

Home Circle.

LEARN A LITTLE EVERY DAY.

Little rills make wider streamlets.
Streamlets swell the river's flow;
Rivers join the mountain billows,
Onward, onward, as they go!
Life is made of smallest fragments,
Shade and sunshine work and play
So may we, with greatest profit,
Learn a little every day.

Tiny seeds make boundless harvests,
Drops of rain compose the showers,
Seconds make the flying minutes,
And the minutes make the hours!
Let us hasten then and catch them
As they pass us on the way;
And with honest true endeavor
Learn a little every day.

Let us read some striking passage
Cull a verse from every page,
Here a line, and there a sentence,
'Gainst the lonely time of age!
At our work, or by the wayside,
While the sunshine's making hay;
Thus we may by help of study,
Learn a little every day.

Written for the Rocky Mountain Husbandman.

CONCERNING THE FASHIONS.

BY SYLVIA A. MOSS.

In the first place it is almost impossible to be out of the fashion if one wears what is adapted to one's age, station and circumstances. Paris fashions are fashionable, New York fashions are fashionable, and Philadelphia, which has the largest dry goods and outfitting house in the country, that of John Wanamaker is not inclined to allow that she is to be outdone in the matter of fashionable attire. The small eastern cities of from fifty thousand to four hundred thousand inhabitants invent some, but copy more fashions from these larger cities, and that is how it comes to pass that everybody who ardently wishes to be fashionable may easily become fashionable.

Short costumes are invariably worn for door toilets. The skirt for these costumes should clear the ground by one and half or two inches. Plaids are not yet out of fashions. Mixed suitings are used for overdresses. Many costumes have plain silk or satin for their foundation and are made up in combination with striped or figured silk. Many of these figured silks are partly velvet or plush and are called armoire silks.

A variety of satin called satin antique will be much used for making and trimming bonnets and hats and for trimming dresses.

The most noticeable color in trimmings and in dress goods is old gold color. It sometimes forms the ground of the material, and more frequently the figure or stripe.

Jackets will be much worn and will be of entirely different material and color from the skirt of the dress. Velvet will be much used for trimming dresses.

Casquins are very popular and are worn with a skirt of any material. The casquine is usually made of the newest goods. These goods are thought by one lady to have been made in imitation of old chair covers or the designs on ancient pottery. The figures are large and frequently elegant and in every color from the gravest to the gayest.

Black silk costumes are trimmed with satin in puffs or knife-pleatings. They are also trimmed with velvet.

Basques are much worn. Dark wool dresses are most frequently trimmed with silk. Sometimes the silk is put on plain, sometimes it is shirred, especially on the basque.

All bonnets are either very large or very small, very close or very flaring. Both hats and bonnets usually have strings. These are worn even wider than during the summer, and are generally fastened to the back of the hat or bonnet. Flowers are but little used for trimming; instead are ostrich tips, long plumes, jetted feathers, beetles, tortoisés and birds. Velvets will be used for making the nicest bonnets and hats, though felt beaver and hats made of cheaper material will be very popular. Many fashionable ladies appear in bonnets of hats the same shade as the costume. The inside of hat brims will be shirred, the same during the summer and early autumn. Satin antique is one material well adapted for this purpose, it comes in all desirable shades.

Shawls continue to be extensively worn.

A LUCKY "MISFORTUNE."

You would not have thought, at first sight, that it was a good thing that Joe Carver broke his ankle just in the middle of harvest. But it was, in more ways than one.

It was not a very pleasant prospect which his wife had, having him around the house to wait upon when she was so hurried and worried with summer work. But hard work had not crushed out the warm kind

heart she brought with her to that old homestead. So she took up this added burden with what cheerfulness she might, and whoever or whatever was neglected, Joe had no cause for complaint.

But after the first fever had worn off and the caged lion had begun in a measure to subdue his restlessness, he settled down on that wide, cozy lounge in the sitting room determined to make the best of a bad job. He read the papers and magazines which Mattie canvassed the neighborhood to borrow for him, even when her poor little feet, were about worn out, and he had really not indulged in so much literature for a dozen years, if, indeed, he ever had.

But it was not in that line that the advantage chiefly came in. He spent some share of the time "taking notes" of the ways and means by which the domestic machinery of his household was carried on. Afterward a considerable portion of time was spent in reflection, and this was the best of all.

