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IF EVERY DAY WERE MAY-DAY.

If every day were May-Day With flowers all about And in the very hey-day Of loveliness aglow. If every day were May-Day With bird song everywhere. And every day a gay day Without a sign of care. If the sun were always shining In a sky forever blue, We all would fall a pining For clouds of sombre hue; We'd tire of endless May-Day And hail a restful gray day With unalloyed delight And though we ask these yet to pause Thou fairest of the year, We love thee all the more because Thou art not always here. —Marco Morroco.

For Johnny's Mother.

Selected. If you would retain Johnny's respect, don't show him to get the idea that he must show more politeness to a stranger than he does to you. Good manners is not something that is put on and off like a Sunday garment. Johnny must make them a part of himself, or they do him little good and you little credit. A great deal has been said recently about deceiving children, but not too much, for many parents—good people too—think nothing of telling their little ones little "white lies." Don't do it, as you value your child's future. Don't be afraid to let Johnny have all the fresh air he can possibly get. Johnny's little sister, too, needs plenty of out-door exercise, and cannot grow up into the healthy woman you want her to be, unless she gets it. Remember that Johnny's sleeping room—indeed every sleeping room in the house—needs an abundance of fresh air. Arrangements should be made to allow a little outside air into the rooms at all times. Provide a separate bed for Johnny; don't allow him to sleep with other children or with older persons. Johnny's mind is very susceptible to impressions. A wise mother can mould it, or at least direct it in the right way. You can interest him in the good, the beautiful and the true if you will only take the pains and use your womanly tact. Don't, in your efforts to make a nice boy of Johnny, make him a prig. Teach him to be kind and gentle with out being effeminate to be courageous for the right, without being "preachy;" and in all things to be noble and honorable.

Care of Poultry.

Selected. If you wish the poultry to be profitable, they must have the best care. That is one reason why so many farmers cannot make their fowls pay. They allow them to "rough it," and then complain if they do not get good returns. Good houses, good feeding and good care speak for themselves, and the more exact we are in this attention, the better will the results be. If farmers, when they seem inclined to complain about the unprofitableness of their hens, would first examine the treatment they are giving them probably they might not have so much to say on the subject.

A WIDE-SPREAD EVIL.

AN EARNEST PROTEST AGAINST A GREAT AND GROWING BAD PRACTICE.

Little Respect for Authority.

Rev. J. T. Albritton in News & Observer. This writer desires to say, by way of preface, that he is a little member of that political party which has been reported, for some months past, as being thoroughly dead, and that he never has been, and never expects to be, in affiliation with any other political organization. It has been said that the dead party first killed itself by its own internal dissensions; then the surviving parties combined and killed it again, and they keep on killing it, through fear of its revivification. If the report concerning the party's death be true, then I must be dead also; yet, I am conscious of a strong inclination to give expression to some thoughts upon a wide-spread evil of our times. I, therefore, rise to ask of the editor a little space for a few words.

By the way, this reminds me of the amusing predicament in which the late Dr. C. F. Deems once found himself. The sad news of Ghost Eliot's death having reached him, he sat down in his New York sanctum and wrote quite a complimentary obituary of his deceased friend, in which he stated that the old gentleman not only made free use of the interrogation point, but bore a striking resemblance, in his physique, to that crooked punctuation mark. Mr. Eliot enjoyed a privilege denied to most men—the privilege of reading his own obituary; and after reading it, he affirmed that, when he saw the Doctor again he would get even with him and let him know that the wasn't dead at all.

If the warfare among the political parties must go on, I insist in the name of patriotism and humanity, that it shall be conducted on a higher plane. We are drifting towards the savagery of wild beasts, by injecting into our political discussions an ever-increasing superabundance of sharp and offensive personalities. Even our religious controversies are not free from this grievous fault. Cannot men differ in religion or politics, without exhausting the vocabulary of bitter invective and low billingsgate in their abuse of one another? We have become so afflicted with the evil eye, that we can see nothing good or praiseworthy in a political opponent.

