



THE HOME CIRCLE

WHO IS TO BLAME?

"I'm in the saddest sorrow," said the pocket-knife of John, "because, you see, I feel to blame for things that I have done. At school on Monday morning last I made my owner late, while with my point he slowly scratched his name upon his slate. On Tuesday afternoon he stopped to play awhile with me, by cutting deep his name again upon a cherry tree. On Wednesday—oh, what can I say to tell how shocked I am?—He used my blade to open wide a jar of currant jam. On Thursday I was used to do the saddest deed of all: I cut a lock of curly hair from Nelly's pretty doll. On Friday I was digging through the side of Willy's drum, when suddenly my blade was snapped and cut my master's thumb; on Saturday (that is to-day) my blades are safely shut, and John has got a bandage round the place that I have cut. And so, you see, I'm sorry for the mischief I have done; but tell me, please, am I to blame as much as Master John?"—John Lea, in Cassell's Little Folks.

DISGRACEFUL DEFICIENCIES.

It is a disgrace—
To be lazy, indolent, indifferent.
To do poor, slipshod, botched work.
To give a bad example to young people.
To have crude, brutish, repulsive manners.
To hide a talent because you have only one.
Not to be scrupulously clean in person and surroundings.
To acknowledge a fault and make no effort to overcome it.
To be ungrateful to friends and to those who have helped us.
To kick over the ladder upon which we have climbed to our position.
To be grossly ignorant of the customs and usages of good society.
To ignore the forces which are improving civilization in your own country.
To shirk responsibility in politics, or to be indifferent to the public welfare.
To know nothing of the things we see, handle, and enjoy every day of our lives.
Not to know enough about the laws of health, about physiology and hygiene, to live healthfully and sanely.
To vote blindly for party, right or wrong, instead of for principle, because you have been doing so for years.
To be grossly ignorant in these days of free schools, cheap newspapers, periodicals, and circulating libraries.
To be so controlled by any appetite or passion that one's usefulness and standing in the community are impaired.
Not to have an intelligent idea of the country in which we live, not to know its history, its industries, and the conditions of its people.
To live in the midst of schools, libraries, museums, lectures, picture galleries, and improvement clubs, and not to avail oneself of their advantages.—Success.

How a Boy Should Treat His Mother.

The following is reproduced at the request of a Confederate soldier, and a subscriber to this paper:
"In far too many instances 'father' and 'mother' are giving way to 'the old man' and 'the old woman,' for whom the 'kids' seem to have but little of the warm filial love and beautiful filial respect that used to characterize the child's feeling toward the parents.
A boy should treat his mother with a heartfelt, uniform kindness. He should strive to love her with all his heart and soul and strength, and to love her that way right along.
Once a mother always a mother is the word that every son should thoroughly believe in.
The mother may sin, for she is human, but she can commit no sin so rank and monstrous as would be committed by the son who, in her sin and sorrow, would desert her.
In saying that a boy should love his mother, I say all that it is possible to say; for to love one's mother is to be kind to her, to be respectful to her, to study her comfort and peace, and in every way to be true and faithful to her.
When the great Mirabeau was dying, he called for flowers and music, desiring to die in the midst of sweet odors and rich melodies.
I am sure that the sweetest fragrance, the richest music that anyone can have about him in the solemn death hour is the memory of filial gratitude, the recollection of the fact that one was always true to father and mother.
I regret to say, however, and consider it an alarming sign, that there were never so many ungrateful, disrespectful children in the world as there are today, and that the number is steadily on the increase.—Rev. Thomas B. Gregory.

SUGGESTIONS FOR AMATEUR PHOTOGRAPHY.

"Few things are more puzzling to the amateur photographer than to determine the length of time to give an interior exposure," says Woman's Home Companion for November. "The following hints were given the writer by a skillful professional, and have enabled him to obtain some very fine negatives with no waste."
"First focus carefully with 'open lens,' next put in your smallest stop, then cover your head with the dark cloth and look on the 'ground glass.' You will probably see only a very dim view, or even only a spot of light if the room is dark. Note the exact time on your watch, and then cover your head up again and watch the ground glass until you can see the entire picture upon it, even to the 'shadows.' It will surprise the amateur to see the length of time it takes one to see the entire picture in this manner, but the eye gradually becomes accustomed to the light and in one minute, as a rule, one can distinguish the entire picture. Then multiply the time by four, and that will give you the time in minutes to make your exposure. For example, if your time was one and one-half minutes, your exposure should be just four times one and one-half, which equals six minutes."

MANY GIRLS PROVE THEMSELVES HEROINES.

Of a total of fifty-eight awards by the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission, nine were to girls, whose deeds, without exception, equaled in daring and heroism the deeds of the boys. Of this total, forty-seven involved saving or attempting to save from drowning; six rescuing from burning or suffocation; two saving lives and imperiled by trains; two, assistance in mine blast accidents; one, averting a horrible street car accident.
Of the total of fifty-eight heroic young folk, twenty-eight were fifteen years of age and under, while thirty were above fifteen, but not yet out of their 'teens.' The twenty-eight younger ones came from sixteen States and were awarded twenty-one bronze medals, seven silver medals and \$31,350 for education. The thirty older ones came from fifteen States and were awarded twenty-two bronze medals, seven silver medals and one gold medal, together with \$15,500 for education.—The New Idea Woman's Magazine.

