



# "THE HOME CIRCLE"

### THEN I'LL TAKE TO DRINK.

When by sports with festive wink I am asked to take a drink, Then I'll tell them what I think. This is what I'll say:

When good counsels I despise, When for truth I take to lie, When my aspiration dies, Then I'll take to drink.

When all virtue I reject, When I glory in neglect, When I've lost my self-respect, Then I'll take to drink.

When I forget manhood's claim, When I'm careless of all blame, When I've lost all sense of shame, Then I'll take to drink.

When I've mother-love forgot, Spurning good by choosing rot, When I want to be a sot, Then I'll take to drink.

When I yield to Satan's spell, And to friends have said farewell, When I'm satisfied with hell, Then I'll take to drink.

—J. H. Fillmore.

### THE VALUE OF SYSTEM.

So much has been said about the value of system in the business life that it seems almost futile to attempt anything along this line, and yet there are young men and women occupying positions all over the country who have never read a word about order in work. They simply drifted into positions because more efficient people were not to be had, and they stay for the same reason. If their employers could get more competent helpers they would gladly do so, but in these prosperous times it is out of the question. And for this very reason the young folks dodge the advice as to system and point to the fact that they are "drawing their pay" just the same as their mates who make slaves of themselves, as if the last word had been spoken on the subject. True, they are drawing their pay and as much of it often as some other young people who have system and order in their lives, but they will not always do so. The systematic young workers are bound to rise, while the others will always remain at the foot of the ladder.

In times of prosperity it would seem that system was not rated very high, for even the most incompetent persons and the least faithful are gladly taken, but when adversity comes there is a relentless weeding out. Even if a young man is satisfied to do mediocre work in a haphazard fashion without the chance of rising in the world, he must remember that the first chance his employer finds to replace him with an efficient worker he will do so, and the incompetent one without a recommendation will be set adrift. And another thing to be considered is that unless system is acquired and made a part of one's life in youth it can never be added in middle life. The habits are fixed, and struggle as he may, the poor worker is powerless to live his life over.

And, after all is said, the average position in life, whether it be working for another or working for one's self, does not require brilliancy or great knowledge or shrewdness half so much as it needs faithfulness, order and system. Most of the successful men and women in the business world will disclaim great luck or good management, and put down as the secret of success just common systematic work. To daily and hourly be "on the job" is the secret of most successful enterprises, and the young person who wants to rapidly climb the business ladder can do nothing better than to order his life after a fixed plan and then stick to it. The young man who can lay his hands instantly on the thing desired, the young woman who knows her work thoroughly and who is never tempted by novel, fancy work, or laziness to "soldier" are the ones who will soon be in positions of greater usefulness, while the fussy, careless, unsystematic individuals will be fuming about bad luck and favoritism as the causes of their stationary positions.

To go to work at a certain hour, to have meals regularly, to take up a definite line of work and have to finish it well and quickly, to be able to put aside pleasure for duty and to be a smoothly working cog in the great machinery of life are things for which every young person should strive. It may be that the work is like the work of a household, continually shifting from one thing to another, continually being interrupted and broken into, continually set aside for some more pressing task, as often happens where work is pressing in store or office, yet, after all, this is the work that needs system the most. There are men and women under twenty-five who have been so carefully schooled, and that by themselves, that they can patiently go back to interrupted tasks twenty times in a single hour and without the slightest feeling of annoyance take up the regular work. It is only system that keeps them sweet and sane in the midst of these petty annoyances, and by and by they will go into the larger positions where interruptions are unknown. A busy woman who accomplishes more than two or three untrained women says her success is

due solely to the fact that she rigidly held herself to a system in her girlhood days in an office. The place was a coveted one, and she simply had to perfect herself in the art of keeping her wits about her and holding to the system laid down, or very soon another would have been occupying her desk. She thought it rather severe then, but now amid the cares and vexation of a peculiarly busy life she is self-poised and able to bring order out of chaos where other women would be reduced to tears of nervous prostration.

No matter what the future life is to be, a thorough training in system is essential to success. The business of life may be home-making or farming or manufacturing or working in an office or anything under the sun, but to be successful it must be orderly and intelligent. A home without system is a forlorn place to live and a business without system will soon go to pieces. Order insures calm and quiet and prosperity for the individual as well as for the home, the school, the factory, and the farm; so every young person should know the value of system early in life. It cannot be bought and it cannot be given to any one, but only by hard, patient effort may it be obtained. However, the hard, persistent effort is well worth while, for the price of system is above rubies.—Hilda Richmond in Young People.

### THE VIRTUE OF A WHITE DRESS.

"Oh, mother, how pretty you look!" "How sweet!" "Where are you going?" "Guess!" I cried. "I'm going—going—going to stay right here with you this afternoon."

