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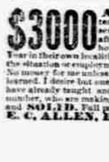
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She is the girl who is anxious to have you join a party which is to be "a dead secret," and at which, because people are very free and easy, you are uncomfortable and wish you were at home.

She is the girl who tries to induce you, "just for fun," to smoke a cigarette, or to take a glass of wine, and you don't know, and possibly she doesn't, that many of the sinners of today committed their first sins "just for fun.

She is the girl who persuades you that to stay at home and care and love your own, to help mother and to have your pleasures at home and where the home people can see them, is stupid and tiresome; and that spending the afternoon walking up and down the street, looking at the windows and the people, is "just delightful."

She is the girl who persuades you that slang is witty, that a loud dress that attracts attention is "stylish," and that your own simple growns are dowdy and undesirable. She doesn't know, nor do you, how many women have gone to destruction because of their love for fine clothes.

She is the girl who persuades you that to be on very familiar terms with three or four young men, is an evidence of your charms and fascinations, instead of being, as it is, an outward visible sign of your perfect folly.

She is the girl who persuades you that it is a very smart thing to be referred to as "a gay girl." She is very, very much mistaken.

And of all others, she is the girl who, no matter how hard she may try to make you believe in her, is the girl to be avoided.—Ladies' Home Journal.

The Work Of Time.

Well, after thirty-four years of married life, my husband and self are alone in the house—for we were never alone in those sweet, early days that can come but once to any of us. My husband's grandparents lived with us, and the little ones came soon and fast. The grandparents have long since gone the way of all flesh, and the next generation, the parents, are all laid away but one, an old, feeble woman, who is patiently waiting her call. And now, the last child has left us to build a home for himself; all mated but one, and that one our baby. His business confines him closely twenty miles away, and we see his pleasant face and hear his merry laugh but seldom. And yet we have nothing to complain of; they are all doing well, a family that their father and mother, at all events, are proud of. And they have all loving kindness and remembrance for the old folks at home. But oh, the house, albeit it does not cover much ground, is so large, and that table in the dining-room is so long, and I remember so many times when it was not long enough. And we don't like to change it for the little round one, for the children and friends often drop in just at meal time, and we would not for the world have them think there was not room, and so we sit on each side of the center, and make talk and try to be cheerful. And such is the adaptability of the human mind that we shall grow accustomed to it, and, I hope, enjoy a pleasant autumn of life as we totter down life's hill, hand in hand, until we sleep together at its foot, and make room for the next generation to follow in our footsteps, knowing that the Father cares for the work of his hands, in all their times and seasons, and that all will be well.

Pretty and Pert.

A girl has no business to write a love letter if she doesn't know how to spell.

The average literary man seems to think it a sign of genius to have a disorderly desk.

It is hard for a girl to believe that a man isn't sincere when he is paying her a compliment.

This life is what we make it part of the time; the rest of the time is what some woman makes it.

The man who cannot get anything to eat himself is always the one who is most prone to accuse his more fortunate neighbors of gluttony.

Nothing makes a young man of 14 so disgusted with life as to have anybody call him "little boy."

We all of us affect to despise flattery, and there isn't one in a thousand of us who can withstand it.

A pretty woman never looks prettier than when she is mounted on a fine horse but she costs more that way.

If pride of ancestry alone were needed to make man happy, the descendants of Cain could hold their heads up among the best.

Love may level rank, but it is a rank offense, just the same, for the second lieutenant to fall in love with his colonel's daughter.

The man who never does today what he can put off till tomorrow usually has a pretty good time in life, but he doesn't get much done.

No doubt providence has a good reason for making mosquitoes, but a very large part of suffering humanity finds it hard to understand what it was.

Some people spend so much time in enjoying the treasures of other people that they forget altogether how many treasures they have that other people haven't got.

Only a foolish man will pay compliments to a pretty girl. The wise man will pay his compliments to the homely girl; who will appreciate them the more because she isn't so used to them, and who will reward him a hundred-fold.

DR. WILLIAM A. HAMMOND makes some suggestions in the North American Review about how to rest in which intimates that change is only partial rest, and that the varying of occupations of the mind as the farmer rotates his crops will be advantageous, but allowing the mind to lie fallow occasionally like the field much better. "Men and women, like the field of the earth, require change, and, like them require rest," says Dr. Hammond, with considerable pertinency; but he adds that "these objects can never be attained in the way that the average American sets out to get them." There is altogether too much truth in this comment. The idea of rest which the average American possesses is to pack a trunk and sachel in haste, jump on a train and jolt across half the continent to stay a day or two at some fashionable resort and then jolt home again. There is change enough in such a jaun but no rest. If Horace Greeley were alive he would tell the listening world that the way to rest is to rest.

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On cold wintry mornings she escapes the possibility of a call from her better half to arise and kindle the fire and prepare breakfast while he takes another nap.

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But let us see—has she not missed something?