A still greater evil, however, is the unreasonableness and injustice that characterize our criticism of public officers. Did the Apostle Peter look down through the centuries upon our age, when he wrote the words, "they are not afraid to speak evil of dignities?" Surely the words aptly describe many of our speakers and writers. To the speakers there come intervals of rest which they devote to the cultivation of peace and good will among men; but for the writers, as for the wicked, there seems to be neither rest nor peace. The careless and reckless manner in which we have spoken and written concerning our public officers has borne much bad fruit already, and will bear much more hereafter. Public officers are God's ministers, and we owe it to God and our country to respect their persons for the sake of their official positions, and to be just and tempered in our criticisms of their official acts.

Because of honest difference of opinion among our representatives, as well as among ourselves, upon great financial questions, our last Congress fell short of what we desired or hoped for in the matter of wise legislation. We, therefore, began the work of vituperation, and carried it on, through the press, on the stump, at the cross-roads, by the fire-side, all over the country, until great public men, whose names

had once been household words among us, were rendered despicable in the eyes of thousands of our people. That great and good man, Dr. John A. Broadus, a little before his death, said of the reproaches cast upon our last Congress, "The most painful thing is, it destroys all reverence for those God has placed in authority over us. It is undermining the very foundations of our government."

Much has been said about our last State Legislature—much more than should have been said. Some of our representatives in that body may have been bad or incompetent men; some of the laws enacted may not be wise or beneficial, certainly, they are not in accord with my views or those of many of my fellow-citizens; but I believe there were in the General Assembly many men of honest purpose to do the right. They were not thieves and cut-throats of alien birth, but men "to the manor born," and recognized as men of honor and integrity where they were reared. They were backed by the best constituency on the face of the earth; for I verily believe that the rural population of North Carolina are the best people in the world. Right or wrong politically, they are the best people we have. Both our representatives and their constituencies may, under bad leadership, have gone wrong politically. But I believe the greater part of them were honest and conscientious. The end they sought was relief from financial depression; the means they adopted were, in the judgement of many of us, unwise and unfortunate. If our people ever become again unified, as they once were, let me say this happy consummation will be reached by other means than ridicule and sarcasm.

It strikes me as a piece of policy to charge the last Legislature with favoring miscegenation. Probably there was not a single representative that favored this abomination. If there was one, he would be repudiated by his constituency, if known to be such. As for the so-called assignment law, no political party approves the thing, and none should be held responsible for it. Find out, if possible, the sharp, unprincipled person or persons who perpetrated this fraud upon our people, and punish them to the full extent of the law.

But let me emphasize the flagrant wrong of speaking evil of our civil officers, and thus degrading them in the eyes of the masses. When we have led our people to have no respect for those whom we have chosen by our suffrages to make, interpret, and execute our laws, they will have no respect for the laws themselves. Every man will be a law unto himself, and this country will relapse into a state of wild anarchy.

Dr. Adam Clark never spoke wiser or truer words than when he said: "Behave respectfully to men in office; if you cannot even respect the man (for an important office may be filled by an unworthy person) respect his office. If a man habituate himself to disrespect official characters, he will soon find himself disposed to pay little respect or obedience to the laws themselves."

But let a greater than Adam Clarke speak. Paul the Apostle, under great provocation, applied to Ananias, a cruel and avaricious man, the opprobrious epithet, "whited wall." Upon being reminded that he was addressing the head of the Jewish court, Paul said, "I wist not, brethren, that he was the high priest; for it is written, Thou shalt not speak evil of the ruler of thy people." This corrupt official deserved the epithet; yet we infer from Paul's language, that he would not have applied it to him, had he known, or been mindful of the fact that Ananias was the high priest. He would have respected the person, for the sake of the office.

Let no man think that I am fighting a man of straw. I could fill every page of this newspaper with virtuperative articles abusive of our public officers—articles selected from the political papers of a single week. But I will not afflict the reading public with their repetition. It is a great pity that they can appear in public print at all. These papers are the spelling-books of the children, and almost the sum total

of the literature of many country homes. They abound in vituperation of our public officers, from the Chief Magistrate of the nation down to the lowest officer, the highest getting the largest share. Our President, whom we should teach our children to respect and honor, whatever may be the divergence of our political views, has been so caricatured and slandered, having been represented by some writers as being a greater traitor than Benedict Arnold, and a greater criminal than the worst penitentiary convict, that he has become, in the eyes of many a boy, a very diminutive, insignificant, contemptible creature. A boy was heard to say, not long since, that if the President of the United States were present he would drown him in the swamp.

