

AN EXAMPLE.

Be Careful How You Act Before Your Small Brothers and Sisters.

"Mamma, dear, just look at Kitty! Is she not too cute, taking off the way I stand, and yesterday, don't you remember, she bowed to Miss Brown and said, 'So glad to see you,' exactly as I did? Don't you think she will be an actress when she is big, she is such a little mimic now?"

"I hope not," declared Mrs. Lee, picking up her baby girl and kissing her, "but she is a little take off, I am sorry to say."

"Oh, mamma, why?" asked Edith, who was proud of her 5-year-old sister's accomplishments.

"Because, my daughter, she copies the things that I am sorry to say would better remain uncopied."

"Lemme go!" cried Miss Kitty, who thought there was a reproof in store for her, and her mother laughingly put her on the floor and told her to run in the next room to her nurse, while she talked to sister.

"Mamma, what do you mean by copying wrong things?"

"I think you can guess, my pet," answered Mrs. Lee. "What did we hear at breakfast this very day?"

Edith looked down, and her mother continued, "No, I won't eat my egg; it ain't cooked right!" And last night did you not say very decidedly, 'I won't, I won't; I don't want to go to bed so early; Molly Brown does not?'"

Edith smiled, though rather sadly. "Yes, it was funny, I thought at the time. The idea of our Kitty saying what Molly did, who is 10 years old."

"Ah, my dear, she simply copied you and, little goose as she is, did not see that there was no argument in her protests! But it only shows more clearly the force of a good example, and, my child, if you don't want to see certain little habits of yours repeated again and again, pray be careful."

"I will, truly," promised Edith, who was a sensible girl, though at times she acted otherwise. "I will try, dear mamma, to say and do only those things that you would like to have Kitty copy."

"Try, Edith; for after all there is only one that ever lived on this earth of ours whose example and conduct could always be copied."

Edith looked lovingly into her mother's face and said, "Yes, mamma, I know, and I will try to follow his example, and then Kitty can copy me as much as she pleases."—Christian Work.

Frogs Raised For Market.

Frog farming has become an important business, especially near the large cities. At Stone, a small station about 20 miles from San Francisco, is a famous farm. It is on a ranch that extends along the shore of San Francisco bay, and it comprises about a dozen acres of land and water. In the low ground near the bay many springs of water bubble out of the soil. These were surrounded by a hedge of cypress, and the water was so confined as to form three big ponds. Around each of these ponds is a fence of wire netting, high enough to keep the frogs from escaping, and the ponds are filled with aquatic plants, moss and everything necessary to make the croakers feel contented. When the ponds were first stocked with frogs, only a few hundred were put in the inclosures, but since that time the population has grown so rapidly that thousands of frogs are captured and sent to market every year without apparently diminishing the supply.

The Dog Expected It.

A New York society dame who is an ardent upholder of the Society For the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals owns a little fox terrier of which she is exceedingly fond. A man who had called on her the other day was admiring the dog and asked its mistress how she, with all her humane theories, could have allowed the cruel dog fancier to cut off Snap's tail and ears to the fashionable degree of brevity.

"My dear sir, Snap expected it. Every thoroughbred fox terrier expects to have his tail and ears shortened." And that humbled man went away saying to himself, "That's the first time I ever thought of 'noblesse oblige' as applying to fox terriers."—New York Tribune.

An Afternoon Ride.



It is a nice, warm afternoon, and Bessie has taken her little family out for an airing. Don't they all look happy?

Just a Little Boy.

There is a boy in our town
(And he is wondrous wise),
Who, when the rain comes pouring down
And clouds o'erspread the skies,
Says, "I'll just smile the best I can,
No matter how it pours,
And we'll have sunshine in the house,
If it does rain out of doors."

When naughty words swarm through his brain
And clamor to be said,
He shuts his teeth together tight
And says, "I'll kill you dead,
Unless you will be sweet and kind
And good and full of fun,
You can't come out until you are;
No, not a single one!"

He thinks when he's a grown up man,
With wise and sober face,
He'll do some wondrous deed to make
This earth a brighter place,
But nothing in this whole wide world
Can give more lasting joy
Or make more solid sunshine
Than just a little boy.
—Mary M. Parks.

