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## The Boy Who Helps His Mother.

As I went down the street to-day I saw a little lad

Whose face was just the kind of face To make a person glad.

It was a plump and rosy cheeked, So cheerful and so bright,

It made me think of apple time, And filled me with delight.

I saw him busily at work, While blithe as blackbird's song

His merry, mellow whistle rang The pleasant street along.

"O that's the kind of lad I like!" I thought, as I passed by;

"These busy, cheery, whistling boys Make grand men by and by."

Just then a playmate came along, And leaned across the gate—

A plan that promised lots of fun And frolic to relate.

"The boys are waiting for us now, So hurry up!" he cried;

My little brother shook his head, And "can't come," he replied.

"Can't come! Why not, I'd like to know What hinders?" asked the other,

"Why don't you see," came the reply, "I'm busy helping mother.

She's lots to do, and so I like To help her all I can;

So I've no time for fun just now," said this dear little man.

"I like to hear you talk like that," I told the little lad;

"Help your mother all you can, and make Her kind heart light and glad."

It does me good to think of him, And know that there are others

Who, like this manly little boy, Take hold and help their mothers.

—Golden Days.

## The Destructive Broom.

I don't suppose I will receive much backing from lady readers

when I assert that not one woman in a hundred knows how to sweep!

Nevertheless it is a fact. When a woman sweeps she holds the broom at an angle that brings one corner of the brush on the floor

and then pushes it forward with all her might, giving it a kind of a flit at the end of the stroke that throws the dust and dirt into the air.

The heavier particles of dirt she finally captures in one corner of the room and gets most of it into the dustpan, but the lighter

and main portion—flies up into the air and soon settles upon the floor, furniture and walls. Then madam "dusts" the room and knocks a good deal of the dirt off its resting places and it returns to its old quarters on the floor.

Now any man who has watched the process will say that I have told the plain truth. Look at a broom after it has been worn down for a few weeks! One corner

turned up and sticking out like a sleigh runner, the whole brush lopsided, ruined! The right way to sweep is to hold the broom with its brush square on the floor and a little behind the body of the sweeper. Bring it forward with a regular, steady movement, and stop its forward motion before the ends of the brush catch in the carpet and act like so many

springs to throw dirt in the air. "Persuade" the dirt to advance, and don't try to scare it. Act as if you were petting a sick baby and not as if you were pitching hay. Turn the broom over occasionally so as to wear it evenly, and your broom, furniture and carpets will last longer, and so will you, for the labor won't be half so great and the satisfaction will be three times as great.

When it comes to dusting—for even with proper sweeping some dust will arise—don't use a feather duster, an old turkey tail or some such abomination, but take a cloth and wipe up the dust, not flit it off on the floor again. Try a scientific sweep once, and you will not go back to the old way again.—Cor. Stockman.

## Photographs of the Face.

The other afternoon I was in the studio of a well known photographer. With me was an artistic friend who called my attention to a peculiarity of the photographs arranged around the walls. There were pretty women in abundance, and children and men of all kind of poses and costumes.

"Did you ever notice," said my friend, "that nine out of ten of the pictures one sees show the left side of the face?"

"No," I answered, "I never did, nor can I imagine why such should be the case."

"There is a very good reason for it, which lies in the fact that in the vast majority of cases the left side of the face is the good looking side. Every photographer knows this and takes advantage of it. Now look around the room and see if it is not as I tell you."

A careful investigation showed me the absolute correctness of my friend's observation. In the whole studio there were not more than half a dozen photographs showing the right side of the face, and none of them seemed to be at all flattering.—New York Herald.

## True Love.

A young man at the risk of his life saved a beautiful girl from drowning. Her grateful father seized the rescuer of his daughter by the hand, and in a voice trembling with emotion said:

"Noble youth to you I am indebted for everything that makes life dear to me. Which reward will you take—\$100,000 or the hand of my daughter?"

"I'll take the daughter," replied the heroic rescuer, thinking thereby to get both the girl and the money.