It considerably surprises him to see the amount of work a woman had to do. Some how he had imbibed the impression so common among men, that a woman had a rather easy time of it generally, staying in the shady house, while the poor men toiled out in the boiling sun. But a sight of Mattie forever pattering upstairs and down, or boiling over that great Moloch of a cooking stove, gave him a new idea.

Then that worried and hurried look which came into her eyes when the clock was creeping up to the hour of noon, made him wince a little as he saw how the burdens were bending down those shoulders once so fair and straight. He had nothing now to do but to take observations, and they were not as comforting as he would have liked. It was not the Mattie of olden times he used to take home from singing school, and out to sleigh rides in the winter.

He felt ashamed of himself when he saw her fence in the baby with pillows and lay before it a basin of clothes-pins, preparatory to taking a great market basket and going out to the distant garden for potatoes and corn and cucumbers, which that great hired booby of his might just as well have brought in before he went to the fields. He secretly resolved that another morning she should be spared that job. He was more than ever confirmed in the resolution when he saw her come in so overheated, bending her not-over-stout figure under the heavy load. He groaned in spirit over his own helplessness, but the eyes of his mind were getting opened and that was of more worth than his work.

By the end of that week his mind was made up. She should have help in that kitchen if he sold the best cow he had to pay for it.

"Mattie," he said, "I want you to look around among the neighbors, and see whose girl you can hire for awhile. You must have somebody if it is only a boy in the house to do chores and save steps."

Mattie looked up from her kneading pan in a half-scared way, fearing that her saving Joe was losing his mind.

"You needn't look so wild about it, Mattie. It is a settled thing. I shall be too busy if I ever get about again, to go around hunting up a second wife."

Mattie laughed as she looked down again at her dough, and concluded that Libbie Baker would be glad of the chance to earn a little before school began in the fall. So Libbie came into that house for the rest of the summer, and oh what a burden was lifted from that overworked little woman's shoulders. Joe did not forget that summer's lesson, and whenever Mattie needed help she had it, whatever else was allowed to go undone. Her life and health he concluded were better capital than mere acres, mere stock or mere mowing machines.

SPECIAL TO GIRLS.

Do not feel that when you have sighed adieu to school days, that your education is complete. They have only laid the foundation, and henceforth your own unguided hand is to work upon the superstructure which will be grand and firm or ill-shaped and tottering according to the earnestness and honesty of your effort. Begin your first round on "the pillars of character," which "are moderation, temperance, chastity, simplicity, self-control; its method is self-denial." The character of a pure and virtuous woman is too tender to be handled roughly. Like the dew drop that sparkles on the rose-bud, the first rude breath is apt to sweep it away. Therefore guard with pious care this part of your "building-made-with-hands" material. And as a precautionary step, beware of the help you employ in building.

Let birth, rank and fortune sink into insignificance when thrown into the balance with morality, which is akin to godliness. Yet withal be charitable in thought and deed. It is those who guard well their own honor, who are most ready to forgive the frailties of others, and the most guilty who are the loudest in condemning weakness. The mote in the eye confuses the vision and multiplies the mote in the brother's eye to

many. Therefore charity is not inconsistent with frugality. Frugality is the stepping stone to charity. Without wise administration, we would not have the means for charity's gracious acts. It is to the thrifty and well supplied that people go for charity, and only the frugal can boast of plenty saved for emergencies, thus carrying out that beautiful order of nature where the surplus of one thing fills the void of another.

We advise all young people to acquire in early life the habit of using good language both in speaking and writing, and also to abandon the use of slang words and phrases. The longer they live the more difficult the acquisition of good language will be; and if the golden age of youth, the proper time for the acquisition of language, be passed in abuse, the unfortunate victim of neglected education is very probably doomed to talk slang for life. Money is not necessary to procure this education. Every person has it in his power. He has to use the language which he reads instead of the slang which he hears; to form taste from the best speakers and poets of the country; to treasure up choice phrases in his memory, and habituate himself to their use, avoiding at the same time that pedantic precision and bombast which show rather the weakness of wasted ambition than the polish of an educated mind.

One of the most fascinating women I ever saw was very homely, but she had such a charming manner that no one remembered that she was plain. One of the most beautiful had prominent eyes, rather prominent teeth, and altogether irregular features, yet no one could see her and not recognize the fact that she was beautiful; it was the beauty of a lovely soul shining through and transfiguring the whole.

"Familiarity breeds contempt," and if taking advantage of your familiarity, out of the fulness of the heart the mouth should utter some coarse vulgarities which you cannot resent, you have lost moral position.

