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Keep a Clean Mouth, Boys.

Selected. A distinguished author says: "I resolved when I was a child never to use a word which I could not pronounce before my mother." He kept his resolution, and became a pure-minded, noble and honored gentleman. His rule and example are worthy of imitation. Boys readily learn a class of low, vulgar expressions, which are never heard in respectable circles. The utmost care of parents will scarcely prevent it. Of course, no one thinks of girls being so exposed to this peril. We can not imagine a decent girl using words she would not utter before her father or mother.

GOOD ROADS.

A country without roads will remain undeveloped, its hidden treasures stored away. Where poor roads prevail everything else is apt to be poor, the horse, farmer, and merchant. If two horses haul the load of four, one wagon haul the load of two, one set of harness haul the load of six, one driver serve for two, and two mites instead of three be made per hour, the aggregate saving would double the net income of the average farmer. This desideratum can only be accomplished by the means of good public roads. The effect of good public roads upon land value is to increase the value of such lands. Experience has shown that the value of ground is in direct ratio to the good condition of the streets or roads which traverse them. A road system is the means of facilitating intercourse. Intercourse is the backbone of business. Good public roads are the primary necessities of civilized life and national prosperity.

Specimen Cases.

S. H. Clifford, New Cassel Wis., was troubled with Neuralgia and Rheumatism, his Stomach was disordered, his Liver was terribly racked in flesh and strength. Three bottles of Electric Bitters cured him. Edward Shepherd, Harrisburg, Ill., had a running sore on his leg of eight years, standing. Used three bottles of Electric Bitters and seven boxes of Bucklen's Arnica Salve, and his leg is sound and well. John Speaker, Catawba, O., had five large Fever sores on his leg, doctors said he was incurable. One bottle Electric Bitters and one box Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured him entirely. Sold by E. T. Whitehead & Co's Drug store. "You'll be a man like one of us some day," said the patronizing sportsman to a lad who was throwing his line into the same stream. "Yes, sir," he answered, "I s'pose I will some day, but I b'lieve I'd rather stay small and catch a few fish."

FASHION NOTES.

Selected. Killed dress skirts have come back to favor. Corkscrew bengalines are new and stylish. Little girls wear dressy frocks of chablis, Indian silk and fine reps. Until they are each four years old, boys and girls wear cloaks very much alike. The law has been laid down; Short skirts, and only short skirts, are to be worn in the street. A new navy blue serge has a single broad stripe of deep green, and is pronounced very stylish. New skirts for the street do not touch the ground, but house skirts are almost all made with short trains. House slippers of bright red, with fall rosettes of black or white ribbon, are considered very stylish indeed. Frocks of black tulle, with bodices of gold oriental silk, are much affected for wear at informal entertainments. Wide brimmed hats, with an abundance of ostrich plume trimming, will be popular for summer wear. Narrow knife platings of China crapescoloped with silk, are shown in the new imported dress lengths of crepon. Panel effects are introduced in new skirts, and are usually of a contrasting material or else are heavily embroidered. One of the new ideas is a black satin bodice and a skirt of some dark, rich cloth. Indeed, black satin as a waist material is quite to the fore. Fashion is most kind to children. Seldom—if ever—have they been so minutely considered by designers, dress-makers, tailors and purveyors. Kilt-plaited skirts have reappeared, and, in fact, the tendency is toward floating loose effects, the form being no longer incased in sheath-like coverings. The most refined dresses for babies are of cob-web fineness with richly embroidered yokes and sleeves and full skirt with deep hem and no trimming, not even a tuck. When a net or other lace skirt has become unrepresentative at the bottom, it may be cut off at the knee and worn in Russian-blouse fashion over any house skirt that suits the moment. Dresses that are slightly soiled at the neck can be made like new by cutting the neck V shape in the front and back, to be worn with a large silk handkerchief in the old style of 1790. White will be very generally worn during the coming summer. Pretty simple dresses of white linen-laws, with hemstitched tucks and hems, will be quite the thing for dainty young ladies. Shot silks are fully as popular as they were last season, and will probably be even more generally worn. The shimmering surface is particularly effective when seen through Chantilly lace or netting. Winkled or folded girdles are especially elegant on house gowns, but their place is taken for street wear by fitted peasant waists. The latest of these waists or girdles may be made to close at the front, side or back. The corset skirt is of the bell order, with darts or gathers in front, having the back laid in three round, not pressed down, box plaits that are not over an inch and a half wide at the top and tapering to twice that width at the bottom. Basques with pointed fronts and dresscoat backs are more generally admired than when they were first introduced. They are particularly artistic when made of wool goods, and they may have bretells or berthas of the same or a contrasting fabric. Challies, printed muslins, fancy China silks, and flowered and dotted surahs will, as a rule, be accompanied by harmonizing plain fabrics, which will be used for puffed sleeves, cape collars, revers, folded belts, ruffles, and other decorative adjuncts. Fawn and purple is a popular and stylish combination. A skirt of fawn face cloth, edged with a narrow fold of the velvet trimming, the bodice of the cloth with big sleeves and sort of folded coselet bodice of the velvet and jet combined, make an exceedingly attractive street dress.

MODERATE DRINKING NO GAIN.