I ended enthusiastically and I smiled. My little ruse had succeeded. Just a simple white dress had created the atmosphere that I wanted. The children were cross; I was tired and irritable; yet I wanted to be patient and agreeable. I remembered, when a teacher, how the school children had taken a dislike to a certain dress I wore; they fancied I was always cross in it. I recollected how pleased they were over a new gown and especially over anything white. They begged me always to wear white. Now I was resolved to test again the power of the white dress and see if it might not react upon my tired nerves.

It was a dull, rainy day, but I had a warm fire. I selected a white waist, not too thin, and, alas! a little out of style. Then I found my old pique skirt, a bit mussed, but clean. I wore a dainty blue ribbon at my neck and a bow to match in my hair. A string of blue beads completed my costume. Last of all, a lace-trimmed handkerchief with a dash of cologne. The third-reader class used to admire "teacher's handkerchief, so nice an' smelly!"

Now I was ready for the afternoon, and felt quite equal to entertaining three restless children just recovering from the measles. At the chorus of "ohs" and "ahs" and the gentle pats on my hair, the loving touches of the string of beads, I felt more than repaid. I was actually rested and in good humor with myself again, while the children were eager to follow every suggestion that I made.

Oh, the magic of a white gown!—American Motherhood.

### HINTS ON DRY-CLEANING.

To the woman of moderate means who must make her own and her children's garments do for more than one season, the question of cleaning is a serious proposition. Cleaners' bills are expensive—cleaners will not touch a woman's suit for less than two dollars and a half, and skirts and waists are proportionately dear; and, unfortunately, in our climate one cannot always wear wash materials. There is, however, no reason why any woman should be at all limited about attempting to clean her suits or the garments of the members of the family, for cleaning, after all, is a very simple matter, and takes, as one cleaner said, "only common sense and patience."

Light cloth coats, skirts or suits may be beautifully cleaned with a preparation made of equal parts of oatmeal and whiting. Rub this thoroughly into the garment with a piece of clean white flannel, covering every part of it. Shake well and press on the wrong side. Of course it goes without saying that if the first time does not render perfect cleanliness, a second scrubbing should be given.

An actress who has a beautiful wardrobe of rich Oriental garments learned the secret of cleaning them from a great French cleaner whose services she sought when in Paris. He used nothing but corn flour, or rather cornstarch, for cleaning delicate articles such as hers. He covers a garment with the flour and, rolling it up, lays it aside for several days. He then takes it out and carefully shakes and brushes it, going again through the process until the garment is perfectly fresh.

Kid articles, such as slippers, belts, bags and purses, may be cleaned by rubbing with French chalk; and, by

the way, French chalk is about the best thing for removing grease-spots than can be had. Ribbons, hair and hat ribbons, are best when washed in potato water. The water should be tepid, and soap should be avoided as much as possible.

White feathers may be washed in warm water and soap to which a little borax has been added. Rinse thoroughly in borax water, and after they are dry they may be easily curled over a hot fire. Lace or chiffon veils should be washed in alcohol and soft water, equal parts, by simply rinsing them up and down until the dirt is out. Squeeze dry in a towel and pin to the ironing-board as you would a piece of lace.—New Idea Woman's Magazine.

### INCREASE OF HEART DISEASE.

Dr. Guilfooy, chief statistician of the New York Health Department, says the death-rate from heart disease is alarmingly on the increase. This he attributes largely to over-eating, lack of exercise and the constant use of automobiles. The increase within the last forty years, he says, is at least 150 per cent. When considered by different age periods the increase is even greater. While between the ages of thirty-five and forty-four years the increase is only 61 per cent, between the ages of fifty-five and sixty-four years it is 240 per cent. In general, older men in New York, Dr. Guilfooy contends, do not care about walking.

"There is no doubt that in the last eight or ten years the automobile has been one of the chief factors in the increase of the disease," said Dr. Guilfooy. "A ten-mile ride before a meal will often cause a person to eat to excess afterward, and, following such a feast, no exercise will be taken. In the course of time this leads to heart disease or other maladies. The further we get away from the way nature intended us to live the more danger there will be from a malady like heart disease.

"The legs and arms were made to use. There is practically no walking done by a great body of citizens in New York, and many never exercise in other ways."

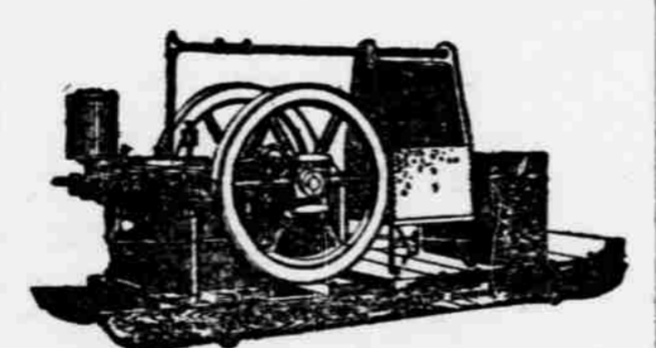
Dr. Guilfooy is reported to have said that in view of the present way of living in a city like New York it is no wonder that the increase had been so marked among men not yet in the prime of life, while among older men there was an even greater increase.—Exchange.

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