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His Description.

The hired man who had been helping the stockraiser for a month or two had run away with some of his employer's money, and the stockman hurried to the nearest printing office to order a lot of handbills offering a reward for the capture of the thief.

"What is the description of the man?" asked the printer.

"Well, he was an ornery-looking cuss." "What sort of clothes did he wear?" "Last time I seen him he had on a suit of jeans."

"How about his hat?" "He wore an old wool hat."

"Plenty of men are wearing old wool hats and jeans suits. Can't you describe him more minutely?"

"I reckon I can," said the stockraiser, after a moment's reflection, as a slight physical blemish he had often noticed occurred to him. "He had an undersuit in the left ear. Right ear not marked. Limped a little with his off leg."—Chicago Tribune.

How to Eat Birds.

To dissect a small hot bird or even one that has got cold is a delicate undertaking, and despite the edict forbidding fingers and partridge wings to come in contact the best bred men and women follow the lead of her gracious majesty the queen of England and daintily eat the leg or wing of a small broiled bird while holding it in the fingers.

Of course where a sauce is served with the bird it must be separated and eaten with knife and fork.

How to Bake Mutton Chops.

Rub the chops with salt and white pepper and dredge lightly with flour. Place them in a shallow baking pan with half a cupful of water and cook for 15 minutes in a very hot oven. Serve them on a hot platter with butter, a little lemon juice and currant jelly.

The President of Wellesley.

Miss Caroline Hazard, the recently elected president of Wellesley college, is not a college graduate. Her entire life, however, has been spent in the environment of college life. While a resident of Providence she enjoyed unusual semicollegiate privileges. Her grandfather was Rowland Gibson Hazard, the philosopher. Her father, Rowland Hazard, is widely known for his many philanthropies. His model colony surrounding his mills at Peace-dale, R. I., has been of the greatest interest to Miss Hazard, who has done all in her power to aid him, especially in the cause of the advancement of women. Miss Hazard has written several papers on historical subjects.

Tupman and Pickwick.

A curious incident was remarked in one of the reports of casualties published in England after one of the recent battles. Close together in the list of killed were the names of Captain Tupman and Private Pickwick. The names of Dickens' characters are by no means common, and it is strange to find them conjoined in such a place.

THE TRIUMPH OF PEACE.

In a southern vale where the cypress grows
And magnolias smile on the blushing rose,
Where a stream meanders slow to the sea
Mid tree fringed hills and a verdurous lea,
There hate and fury once were rife
And north met south in deadly strife.

But now they repose 'neath the summer's glow,
Both the victor and vanquished long laid low,
And the perfume laden south winds sigh
A plaintive lament as their lullaby.
And peace profound reigns now where they
Met in the pride of war's array.

No sign now remains of that bloody strife,
Of that combat of heroes, that waste of life,
Save the grassy mounds that silently tell
Of the harvest of death in this sweet dell,
Unless perchance some mourners stray
There to deplore that fatal day.

Oh, never again may a brother's hand
Be raised 'gainst a brother within our land,
But ever may harmony, love and peace
Us closer unite as the years increase,
For peace hath triumphs greater far
Than all the pomp and pride of war!
—MIL MACDONALD.

How to Make Cocoa Pudding.

Wet a tablespoonful of cocoa with cold milk and pour one pint of hot milk on it; let all come to the boil, flavor with a few drops of vanilla essence; wet a heaped tablespoonful of corn starch with cold milk and strain the cocoa on to it while stirring; return to the saucepan and stir till it boils and the cornstarch tastes perfectly cooked; turn into a basin, whip the mixture well, adding a gill of thick cream; turn all into a fancy china dish and when cold garnish with blanched and split almonds.

How to Clean Saucepans.

Powdered pumice stone will remove all stains from china glazed saucepans. It should be rubbed on with a slightly damp cloth.

How to Make Beef Extract Custard.

Beat an egg until white and yolk are well mixed and then add a few grains of salt, a teaspoonful of beef extract and half a cup of milk. Strain into a buttered custard cup, set in a pan of hot water and bake in a slow oven until firm.

GREAT MEN'S BIRTH.

The great French dramatist, Moliere, was the son of a tapestry maker.

