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CRUDE THOUGHTS FROM THE EDITORIAL PEN

What a happy world this world would be if the innocency of childhood's tender years could be carried through age. So while we are training them in the way they should walk, let us watch our own footsteps, and not cut off their harmless mirth to suit our tastes that have grown sombre with age and care.

Be as careful to keep the weeds out of the minds of your children as you are to keep them out of your garden. But remember something will grow there. If you don't plant them with good grain, the tares will take root in spite of you. Keep a library of good clean books, and by all means keep your home paper before them.

To make a boy into a pure man, a mother must do more than pray. She must live with him in the sense of comrade and closest friend. She must stand by him in time of temptation as the pilot sticks to the wheel when rapids are around. She must never desert him to go off to superintend outside duties any more than the engineer deserts his post and goes into a baggage car to read up engineering when the train is pounding across the country at forty miles an hour.

Whoever takes a little child into his love, may have a very roomy heart, but that child will fill it out. The children keep us from growing old and old; they cling to our garments with their little hands and impede our progress to petrification; they win us back with their pleading eyes, from cruel care; they never encumber us at all. A poor old couple with no one to love them, is a most pitiful picture; but a hovel, with a small face to fill a broken pane here and there; is robbed of its desolateness.

Our prisons are rapidly being filled by those who make the mistake of beginning life at the top of the ladder.

What are those whom we meet in so-

ciety to us as compared to our own home circle? Why do we take pains to be polite and agreeable to them and neglect those who have the strongest claim upon us? It all comes about because we have got into the wrong way of thinking. We have put the home in the background, when it should occupy the foremost place in our thoughts.

You get "down in the mouth" too easily, my friend. Cheer up; walk on the sunny side of the street; live where you can catch the south winds. Sunshine always warms and cheers, get more of it and give it out, you have lived in the frigid zone too long already. We would like to send a gulf stream of joy into your life. Give us a chance. Read the Home Circle Department and you will always wear a smile. It is the best known tonic for the "blues."

Little arms encircling the neck will make the heart light, over which no diamonds sparkle. All the grand pictures and splendid works of art one can possess will never adorn a room as do the smiling faces of those dearest to us. The things that may be bought are pleasant to have, nor is wealth to be despised; but never pity the poor man who has the wealth that gold cannot buy, nor the woman whose jewels are those of which Cornelia was so proud—good and obedient sons.

The parlor as a parlor will soon be a relic of the past. The very name seems to suggest stiffness and lack of comfort. The new houses will have the best room, the one in which the whole family gathers, a warm, sunny place, a home room in its truest sense. The next generation will not waste space on parlors. Perhaps a little library, for privacy, will also be indispensable to many. This cherry room of the future will hold the piano; the general books the pictures, work baskets and everything that serves to make home a haven of rest

for loyal hearts. Speed the day.

A taste for music, poetry, pictures, etc., tends to destroy the attraction for the vulgar. A home of beauty, of taste and refinement always tends to elevate and ennoble the mind, and cultivate the spirit of contentment. Beauty fills the world, as well as heaven, if we have eyes to see it. It is open to all. The rose is as fragrant, the lily as white, and the hyacinth as delicately blue, when cultivated by the poor, as by the jeweled fingers of the wealthy.

It is the mothers who hold the world in place. They are the balance wheels of the universe. They hold the scepter of power by controlling the affections of men. "The hand that rocks the cradle" has controlled armies. Marie Theresa quelled the tumult of a mighty army in Austria by raising her hand, and we are told that all was hushed to silence, as in clear, sweet tones, she spoke, "The bravest battles that ever were fought have been fought by the mothers of men."

It is claimed that all the presidents of the United States had good mothers. It is said that John G. Adams until the day of his death said the prayer his mother had taught him. "All that I am I owe to my mother." Garfield kissed the wrinkled face of his mother on the day of inauguration and said, "You brought me to this." Grover Cleveland said, "Worldly honors or worldly perplexities will never cause me to forget the lessons my mother taught me." As the shadows lengthen, the memory of a mother's love becomes intensified. The vision grown dim with age becomes clear and pictures of childhood rise before us in their perfections. It is well so few instances are on record where a mother has failed to impress her children with the value and purity of a mother's love.

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