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It is a mistaken notion, boys, if you think you can go through this world without work. you will find that the world is not a bed of gay flowers and life a butterfly existence, and the sooner you discover it the better for you.

You may have wealthy parents to educate you and make you independent. You are blessed. But how unstable do riches so gained often prove compared with two good honest hands not afraid of hard work, when necessary.

Often wealth slips away and leaves its possessor peniless and without any knowledge of earnest work. He had no need to learn to work when young. Now his fingers are white and tender. What shall he do?

If you wish a good start in life, learn to work. It is not degrading, if honest. Is it not of divine command? Doubtless Jesus as a boy learned his father's trade, that of a carpenter. Paul said, if a man work not, neither shall he eat. How many in this day would go hungry to bed!

Learn some trade and learn it well and you will have a capital bearing compound interest of health, happiness and wealth. Be not ashamed of your apron so long as it covers an honest heart, or of your trowel while directed by a steady hand and a brain not heated by the fiery demon—drink. Genius not always lifts to fame, but often it is downright industry and stick-to-it-ness. That tells.

Doubtless fear of work drives

so many young men to the desk or some cool place. While cities are crowded with applicants for clerkships, farms lie untilled, earnest, honest work all over the country calls for honest hands. Fathers, do you not often drive your boys from the farm, by bearing too hard on the grindstone while they turn, by not giving them an interest in the production of their hands and by not educating them to be farmers? Every profession has its professor—its endowed chair, but where is the school for farming? Surely farming requires

Do your work well, however small. Never go round it but remove it by doing it. "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy." Work first—that gives zest to play. The hardest playing school-boy works hardest at his books. Each in its place.

You may think, my little man, you will have a hard time, but there is an adage that says:

"A man's work is from sun to sun,  
But woman's work is never done."

Help them—your mother and sisters. Boys and girls should sometimes exchange work and they will more highly appreciate each other's labor. Plenty of work is in reach. Do the next to you always. There is a higher work for every one to do, but how few are the laborers. "Go work in my vineyard" is spoken to you and me. Each can do something, by example, if not by precept. Train the tender vines and shoots to climb up towards that eternal life of which this earthly life is but a moment.

## What to Teach Boys.

Teach your boys that a true lady may be found in calico as frequently as in velvet.

Teach them that a common school education, with common sense, is better than a college education without it.

Teach them that one good, honest trade, well mastered, is worth a dozen beggarly professions.

Teach them that "honesty is the best policy"—that 'tis better to be poor than to be rich on the profits of 'crooked whiskey,' etc., and point your precept by exam-

ing the former as the latter is doomed.

Teach them to respect their elders and themselves.

Teach them, as they expect to be men some day, they cannot too soon learn to protect the weak and helpless.

Teach them by your own example that smoking in moderation, though the least of the vices to which men are heirs, is disgusting to others and hurtful to themselves.

Teach them that to wear patched clothes is no disgrace, but to wear a "black eye" is.

Teach them that God is no respecter of sex, and when He gave the seventh commandment, He meant it for them as well as for their sisters.

Teach them that by indulging their depraved appetites in the worst forms of dissipation they are not fitting themselves to become the husbands of pure girls.

Teach them that "God helps those who help themselves."

Do all this, and you will have brought them up in the way they should go."

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