"You have well chosen," replied the grateful father, "I could not have given you the \$100,000 just yet, any how, as I have not laid up that amount, being only an editor, but my daughter is yours for life. Take her and be happy. God bless you, my children."

—Texas Siftings.

A good story is told of Judge Oliver Semmes, son of the famous Confederate Admiral. The Judge has for many years presided over the city court of Mobile, and after the war the Admiral himself sometimes practiced in court. One day he was arguing an important case in his son's court. The Judge found it necessary to rule against his father on some point of law, when the old gentleman lost his temper and made some caustic reference to his son's legal knowledge. After a sharp tilt of words between father and son the Judge said: "At home, sir, I respect you—but I want you to understand that this court has no more respect for you than the humblest citizen in the county. Take your seat, sir!"

## An Unpleasant Experience.

"Occasionally," said a retired burglar, "a man transfers to himself in a single night the accumulations of another man's lifetime; but these instances are very rare; and nothing could be further from the truth than the idea that burglary is a quick and easy road to wealth. The fact is that the great majority of burglars make but a scant living, and to make even that they must encounter many difficulties and dangers. The burglar's reward, whatever it may be, is never commensurate to the risks he takes.

"I have myself acquired some property, but if I had my life to live over again I should choose some other occupation than burglary. Indeed, when you come to consider the inconvenient hours and the general worry and uncertainty of that business, the wonder is that anybody should ever go into it; if a man is at all inclined to be sensitive he should certainly keep out of it.

"I remember a long time ago going late one night into a room in which there was one man sleeping. His clothes were on a chair near the head of the bed. I was bending over those clothes and about to take them out into the hall, when the man suddenly woke up.

Without an instant's hesitation he threw his arms around me. I was young then and strong, but this man was four times as strong as I was. I think he could have crushed me if he had wanted to, and he put me out of the house with the greatest of ease. But before he did that he carried me over to the bureau and turned up the light. As he looked at me my watch chain caught his eye, and do you know that that man took my watch and chain and kept them?"

## Change This System.

The Truth joins with the New Delta in urging that something be done towards enforcing the election laws, that is, in so far as the qualifications of voters are concerned. As it now exists, the laws are exceedingly lax and are wide open channels for the perpetration of frauds and other irregularities.

Foreigners have a broad invitation to set at defiance the will of the people; they have no restrictions placed upon them and they are given privileges which they cannot appreciate, because they are unacquainted with and indifferent to their value. They are the sources of the frauds that are developed in election times; they are the means of encouraging corruption in political matters, and the foundation for the indifference that is displayed with reference to the enjoyment of privileges that are the highest that any man can wish, equal voice with everybody in the settlement of public affairs.

It is now urged that the legislature take this matter in hand; that it draw the line closer with reference to the qualifications of voters, and that the term of residence be fixed at five years, and that actual citizenship of the United States be a qualification for voting. The subject is a matter for serious consideration, and it deserves attention at the hands of the general assembly. It will be beneficial to all. It is needed.—New Orleans Truth.

## Danger in It.

The third party wants the government to own all the railroads and telegraph lines. Suppose this becomes the law of the land, then every man from the highest to the lowest position in the railway and telegraph service will be a government officer, making about 1,000,000 more government appointments. Then when this is done why should the government not take charge of every ship, steamboat or water craft and run them. When this is done a few more thousand appointments will have to be made. Then why should the government not take charge of all the manufacturing in the United States, all the mills, all the livery stables, all the mercantile establishments and appoint its officers to run them. By this time three-fourths of the population will be government officers. Then the next thing they will clamor for will be for the government to take care of everybody's business. We would be like the Israelites of old when in Egyptian bondage, have task masters put over us in our daily labor. This is the extreme to which their doctrine will lead us.—Bouhan (Tex.) News.

## One of the hottest regions in the United States is along the line of the Southern Pacific railroad in Arizona. In Hagdad, in that territory, the thermometer has been known to stand as high as 146 degrees in the shade for days in succession. The ticket agent at Hagdad says that he has seen the mercury standing at 129 on the cool side of the depot building at midnight.—Chicago Mail.