

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

Of all the things for which a young person should strive, a good character stands easily at the head of the list. It may be hard to get on without wealth and education, but without a good character, no permanent and enduring success can be attained.

There is always hope for a man who can find something to do. For, after all, there is something inspiring in labor. There is something noble in work—an act performed, a deed done. For what is idleness but waste, ennui, perpetual despair. Better, far better, to wear out than to rust out, than to live an inert, listless, senseless life, and then, finally, to be stranded on a barren, desolate shore.

WHAT TO TEACH OUR DAUGHTERS.

- Teach them self-reliance.
- Teach them to make bread.
- Teach them to add up bills.
- Teach them to wear thick, warm shoes.
- Teach them how to wash and iron clothes.
- Teach them how to make their own dresses.
- Teach them how to cook a good meal.
- Teach them how to darn stockings and sew on buttons.
- Teach them every day, dry, hard, common sense.
- Teach them to say "no" and mean it, or "yes" and stick to it.
- Teach them to wear calico dresses and do it like queens.
- Give them a good substantial common school education.

Teach them that a good rosy romp is worth fifty consumptives.

Teach them to regard the morals, and not the money, of their beaux.

Teach them all the mysteries of the kitchen, dining-room and parlor.

Teach them that the more one lives within his income, the more he will save.

DON'T SCOLD.

Mothers, don't scold. You can be firm without scolding your children; you can reprove them for their faults; you can punish them when necessary, but don't get into the habit of perpetually scolding them. It does them no good. They soon become so accustomed to fault-finding and scolding that they pay no attention to it. Or, which often happens, they grow hardened and reckless in consequence of it. Many a naturally good disposition is ruined by constant scolding, and many a child is driven to seek evil associates because there is no peace at home. Mothers, with their many cares and perplexities, often fall into the habit unconsciously, but it is a sad habit for them and their children. Watch yourselves, and don't indulge in this unfortunate and often unintentional manner of addressing your children. Watch even the tones of your voice, and, above all, watch your hearts; for we have divine authority for saying that "out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh."

THE WAY TO HAPPINESS.

Misfortune and trials are great educators, and the way to happiness does not lie in attempting to bring our circumstances up to our minds, but our minds down to our circumstances. Let us build our house on the hilltop of cheerfulness, so high that no shadows may rest upon it, and where the morning comes early and the evening tarries late. She is to be pitied whose house is in some valley of grief, with the longest night and shortest day. God has put us here to make the world brighter and happier by our lives and every one of us should study how to be a blessing to others. We must get the wrinkles out of our brow and we

must have smiling faces. Let a man go home at night worn and wearied by the toils of the day and how soothing is a word dictated by a cheerful disposition. It is sunshine falling on his heart. He is happy and the cares of life are forgotten. Smiles, kind words and looks characterize the children, and peace and love have their dwellings there. Home should be the center of joy.

HOW TO MAKE LIFE HAPPY.

Take time, it is no use to fret, or do as the angry housekeeper who has got hold of the wrong key, and pushes, shakes and rattles it about the lock until both are broken and the door is still unopened.

The chief secret of comfort lies in not suffering trifles to vex us, and in cultivating our undergrowth of small pleasures.

Try to regard present vexations as you will regard them a month hence. Since we cannot get what we like let us like what we can get.

It is not riches, it is not poverty, it is human nature that is the trouble. The world is like a looking-glass. Laugh at it and it laughs back; frown at it and it frowns back.

Angry thoughts canker the mind and dispose it to the worst temper in the world—that of fixed malice and revenge. It is while in this temper that most men become criminals.

Show your sense by saying much in a few words.

Try to speak some kind word or do some kind deed each day of your life.

Set your work to song.

BEHAVIOR.

When should we begin to teach children good behavior? We should teach it to them by inheritance. We should ourselves behave so well that our children should learn it by following our examples.

Kindness is a safe rule for gentle manners. Kindness, combined with thoughtfulness. He who is kind and thoughtful is never very rude.

Children should be taught to respect other children's feelings at school. Here we have sometimes a fine display of selfishness. They should be taught to respect their teacher. If he is so ill-behaved that you think they cannot, just stop them from school. No parent should speak of a teachers' faults in the presence of a pupil, if they expect to continue their child in school. Remember, no one is perfect save the Great Teacher of teachers, Jesus Christ.

It is not merely the lifting of the hat, the graceful bow, or the softened "thank you" that is true politeness. We can do all that and yet totally disregard the sensitiveness of other people.

We should teach our children to behave in all places of public worship, let it be that of a Jew or a Gentile. That is a strong mark of good breeding. And he who misbehaves in church breaks one of our great commandments, namely, Honor thy father and thy mother. Old or young (if they are old enough to know better) dishonor their parents in misbehaving in church.

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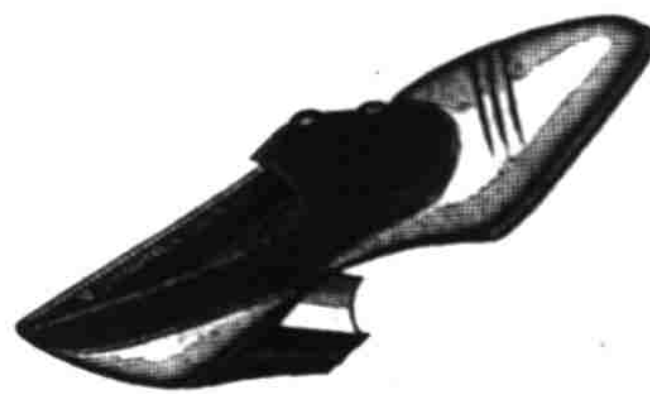
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