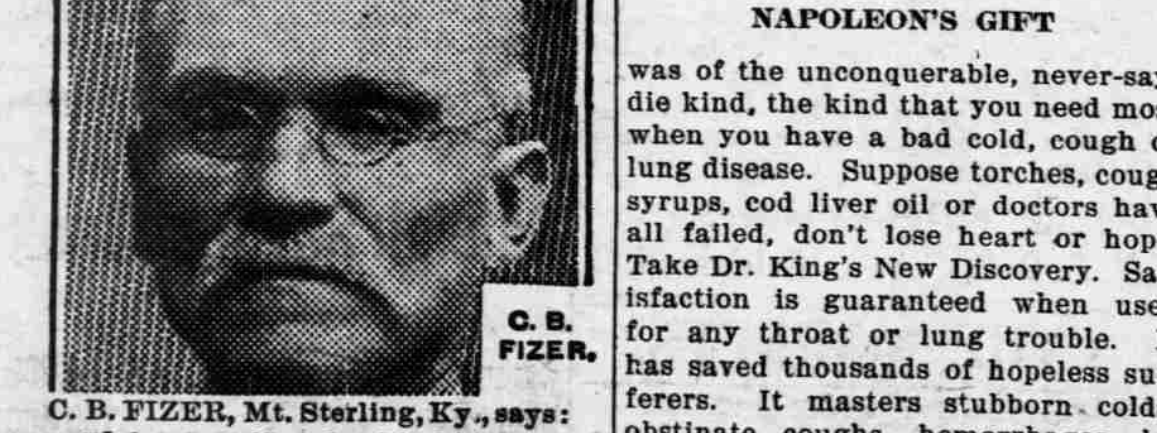
"It behooveth thee to serve, to love, to fear God, and on Him to cast all thy thoughts and all thy hope, and, by faith formed in charity, to cleave unto Him, so that thou mayest never be separated from Him by thy sin."—Rabelais.

"There are occasions when speech is golden, rather than silence, and when an encouraging word would be of more value than the richest material gift. Some persons are far too much afraid of the effect of a little generous and well-timed praise. They would keep all their flowers in an ice-house. Letting a little sunshine upon them at times would not be amiss."—Dr. A. Thomson.

"If you have a friend true and tried, you are rich indeed. There is one soul whom you can trust, who knows your best and your worst side; who will always speak the truth without flattery and yet with love's diplomacy, which leaves a sweet dilution in the heart; who will comfort and encourage in sorrow, and adversity, and moderate exultation in prosperity; and who, while lamenting faults, will continue changeless in affection."—A.

A trained nurse tells this story of a Mrs. Malaprop of Brooklyn: "She was calling on a very sick case of mine, and, like many women, she was unwilling to let any one be sicker than she had been. When the patient had described her symptoms and her sufferings, she retorted: 'I know how you feel. Once I was four days in a state of complete kimonas.'"—New York Sun.

KIDNEY TROUBLE
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THERE WERE TWO TO SEE.

Two boys were one day walking along the street together. One of them had just come out of a store, where he had bought some things for his mother. While waiting for the clerk to get them for him, he had stood beside a large basket of fine ripe pears.

"Why did you not pocket some of those nice pears?" asked the other boy, who had stood in the door and seen the fine chance he had to help himself. "There was no one to see you."

"Yes, there were two persons to see me, even if you had not been there. I was there to see myself, and I could never have felt happy again if I had stolen; and God was there to see me. And how could I have knelt down and said, 'Our Father who art in heaven,' if I had taken what did not belong to me?"

Let us always remember, when we are tempted to do wrong, because no one seems to be looking at us, that at least two persons will know of the act: one the actor, and the other the great Judge of all.—The Sunbeam.

NEW CANDY GAME.

What candy is a spice and a money making establishment? Peppermint. What sweets are wild flowers of the spring fields? Buttercups. What goodies result when a sour fruit rolls off the table? Lemon drops. What candy is a lively goat and a tartscoth. What candy is a rubber and "to fall"? Gumdrop. And which consists of a famous river in the east and a variety of nuts? Jordan almonds. What candy good for the throat is gray with age and a hunting dog? Hoarhound. What American dainty is "to explode" and an important food product? Popcorn. What species of caramels are an uncomplimentary exclamation? Fudge. What popular flavor is like holly and mistletoe? Wintergreen. What bonbons should show which way the wind blows? Straws—Exchange.

HOW A MOOSE EATS.

Of all peculiar sights I think that of a moose eating grass is the most extraordinary. The neck is so short and the legs are so long that the animal usually kneels in eating grass. True, they do not attempt it very often, for grass is by no means a staple with them; but even a moose likes a change of diet. The appearance of these huge and awkward creatures in this devotional attitude is not only interesting but laughable.—November St. Nicholas.

A laborer among the gardens of the soil found that the strength to uproot weeds was less rare than the power to distinguish the weeds from flowers.—E. Scott O'Connor.

Let a man speak what is true and speak what is pleasing; let him not speak what is true, but unpleasing, nor what is pleasing, but untrue. This law changes not.—Eastern Proverb.

I do not want the walls of separation between different orders of Christians to be destroyed, but only lowered, that we may shake hands a little easier over them.—Rowland Hill.

After all, the kind of world one carries about in one's self is the important thing; and the world outside takes all its grace, color, and value from that.—Lowell.

Self-consciousness may be truly defined as a person's inability to get out of his own way.—Selected.

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