

Management of Children.

There can, we think, be no greater disaster in the home, no greater mistake in the attempt to manage a family, than the failure of the two parents to make their authority absolutely one. The household in which, from any reason or from any cause, a conflict of authority exists, is the saddest of sights to one who wishes well to children. There should be earnest conference between parents concerning the best methods and objects; there should be perfect unanimity in the general system of management adopted by them. It is unspeakably better to make some mistakes in unison, than to let the minds of children get confused as to whom they shall obey. Let the father and mother speak with one voice, if they wish the voice of either to be respected. Appeals from one to the other should never be permitted. Where this is allowed, wretchedness, of many kinds, ensues, and management gives place to mismanagement.

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