

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

Train your eyes to rest on the brightest spots in life. Pass the darkness on the other side. One of the sunniest places on earth is the spot made sacred by the hallowed influences of those we love in our own homes

The time to have the brightest lamps lit, the hottest supper ready, to wear the gayest dress and hunt up the funniest stories in one's memory, is the cold, rainy night. When there will not be any company, but when the home-coming husband, son or brother will doubly enjoy the cheer.

The father who is "chummy" with his boy, gets down to that eager, inquiring, restless little soul and explains and encourages, does not need to cut a birch gad in order to maintain discipline; and mother who sympathizes, cuddles and plays with her children can keep her slippers on her feet and her hair-brush on the dressing table. Children need love and sympathy as much as flowers need air and sunshine.

THE DISCIPLINE OF CHILDREN

About the worst thing parents can do is to discuss things of children before them. The next worst thing is for one parent to attempt to punish the child and the other parent protest against it. Either action will damage the respect of the child for one or the other to its parents, and if there is one thing more than another that parents want to preserve, it is their dignity before their children. A child who gets the idea that one parent is at variance with the other on the question of discipline will make both unhappy and render itself decidedly objectionable by playing off one parent against the other. If you want to have any harmony in the family, get together on the question of disciplining the children at least in their presence—and if you want to quarrel on the method, do it in the privacy of your own apartments, where you can have it out without lowering yourselves in the eyes of your children.

It may be thought that when the child has grown to manhood or womanhood as the case may be, that the parents, duty ceases and that henceforth he can "paddle his own canoe" and no longer occupy their anxious minds. But once a parent is to be always a parent. No right-minded father or mother can ever cease to be deeply interested in and desirous for the best welfare of the child they nurse in infancy, and watched and guarded tenderly through childhood's wayward years; and so as the years pass by their eyes are still directed to the object of their affection, with the hope and prayer that he may be spared trouble and happiness may be his portion in life. This is the living wish; but the flesh; the world has snares and allurements, and too often in his ambition for his brilliant boy, the father forgets the wisdom the years should have rooted in him, and withholds much needed advice from the beloved one, and even helps him into entanglements and debt that will sooner or later be his ruin. If we could only get away from unholy ambition, "by that sin fell the angels," and not only advise better things, but act as though we believed them, many a son would be kept in the "straight and narrow way," and be found traveling that slow and sure road that leads to honor and preferment among good people. Were it not for our children, and indiscreet trust in their abilities, many a parent would be saved from pinching poverty and become a dishonored and untrustworthy man

are your wisest teachers, your best counselors. Even though you have received a college education, and the dear ones who in all probability has denied herself to give it to you has never gone beyond the third reader, you can rest assured that it is not book learning that will keep your feet away from many pitfalls that she can warn you from in tender, loving fashion that you will do well to heed. The girl that feels herself superior to her mother in education, and who shows to the world at large her contempt for a lack that only her superior good fortune prevented her from possessing, is a figure that we are happy to say it is not met with often; yet it does exist, and whenever we see a self-complacent young woman openly correcting her mother we feel like giving her a good shaking, and telling her that the plain-spoken, ungrammatical and possibly unrefined woman, who has never had her advantages, is in reality wiser than she will ever be, and that to impress outsiders a little more consideration is necessary.

No matter how your mothers may speak, their hearts are in the right place; if their attire is old-fashioned and their manners not up to the frills of the twentieth century standard, they have had experience of more value than all the schooling and extra accomplishments that you may think of shining excellence. Heed your mother—you will never regret it.

AH! THOSE MEAN WHISPERS

The very worst of the whispers are those who gather up all the harsh things that have been said about you and bring them to you all the things said against you or against your family, or against your style of business. They gather them all up and bring them to you in the very worst shape; they bring them to you without any of the extenuating circumstances, and after they have made your feelings all raw, very raw, they take this brine, this turpentine, this aquafortis, and rub it in with a coarse towel, and rub it in until it sinks to the bone. They make you a pin cushion in which they thrust all the sharp things things they have ever heard about you. "Now don't bring me to notice. Now don't tell anybody I told you. Let it be between you and me. Don't involve me in it at all. They aggravate you to the point of profanity and then they wonder you cannot sing psalm tunes! They turn you on a spit before a hot fire and wonder why you are not absorbed in gratitude to them. Peddlers of nightshade! Peddlers of Canadian thistle! Peddlers of nux vomical. Sometimes they get you in a corner where you cannot very well escape without being rude, and then they tell you all about this one, and all about the other one, and they talk, talk, talk. After a while they go away, leaving the place looking like a barnyard after the foxes and weasels have been around; here a wing and here a claw, and yonder an eye, and there a crop—destruction everywhere.

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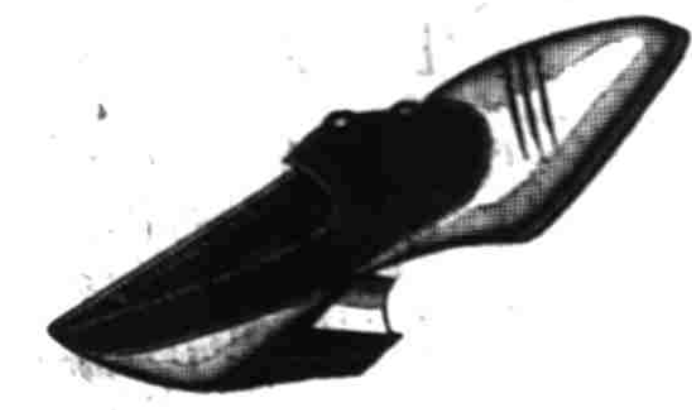
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