grave, and you, dear girls, from that saddest of all fates, a drunkard's wife.

With brave hearts and willing hands join your older sisters in their glorious work, and rest not from your toil till victory perch on your banners; and every home is redeemed. Every Southern girl should be proud to work by the side of South Carolina's fair daughter for the name of Mrs. Sallie F. Chapman will live in history with those of Hayne, and Sumter, and Legare whose fame is the glory of the Palmetto State!

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It is right to make all we can honestly and honorably, and to employ all our faculties, powers, and opportunities to the highest possible advantage; and whatever we obtain let it be considered a sacred trust, and let it be employed for the extermination of error and the establishment of man's service to God and our fellow-man.

BROTHER AND SISTER. Sometime, somewhere, we came across an article giving advice to brothers concerning their sisters, which so struck us that we went it out, and give it entire, hoping that our young folks will read it and heed it.

"Young men seldom realize how happy they can make their sisters by small acts of courtesy. How many brothers offer to their sisters the little attentions which they instinctively give to other girls or women. Nay, how many are there who do not feel themselves justified in venting upon their sisters the irritated feelings which they have felt obliged to conceal in their intercourse with the world? A brother who does not wrong his sister of the very least of her rights, will yet inflict upon her the grave and almost irreparable wrong of rudeness—a wrong as irreparable as it is dastardly. For rudeness hurts—hurts grievously and lastingly; and what man is worthy of the name who hurts a woman? Brothers do not realize how far a want of courteous conduct at home may go to wreck their sister's future lives. They wonder at the unaccountable liking of girls of whom the brothers know to be unworthy—men whose very attentions they feel to be almost an insult to a woman's good sense. Do they not see that the courtesy of these men—their 'company manners' if you please—which make them so agreeable to women? Women so seldom have a high standard of manhood! They so seldom see the best of the men they know the best. How should they not be deceived, and mistake that outside veneer and courtesy which make pleasant the present hour for that inward truth of character which shall be a benediction to their future lives? Brothers, if you would have your sisters love worthily, let them at least be accustomed to gentle manners, that when they see them in strangers they may not be so dazzled as to become incapable of distinguishing a true man from a sham.

HUMILITY.

The subject we have selected may fitly be introduced by a short quotation: "Humility was not a new word when the New Testament was written. It, or its Greek equivalent, was very common, and had been used for years; only it is striking without exception the word humility as used before the time of Christ is used contemptuously and rebukingly. It always meant meanness of spirit, and to be humble was to be a coward. It described a cringing soul, and was a word of slaves. Such was its almost classic use."

After the coming of Christ it carried with it a deeper meaning—a significance that martyrs clung to, and that apostles strove to implant in the minds of the people. It became the morning star of a mighty reformation. It is the grand focus from which radiate all the other Christian graces—the insignia of godliness; the evidence of purification. Its great exemplar is the Prince of Peace, the Godman Mediator; and now, even though a king should be humble it means no disgrace.

To say that humility exalts every one who possesses it may seem paradoxical, yet the humblest being the world has ever known was the most exalted.

Humility is a God-like quality, and yet how many there are who think it debasing. He who builds upon humility the structure of character upon a good foundation. All the virtues are based upon it, and it may, in fact, be termed the woof of the fabric of Christian life. Without it, the great constituent is wanting, and there is a void which nothing else can fill.

All selfishness is blotted out when we esteem others better than ourselves. We live less for self and more for the great world of humanity that lives and throbs and searches around us; and thus humility becomes the handmaid of charity.

The conscience cannot be void of offense if pride is the dominant spirit. The warfare between pride and humility is continuous, and they will ever be antagonistic qualities. There is essentially a wide difference, the extremes being heavenly-mindedness and utter unholiness. The words of the poet are beautifully expressed:

"Humility, that low, sweet root From which all heavenly virtues shoot."

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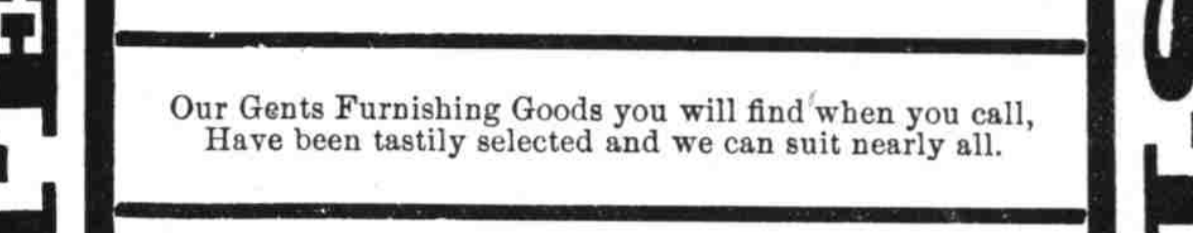


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