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OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

Why?

Why, muvver, why
 Did God pin the stars up so tight in
 the sky?

Why did the cow jump right over the
 moon?

An' why did the dish run away with
 the spoon?

'Cause didn't he like it to see the cow
 fly?

Why, muvver, why?

Why, muvver, why
 Can't little boys jump to the moon if
 they try?

An' why can't they swim just like
 fishes an' fins?

An' why does the live little birdies
 have wings,

An' live little boys have to wait till
 they die?

Why, muvver, why?

Why, muvver, why
 Was all of vose blackbirds all baked
 in a pie?

Why couldn't we have one if I should
 say, "Please?"

An' why does it worry when little
 boys tease?

An' why can't fins never be now—
 but bime-by?

Why, muvver, why?

Why, muvver, why
 Does little boys froats always ache
 when they cry?

An' why does it stop when they're
 cuddled up close?

An' what does the sandman do days,
 do you s'pose?

An' why do you fink he'll be soon
 comin' by?

Why, muvver, why?

—Ethel M. Kelley, in "In Lighter
 Vein," in the October Century.

Choose a Life Vocation.

There comes a time when every
 growing boy must face the question:
 What shall I do for a life work?

It is an important question, one
 that is as important to the parents
 as to the child. It is one that must
 be faced squarely and answered
 wisely.

Andy yet there are many who shirk
 and turn way, trying to avoid a di-
 rect answer, leaving the solution to
 what they hope will be a happy
 chance.

Then there are sons who have the
 solution entirely to their parents;
 and there are parents who leave it
 all to the sons.

Each should consider the matter
 with diligence and frankness, and
 come to a determination agreeable
 to both.

In considering the problem it will
 be well to remember several things.
 In the first place all real success
 must be founded in the economic
 principle of becoming a producing
 member of the great industrial
 scheme. There is no room in the
 world for a drone.

Every body must produce some-
 thing. The man who produces what
 is most needed and most wanted re-
 ceives the largest rewards.

As a general rule it is wise to try
 to produce something of which the
 supply is scant. In any case, it is
 prudent to avoid those occupations
 in which there is always a surplus
 of the product. For instance, the
 world is not crying for lawyers, doc-
 tors, preachers or accountants. The
 so-called professions are overcrowded.
 There is a large surplus stock of
 legal advice on the market; also
 medical advice and of book-keeping.
 Consequently the rewards are dim-
 inishing.

The kind of man is most plentiful
 in the market is the one who knows
 no business in particular and wants
 something in which he can wear good
 clothes at work.

The man most in demand and least
 plentiful is the one who has had ac-
 tual experiences with some occupa-
 tion which soils the hands and the
 clothes, and who, at the same time,
 has the capacity for planning and di-
 recting.

A railway manager who has tamped
 the ties and built a trestle; a book
 publisher who has set type; a lumber
 dealer who has served as a lumber
 jack; a contractor who has "meas-
 ured in" and "checked out,"—in a
 word, the man most in demand and
 hardest to find is the one who has
 learned some line of business from
 the basement to the "front office."
 The men who want to learn a busi-
 ness from the top down are plenti-
 ful.

This is a great industrial era.
 There are opportunities for all. Ev-
 ery ten or twenty years the great
 industrial army must be recruited
 anew. The time has passed when it
 was not "respectable" to be anything
 but a "professional man." Science
 and learning have become the hand-
 maidens of the industrial arts.—Se-
 lected.

Cheerful for a Whole Family.

"Such a lovely day!" said mother,
 brightly. "I half envied you chil-
 dren your walk to school."

Nobody replied. Father was wor-
 ried over a business matter, Fred had
 failed in his geometry that morn-
 ing, and Louise came very near hav-
 ing a quarrel with a particular
 friend. So no one seemed inclined
 to agree with mother's estimate of
 the weather.

Then the little woman told how
 good the baby had been that morn-
 ing. The baby was a topic which
 usually aroused the family to enthu-
 siasm, but on this occasion it failed.
 Fred asked his mother to pass the
 bread, and Louise petitioned for her
 dessert, as she was in a hurry.

Then, mother, who was making
 only a pretense of eating her own
 meal, told of a letter she had re-
 ceived from Aunt Mary that morn-
 ing, and recounted one item after
 another in her most entertaining
 manner. It was during a recital
 which seemed to her of especial in-
 terest that Louise asked to be ex-
 cused, and Fred interrupted her to
 inquire if she had thought to sew the
 buttons on his gloves. Mother smil-
 ingly excused her daughter, and as-
 sured her son that she would make
 the matter of glove buttons first in
 the order of the afternoon's business.
 And then she quite forgot to finish
 her dinner.

When they were gone again, the
 husband to his work, and the chil-
 dren to school, she sat down and
 cried. To be cheerful for a whole
 family is no slight responsibility,
 and the one who bears such a
 burden alone must needs give way
 at some time.

With our abundant enthusiasm and
 vivacity and good cheer, why do we
 so often keep our despondent, silent
 moods for those we love best, and
 leave on mother's shoulders the en-
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