Demosthenes, the most celebrated orator of antiquity, was a cobbler's son.

Plautus, one of the greatest Roman comic poets, was the son of a baker.

Thomas Wolsey, the English cardinal and statesman, was a butcher's son.

Joseph Hall, bishop of Norwich and theological writer, was a farmer's son.

The English lexicographer, Dr. Samuel Johnson, was the son of an apothecary.

William Shakespeare, "the chief literary glory of England," was a yeoman's son.

Thomas Jefferson, the writer of the declaration of independence, was a planter's son.

The great English preacher, George Whittfield, was the son of an innkeeper at Gloucester.

Family Government.

It is not "all in the child" by any means. With the majority of children there is a natural impulse toward that form of independence which brings the child into conflict with the parental discipline, no doubt, but it is very largely the manner in which this discipline is exercised which determines whether the parent of the child is to be the real "master of the situation." In one home the word of the mother, expressed with kindness but firmness, is the accepted and respected law of the child. In another few are the minutes which pass unpunctuated by reproaches, scoldings, threats, or in none of which has love or dignity a share. The threats fall on callous ears, for long experience has shown the child that they are "mere words." As is well said by a recent writer: "Everything has been said as a matter of custom, without any intention of carrying out the threats. Instead the child has received endless sermons upon his disobedience and obstinacy. The reprimands, the reproaches, last so long that the small offender gets irritated with the everlasting scoldings, and the parents, on their side, lose what little authority they have in continual nagging and fault finding. Soon other incidents present themselves, to be followed by fresh disobediences and a still longer discourse. There is never a moment of respite for anybody. Ah, if the child does not become enraged it is because he is thinking of something quite different when one is finding fault with him."—Good Housekeeping.

How to Make Lavender Water.

Shake up three or four drops of lavender oil with one pint of rectified spirits of wine, and to this add one ounce each of orange flower water and rosewater, three ounces of essence of musk and four ounces of distilled water.

How to Make Snow Biscuit.

Sift four cupfuls of flour, a teaspoonful of salt and two rounded teaspoonfuls of baking powder and rub into it a tablespoonful of butter. Add a cupful of smoothly mashed potatoes to one cupful of milk and mix well with the flour. Turn out on floured board, knead lightly and roll out an inch thick. Then cut with a small biscuit cutter, place in buttered pan and bake in a quick oven for 20 minutes.

How to Make Elder Ointment.

This is a most agreeable preparation and is easily made by boiling a half pound of elder flowers in the same quantity of pure lard until they are crisp, then straining while hot through a linen cloth.

How to Fry Steak.

Have your frying pan very hot. Wipe the steak dry, place it in and cover tightly. Turn frequently and keep covered. When done, add to the gravy one tablespoonful of hot coffee, a good sized lump of butter, salt and pepper. Pour over the steak and serve.

How to Drive Flies Away.

Gilded articles coated with oil of laurel scare flies away.

THE DRESS MODEL.

Durable twilled silks of various kinds are being revived. They are used for waists, linings, underskirts, sash draperies and gowns entire.

The fancy still continues for mousseline de soie and chiffon yokes and gumpes on all sorts of bodices to wear under tailor made jackets and waists.

Tiny gold buttons are again used by French atteliers on gowns of ceremony formed of white cloth, drap d'ete, lace, net, chiffon, crepe de chine and veiling.

Fine sheer nainsook embroideries, with medallions of lace introduced here and there, add effective variety to the season's handsome dress trimmings for thin summer gowns.

Pink and white or violet and pale green pond lilies trim some of the large round hats otherwise decorated with choux and loops of chiffon or mousseline de soie and black velvet ribbon of generous width.

In attempting to originate something novel in the shape of evening bodices the old time corselet models have been revived. Some of the gored skirt tops are finished in this form instead of ending at the belt. They are very little decorated.

One of the most satisfactory skirt models for making up light sleeve wools for summer wear is cut in circular shape, with plain panel front, medium wide side plaits and a shapely box plait at the back. The plaits flare gracefully around the bottom of the skirt, which is cut with a slight dip.

At their first introduction there were many doubts and conjectures concerning the fate of plaited skirts, but the matter is settled for the summer season at least, for among the models in many other styles are prominently set forth the plaited waists and skirts arranged in every possible variety.

