

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

A HOUSE BLESSING.
The beauty of the house is order;
The blessing of the house is contentment;
The glory of the house is hospitality;
The crown of the house is Godliness.

The bar of the saloon, the bar of the court, and the bars of the jail are very closely related.

Don't judge a man by the clothes. God made one and the tailor made the other. Don't judge a man by his family, for Cain belonged to a good family. Don't judge a man by his failure in life, for many a man fails because he is too honest to succeed. Don't judge a man by the house he lives in, for the lizard and the rat often inhabit the grander structure. When a man dies they who survive him ask what property there is left behind; the angel who beams over the dying man asks what good deeds he has sent before him.

Did you ever know a woman to regret that she knew how to do exquisitely fine needle-work or plain sewing, to bake light, wholesome bread, or delicious pies or cakes? Did you ever know one who was ashamed of her skill in pickling and preserving, or who was unwilling to admit that she could arrange a table, order a course dinner, and if need be, do the cooking herself? No, indeed, but many a woman has spent years in trying to acquire the knowledge of household affairs of which she should have been mistress before she was fairly in long dresses. The mother who fails to instruct her daughter in such branches defrauds her of woman's best right, the right to a knowledge of how to make a home. Perhaps only a home for herself, but, oh, how pretty and pleasant it can be if the tact, the skill, the grace of a trained hand and eye and taste are there to bring it into perfect symmetry.

WOMAN. Can't you see? You caught your husband with honey and you cannot hold him with vinegar. The outside of the house is the only side which in truth belongs to a hen pecked husband. They take to the outside so speedily when there is unpleasantness within, that any woman with only a little thought and observation may know what will come of trying to train a husband as she would a fractious school boy. Whatever he may be, for the home sake, she is obliged to keep sweet. We have seen women who apparently enjoyed scolding their husbands in the presence of others, and we have seen mothers who indiscreetly punish their children before visitors, thus humiliating the dear wayward ones and making them feel that their reputations were so damaged that there was no use in trying to be good. But such women are not the mistresses of those homes where the household machinery glides on with noiseless ease, without force or effect seeming to be required to move it along. They cannot create the sunny, cheerful firesides that men love better than all the world beside, and the memory of which children tenderly cling to as long as life lasts.

HONOR THY MOTHER.
Honor the dear old mother. Time has scattered the snowy flakes upon her brow, plowed deep furrows on her cheek, but she is not beautiful now? The lips are thin and shrunk, but those are the lips that have kissed away many a hot tear from the childish cheeks, and they are the sweetest lips in the world. The eye is dim, yet it glows with soft radiance of holy love that can never fade. Oh yes; she is a dear old mother. The sands of time are nearly run out, but feeble as she is, she will go farther and reach down lower for you than any other on earth. You cannot

walk into a midnight where she cannot see you; you cannot enter a prison where bars will keep her out, you can never mount a scaffold too high for her to reach and bless you with her deathless love. When the world shall despise and forsake you, when it leaves you by the wayside to die unnoticed, the dear old mother will gather you in her feeble old arms and carry you home and tell you of all your virtues until you almost forget that you are so disfigured by vice. Love her tenderly and cheer her declining years with holy devotion.

IS YOUR HOME COSY.
There are many so-called homes that do not deserve the name at all. Home means comfort, but when we have it fixed up so elaborately that we must sit in the garret or the backyard to genuinely enjoy ourselves, then it is high time we made a change and turned out the too-good-to-use articles and substitute for them real homely things that we could enjoy every day of the year and every moment of the day.

Men like pretty home-makers, no mistake there. They can appreciate beauty as well as the next one, but they want that beauty to be of an order that appeals to their comfort. Of what good are cushions so elaborately embroidered that no head can rest on them? What sense is there in easy chairs of such rich material that they are quite the reverse of the name given them? Is there any satisfaction in a room the furnishings of which cost hundreds of dollars, when it is only open at rare intervals, when the owner, perhaps, sits by the kitchen fire or in some dingy sitting-room, where he can put his feet on the fender if he wants to, can smoke, and as a great indulgence, tilt back his chair?

Let the sunshine into the gloomy rooms, have a couch to lie on, a pinna to play on; in fact, a home to live in; one wherein a sense of hospitality and good cheer exudes from the very tables and chairs, instead of a mausoleum of gloomy elegance, wherein every thing is for show and nothing to be used.

One active beech nut, given a chance will result in a forest. One little thought started right will go round the world and keep on its travels. It gets there by moving, not by sitting sulkily in the sawdust and wishing it were a plum pudding. Move on. Catch on. Hold fast as long as you can, and if you are knocked off, grab for the next car that comes along and you will get there. But don't start in the wrong direction. Do not start for the drunkard's grave, or you will be sure to get there. Do not start in to go it blind whenever some "smart Aleck" blows the horn for you to fall in, lest you fall in where it is deep and ever remain there. Be active or get out of the way, and in one year see how much better off in mind, body, and comforts you will be.

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