A girl who is cross, selfish, petulant, overbearing, rebellious and discontented, cannot prevent the expression of those qualities from writing their characters indelibly upon her face sooner or later.—Illustrated Ladies' Home Journal.

A BUSY LIFE.

My Dear Clarey—Your favor of the 7th inst. is received. It was a glad surprise to me because I had not been asked to contribute a facetious article to a paper only 236 times since the holiday annual business began to boom. I have estimated that in case I had complied with all these suggestions I would have written \$3,000 worth of gurgling mirth within four weeks. I could not have worried through it without grinding out at least ten columns per day. When you come to add my other duties, you will readily see that the exercise would at times be irksome. I am the managing editor of a daily paper that requires at least eight hours a day. I am, also, a police justice, with an average of five plain, undecorated drunks and two assault and batteries per day. I am, also, United States Commissioner, and a member of the vestry of St. Matthew's Church.

By the time I get up and cook my breakfast and do the housework and bring in some coal and do some marketing and feed the hens and deal out \$11.09 worth of justice write a leader or two and read a few proofs and do the chores around the office and lick a few total strangers and get my dinner and attend a vestry meeting and write ten or twelve columns of soul splitting mirth on the half-shell and go home and hold the baby a couple of hours, breakfast is ready and I don't have to go to bed at all. This saves the wear and tear of a night shirt and keeps a man out of mischief.

If you think this letter will throw any light on the subject you are at liberty to use it. It may do a great deal of good. Truly and fraternally yours.—Letter in Laraine Boomerang.

A GRAND WIFE.

An exchange thus tells how it was astonished at the difference between theory and fact in a neighbor's conduct, who was always praising his wife:

We once knew a man who was always praising his wife. On the corner, down the street, at the post office, at the race track, in the skating rink, at the theater, in the sal—that is, at the choir-meeting, he was always telling what a happy man he was, just because he had such a splendid wife, and he talked every man he met into a perfect frenzy of envy about her. Well, one winter morning when it was not yet too light to make one appear overly ostentatious, we sneaked into that neighbor's yard to steal a fence-board for kindling, and had to wait before we could safely obtain it until that man's wife came out and sawed a couple of armfuls of wood, shoveled out three snow paths, fed and groomed the horse, and cleaned out the cowshed, and then she went into the house and we heard her call to her husband that the sitting

room was warm enough for him to dress in if he wanted to get up now, we were so amazed that we forgot what we were waiting for, and went back and kindled the fire with a corn-cob and a pint of kerosene.

WHAT MEN LOVE.

What men love is the comforts of the married state, not the person who provides them—wifely duties rather than the wife. A man enjoys his home. He likes the cheery fireside, the dressing gown and slippers, the bright tea urn, and the brighter eyes behind it. He likes to see boys and girls growing up around them bearing his name and inheriting his qualities. He likes to have his clothes laid ready to his hands, stockings in their integrity, buttons firm in their places, meals pleasant, prompt, yet frugal. He likes a servant such as money cannot hire—attentive, affectionate, spontaneous, devoted, and trustworthy. He likes very much the greatest comforts for the smallest outlay; and certainly he likes to be loved. His love runs in the current of his likings, and is speedily indistinguishable from them.

Can you tell me where you can find a perfectly honest man? No, we cannot. We haven't the remotest idea where we shall be by the time you read this.

A Prof. Gunning, up in Michigan, is lecturing on "After man, What?" An editor who has been there rises to remark that it is generally the sheriff or some woman.

Benjamin Franklin says: "One boy is a boy; two boys are a half a boy, and three boys are no boy at all." It is different with girls, Benjamin. One girl is a girl; two girls are more than a girl, and three girls are an entire circus.

How people do change, to be sure. There are the Pingreys, for instance. Six months ago, before they were married, when Henry used to leave her house, Martha would stand at the gate and throw kisses at him until he was out of sight. This morning, when he left home, instead of a kiss, Martha, threw a fire shovel.

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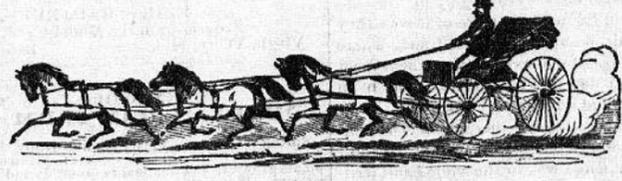
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