Among new French jacket and blouse bodice models are those made with front dart and side seams at the back that extend to the shoulders. These gracefully curved lines impart a look of slenderness and extra length to the form and are therefore particularly desirable for women of full figure.—New York Post.

GLEANNINGS.

In an office building in Chicago a 215 pound janitor is called "Cherub," and an elevator boy, whose weight is 103, is known as "Ox."

The timber supply of Georgia has been estimated by lumbermen of that state as sufficient to last only nine years at the present rate of sawing, 2,600,000 feet daily.

The American Mouse club is a recent addition to New York clubdom. The purpose of the organization is not to exterminate the little rodents, but to develop fine species.

"Incommunicableness," meaning incapable of limitation, has been admitted into Dr. Murray's new English dictionary on the strength of its use by a covenanting Byfield of the seventeenth century.

In Brazil parents and guardians may, before consenting to the marriage of their charges, require a medical certificate from the bride or bridegroom certifying that he or she has been vaccinated.

All tourists in Egypt are expected to go inside the pyramids. The entrance is a long tunnel chute, or inclined plane, three or four feet wide, whose bottom and sides are polished stone. It is very dark, and candles are used.

CHIPS FROM CHINA.

Our trade with China increased more than two and one-half fold in seven years, and all this increase came to us without either fighting anybody or making an open door bargain with anybody.—Chicago Chronicle.

The United States probably occupies a stronger position in China today than any other nation in the world, and this condition has been brought about because the United States has exhibited none of the spirit of greed that has characterized European nations.—St. Joseph Herald.

Americans have yet to learn that the Chinese are very shrewd and worldly wise, that they are a nation of traders, with successful merchants, large exporting houses, etc., and that they know how to look after their own interests as well as any people on earth.—Indianapolis Journal.

Chinese hunger for the things of western civilization is being aroused—trides like the kodak stimulate it wonderfully—and it will soon be seen that we can hardly build ships fast enough to carry to that wondrous market the American products for which it is daily becoming more eager.—St. Paul Pioneer Press.

PERT PERSONALS.

The ameer of Afghanistan does not propose to let the world rest under the impression that he only exists as a comic opera theme.—Baltimore News.

Mr. Clark of Montana may take occasion to remind Mr. Daly that one losing hand does not decide a game and that he has a number of chips left.—Washington Star.

Herbert Spencer has just celebrated his eightieth birthday. Forty years ago the doctors decided that he could not live, but Mr. Spencer very sensibly decided otherwise.—Minneapolis Journal.

Andrew Carnegie has gone to Europe for rest and recreation, after having been tied down to the Florida golf links all winter. This thing of being rich is terribly oppressive.—Chicago Times-Herald.

FOUR BALLS.

Imposing fines on impudent players on the ballfield has begun early, but not too early to meet the impudence, apparently.—Boston Herald.

One thing can be said in favor of the St. Louis baseball club—it usually manages to occupy first place at least once during the season.—St. Louis Republic.

It is to be hoped that the separation of Washington from the League will not create the impression among baseball enthusiasts elsewhere that the District of Columbia has been taken off the map.—Washington Star.

THE ICEMAN.

It is too bad that ice does not grow in summer, when it is most needed.—Ridge-wood (N. J.) News.

Paradoxical as it may sound, the burning question of the hour in New York is ice.—New York World.

In Chicago ice must be weighed in the presence of the customer. But the iceman is not unhappy. He may use his own scales.—Kansas City Journal.

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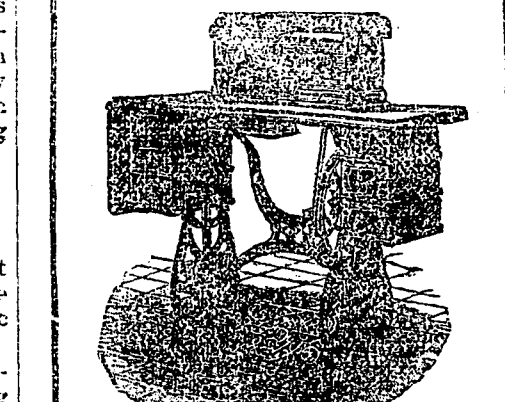


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