

## 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

God sees all we do, but the few things our neighbors find out cause us the most worry.

It is easy enough to be pleasant when life flows by like a song; but the man worth while is the one who will smile when everything goes dead wrong.

Nothing on earth is more beloved, esteemed and honored in the world's great heart than a noble youth, one whose character is pure; whose aims are high; whose life is a model essay.

A mother's love consists of all the higher elements of the different kinds of love, but has two qualities no other love has—unselfishness and unchangeableness—which makes it to us the most precious of all love.

There is no need to spur the American housewife to greater exertions on behalf of her family. What she needs is a curb to restrain her often overambitious, overstrained sense of duty. She aims for too great perfection in some lines, and usually succeeds admirably in her intent. But at what a cost! With what a friction of nerves! With what a waste of vital force.

We believe there would be more frugality in the homes if men would give their wives a reasonable amount of money for household expenses, and let them have all they can save out of it for their own use; and men too, would be better off than in the unmethodical and haphazard way in which most homes are run. Women would be more apt to study kitchen economy if they could see a reward ahead. A nation of thrifty men cannot be born of thriftless mothers. Women have need to know more of business, and think more of means to ends than is usual among them.

It does make us tired—slang is excusable here—to read the census reports giving the number of "women engaged in self-supporting occupations," said list including clerks, typewriters, school teachers, etc., but not one wife and mother. As if the woman who darns her husband's stockings, keeps the children's faces clean, cooks for a family of a dozen, more or less, keeps the house in order, washes, irons, bakes, mends, sews, sweeps, nurses the sick, spansks the erring, and keeps an eye on a thousand and one things from early morning till late at night, and then sleeps with one eye open lest Tommy kicks the bed clothes off or baby shows signs of croup, were not "self-supporting." But come to think of it, she isn't. She supports all the rest of the family, and, in nine cases out of ten, has neither time nor strength left to look out for herself.

### HELPING MOTHER.

Girls, what are you doing to help your mothers? There are many households where the older girls might assume a large share of the burdens of housekeeping and lighten in many ways the labor of the overtaxed mothers. It seems as if the young girls of the present day are almost too much absorbed in becoming accomplished parlor ornaments to descend to anything so menial as cleaning up a room, making beds and arranging table, and yet what more useful knowledge could be attained or what accomplishment could be so admired in any girl as the desire and willingness to lighten a poor mother's cares and toils? Many a young woman sits and reads Tennyson, or spends hours at her piano or organ or painting, while her mother is doing the entire work of the family. There is a time for all things; Tennyson, music and art are very good in their place, and we would not have you suppose we de-

sire you to do otherwise than enjoy them, but help mother first.

Is it worth while to let the mind that God has given you lose all its vigor for lack of exercises? If you fail to take bodily exercise the body shrivels and decays prematurely. If you fail to take mental exercise the minds withers. Set apart some time for reading, thinking and talking every day. Keep the evenings for book and helpful talk with your own. Life will be happier and richer for it. The mind is wonderfully responsive. A little time each day devoted to a good book will amount to a great deal in a year. You are not a mere animal that you should be content to eat, to sleep, to labor and to die. The life of the mind is as important as the life of the body. Keep your mind young and active and strong for your own sake. Your husband will offer you a fuller confidence, a more trusting love, and your children will be proud of you if you are an intelligent woman.

### KINDNESS.

Mothers, be kind to your little children, do not be harsh with them but make their little lives pleasant while you can, for you know not how soon your precious little jewels will be snatched from you by the cruel hand of death, and, oh, how those cruel words will burn in your heart, when you see those little faces cold in death. Kind words will make them obedient, while harsh words will only make them stubborn. Everyone appreciates a kind word.

Send the children to bed with a kiss and a smile, Sweet childhood will tarry at best but a while, And soon they will pass from the portals of home, The wilderness ways of their life-work to roam.

Yes, tuck them in bed with a gentle "good-night!"

The mantle of shadows is veiling the light,

And may be—God knows—on this sweet little face,

May fall deeper shadows in life's weary race.

Yes, say it: "God bless my dear children, I pray!"

It may be the last time you will say it for aye!

The night may be long ere you see them again,

And motherless children may call you in vain.

Drop sweet benediction on each little head,

And fold them in prayer as they nestle in bed;

A guard of bright and angels around them invite,

The spirit may slip from the mooring tonight.

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