Selected. S. Times. Alcoholic stimulants exhaust the strength of those who are called to prolonged physical endurance in extremes of heat or cold. What folly therefore, to suppose that in moderate temperature there is any real gain from moderate drinking! Lieutenant Greeley testified to the advantage of total abstinence among his men in the Arctic regions and Henry M. Stanley bore witness to the danger of any alcoholic drinks in Equatorial Africa. And now Miss Kate Marsden, whose remarkable journey on sledge and horseback to visit the outcast Siberian lepers is attracting deserved attention, has a similar story to tell of the value of abstinence and the danger of alcohol. She in the preface to her narrative of her journey: "I have never taken any active part in promoting temperance principles, but now I think that the record of my exertions in Siberia, without the aid of stimulants, may prove as beneficial to others as if my voice had been raised in furthering the cause for years past. I took no alcohol whatever throughout the journey, except on two occasions of great exhaustion when the stimulants only made me worse. I have therefore good ground for recommending abstinence from alcohol where much physical endurance is necessary." If a man says he drinks wine or whiskey because he likes to, he may be supposed to tell the simple truth; if he says he takes these stimulants in order to meet the extremes of weather, or to give him powers of physical endurance, he is to be pitied for not knowing any better. A college athlete must be a total abstainer while in training for a contest even if he drinks freely, or moderately, at other times. Yet at that very time his brother, or his father, is perhaps taking liquor at his meals or between meals, to give him strength.

No More Drunks For Him.

A BIBULOUS HUSBAND CURED BY A CROOKED MIRROR. Exchange. A St. Paul lady has made a temperate man of her husband in a novel way. For two or three years he was a good deal of a lark. Night after night he came home saturated. At length one night he reached home so drunk that he went to bed with his boots on. She resolved now to cure him at any cost, and soon had her plans laid. The next night he arrived home very drunk. The following morning he arose and looked in the large mirror in his room. His mouth was drawn out of shape, one cheek was a good deal higher than the other, and both were swollen; one eye was popping out of his head, and the other was sunken and drawn to twice its natural length; one ear sat on his neck and the other was split and stood almost on top of his head. "Such a hellish picture as that I never saw before," muttered he. Then he looked at the mirror to see that it was the same he had all ways used. It was the same frame and, as it was built in the wall, it could not have been changed. He called his wife into the room. "For God's sake, Mary, what's the matter with that mirror?" he said. "Why, nothing that I know of, dear!" "Just look in it! See!" She looked in it, and declared that she didn't see anything the matter with it. "My God, I've got 'em," shouted he. "Send for a doctor!" The doctor arrived, pronounced it a clear case, and prescribed. Two husbands was placed in his wife's bed in another room and lay there a day or two. Before the physician permitted him to be out again he pledged her he would never drink again. This was five years ago, and he has kept his pledge faithfully. But it is doubtful if he knows that the mirror which frightened him so was an imperfect glass, which had been put been put in the frame in place of the plate glass, and that while he was lying in his wife's bedroom the plate glass was restored to its place. Finely wrought yoke and sleeves may be bought ready-made and the full, straight skirt readily set to order.

FOR BOYS.

Democrat. Aim at perfection in everything; they who aim at it and persevere, will come much nearer it than those whose laziness and despondence make them give it up as unattainable. There are no rivals so formidable as those earnestly determined minds that reckon the value of every hour, and that achieve eminence by persistent application. Do the best you can, whatever you undertake; if you are only a street sweeper, sweep your "level best." He who does best, however little, is always to be distinguished from him who does nothing. Persevering mediocrity is much more respectable, and unspeakably more useful than talented inconstancy. Activity is the law of life. Patience is power in a man. Faith in our own ability is half of every battle. "A living dog is better than a dead lion." Character is a man's real worth, reputation is his market price. A good character, good habits and iron industry are imprugnable to the assaults of all the ill luck that fools dream of. Genius, after all, is only the power of making an effort. "Genius, unexercised, is no more genius than a bushel of acorns is a forest of oaks." Do not croak against genius, or want or opportunity. If your opportunities are not good enough, better them. It is cowardice to grumble at circumstances; the persevering man rises above them. Opposition gives him better power of resistance. Kites rise above the wind. No man ever worked his voyage in a calm. A head wind is better than no wind at all. No man ever achieved renown who was too lazy to exert himself. It is more noble to make yourself great than to be born great. There is no genius in life like the genius in energy and activity. We cannot go to sleep beggars and wake up millionaires; we cannot go to bed dunces and wake up Solomons. We must work and wait. We must win if we want to wear. Every detection of want is false; every failure is but a step toward success; as should profit by the follies of yesterday. The young man who distances his competitors is he who masters his business, who preserves integrity, who pays his debts, who lives within his income and who gains friends by deserving them. Stick to your aim; the mongrel's hold will slip. But only crowbar the loose the bulldog's lip; Small as he looks, the jaw that never yields Drags down the bellowing monarch of the fields." Around the House. Put coffee grounds on your house plants. Equal proportions of alum and resin will keep paste from moulding. Pickles or vinegar will not keep in a stone jar which has ever been used for lard or any other kind of grease. Persons who use kerosene lamps will be glad to know that if wicks are soaked in strong vinegar twenty-four hours before being inserted all smoke will be avoided, the wicks will last twice as long, and increased brilliant light will be obtained. Children would rather eat bread and honey than bread and butter. One pound of honey will go as far as two pounds of butter, and is far more healthful and pleasant tasting. It always remains good, while butter soon becomes rancid, and sometimes produces cramp and diarrhea. Honey eaten on wheat bread is very beneficial to health. It is a common expression that honey is a luxury, having nothing to do with the life giving principle. This is an error—honey is food in one of its most concentrated forms. True, it does not add so much to the growth of the muscle as does beefsteak, but it does impart other properties no less necessary to health and physical and intellectual action.—Nashville Advocate.

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