What kind of citizens can we hope to make out of boys who are fed from week to week, upon such pabulum as this? What conceivable good can be hoped for from broadcasting over the land such intemperate utterances? Do they not tend, rather, to extinguish the fires of patriotism, to perpetrate and augment the divisions and alienations already engendered in families and communities, and to beget contempt for all law, parental, civil and divine? It seems to me that we are rapidly drifting towards disintegration and wild anarchy. The newspaper is a mighty educational factor, for weal or for woe, among our people, and is largely responsible for whatever destiny awaits our beloved country. Come down, O ye brethren of the quill, from your Mount Elbais and rest for a season from your arduous cursing.

About Girls.

Womankind.

A young woman recently found employment in a queensware store. She immediately began a course of study in her leisure moments, upon glassware and china. She then read some recent works upon the appointments of the table, and in a short time, by applying herself to her business, became the most valued employe in a large store. In a millinery establishment the young woman who found time for reading a book or two on colors and their harmonious combination, found her own taste greatly improved and her ability to please patrons much greater. She was soon a favorite with the employers and customers. The young woman who, to earn an honorable living went into my lady's kitchen, and instead of gossiping every evening found time to read a few good books and household papers, was soon too valuable a housekeeper to be kept in a subordinate position in the kitchen. She knew how a table should look for a formal dinner, she knew what dishes were in season, she knew how to serve a meal in its proper courses, and more than that, she knew something about the food value of different dishes. Of course this sounds like an old fashion Sunday-school book, but the fact remains that there is always "room at the top" and that no unusual amount of intelligence is needed to reach the top. A fair average of good sense and a proper amount of application will accomplish everything.

What is an Editor?

Selected. A writer in the Southern Churchman furnishes the following unique definition: "It may interest you to know what was thought of editors by certain people the other day. 'An editor is a man who handles words.' 'An editor makes his living out of the English language.' 'An editor is somebody who does not do anything himself, and when somebody else does, goes and tells other people all about it.' I append these for the benefit of the fraternity. In a small way I have made use of the English language for many years, and I must say, while not an editor, I appreciate the above definitions. An editor, I should say, is a man who has the industry of the heaver, the instincts of a bee and the patience of Job."

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Charlotte Medical Journal. The nervous system requires complete rest after blows caused by sorrow. Recent medical observations show that the physical results of depressing emotions are similar to those caused by bodily accidents, fatigue, chill, partial starvation, and loss of blood. Birds, moles and dogs, which apparently died in consequence of capture, and from conditions that correspond in human beings to acute nostalgia and "broken heart," were examined after death as to their internal organs, and it was found that the nutrition of the tissues had been interfered with, and the substance proper of various vital organs had undergone the same kind of degeneration as that brought about by phosphorus or the germs of infectious disease. The poison of grief is more than a name. For a time the whole organism is overthrown, and temporary seclusion is imperative for proper readjustment. Grief cannot be ignored, neither can it be cheered up. It must be accepted and allowed to wear itself away. Readjustment comes slowly. Sorrow, grief, and all great misfortunes should be regarded as conditions similar to acute infectious diseases, which they resemble in result, and later, as convalescence from such diseases. Seclusion, rest, sleep, appropriate food, fresh air, sunshine, interests that tax neither mind nor body, these are requirements in this class of illness.

Caught It all the Same.

Tommy went fishing the other day without the permission of his mother. Next morning a neighbor's son met him and asked, "Did you catch anything yesterday, Tommy?" "Not till I got home," was the rather sad response.

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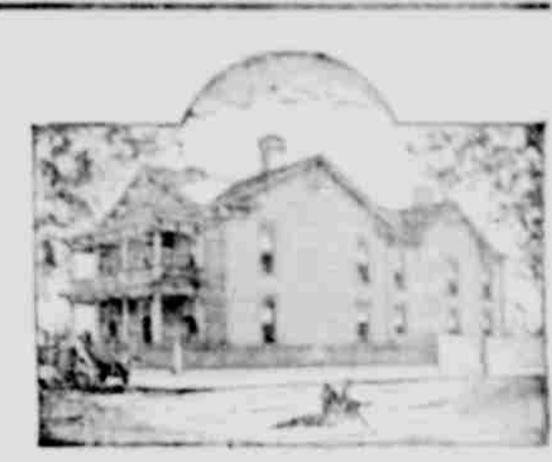
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