She has never felt the touch of baby fingers, never heard the baby lisp "mamma." She has never taught the little toes at night to watch for "papa," never guided the little feet in their first attempt to walk, nor the little hands to fold in prayer.

She has missed the "one great love" which might have entered her life in youth, for "'tis better to have loved and lost, than never to have loved at all."

Then, when old age and sickness and death comes to her, no tender caressing hand will smooth her path or lessen her sufferings.

Surely she has missed something! and which of us, with all our woes (real and imaginary), would exchange places with her today?

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An Essay on Man.

Man that is borne of woman is small potatoes and few in a hill. He rises up today and flourishes like a rag-weed, and and tomorrow or the next day the undertaker hath him. He goeth forth in the morning warbling like a lark, and is knocked out in one round and two seconds.

In the midst of life he is in debt, and the tax collector pursues him wherever he goeth. The banister of life is full of splinters, and he slideth down with considerable rapidity. He walketh forth in the bright sunlight to absorb ozone, and meeteth the bank teller with a sight draft for $357.

He cometh home at eventide and meeth the wheelbarrow in his path. He riseth up and smiteth him to the earth, and falleth upon him, and runneth one of its legs into his ear.

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He buyeth a watch dog and when he cometh home from the lodge the watch dog treeth him and sitteth near him until rosy morn. He goeth to the horse trot and betteth his money on the brown mare, and the bay gelding with a blaze face winneth.

He marrieth a red-headed heiress with a wart on her nose, and the next day the parent ancestor goeth under with a fee, arrest and great liabilities, and cometh home to live with his beloved son-in-law.—Wichita County Democrat.

THE September issue of the Eclectic Magazine opens with a very appreciative article of the late Canadian statesmen, Sir John Macdonald. Mrs. Lynn Linton's attack on women extremists entitled "The Wild Women Politicians," should attract attention. The article on "Telepathy," by Reginald Courtenay, discusses a topic in great intellectual vogue to-day with much suggestiveness. Sir Henry Parkes speaks with authority on the "Union of the Australias," and Count Tolstoi makes one of his characteristic utterances in "The Right of Revolution." Andrew Lang contributes a charming article on "Life in Homer's Time," and Archibald Forbes contributes a very interesting paper on "A War Correspondent's Reminiscences." The very entertaining and suggestive paper on "Cookery" is always pertinent. Among other papers of special value is the literary study by R. E. Prothero, of Theodore de Banville, and Canon MacColl's discussion of "Morality in Fiction." There are various other articles of interest, among which are striking short stories and poems. Published by E. R. Pelton, 144 Eighth Street, New York. Terms, $5 per year; single numbers, 45 cents; trial subscription for 3 months, $1. Eclectic and any $4 Magazine, $8.

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A Pair Of Robbers.

The soil robber, proper, is considered to be the farmer who persists in taking crop after crop off his land without giving anything in return. He is one of the worst robbers we have, for he is robbing not only himself, but the generations yet to come. He does not rob the dead, but the unborn. The robbers referred to in the caption above, however, are two of the next greatest robbers of fertility of the soil and the life of the plant that we have on the farm. We refer to the milk weed and the morning glory.

The milk weed is quite at home on the old farms and is one which seems to flourish under adversity as well as under more congenial conditions. The cultivator seldom ever takes this weed out, and if one does succeed in breaking it off it puts forth a new top at once. It is as much at home in the corn fields as it is in the oats, and is an eye-sore to what would otherwise be fine fields. It is quite often allowed to mature its seed in the corn field simply because it can not be taken out with the cultivator, and by so doing it is introduced in new territory.

The morning glory is as formidable an enemy, and is even more industrious in its mission of thwarting the intention of the husbandman. It is a plant known to be an early one and if it is not soon eradicated from the field of corn it will soon eradicate the corn. The fight with this weed must be early and late and from year to year, unless the proper means are employed for its eradication.

Either of the above plants can be extirpated by adopting the following plan: If these weeds have become so numerous as to render their habitation unfit for the cultivation of their crops, it must be dealt with in a vigorous manner, and one to which it is not accustomed. The field should be left to its glory until about the first week in June, when the morning glories should be plowed under. A sulky plow is better for this purpose than any other, for it will do better work. The success of the work will be in the proportion that all of the tops of the vines are turned under. This is essential. The field should then be planted to beans or some other crop which will perfect itself in a short time. If the crop can be harvested in time to put to winter wheat or rye it will be all the better. You need never fear of having them longer in your fields. This method of procedure will also eradicate the milk weed, and will hold good with cocklebur if the rye or the wheat stubble is turned under early in the fall before any of the young burs have perfected on the occasional stalks. The morning glory will remain in the clover land until an opportunity presents itself to show its strength, when it will soon be as bad as ever, but when once eradicated from the field it will not return again without being re-introduced.

The Ocean's Floor.

The whole ocean is now mapped out for us. The report of the expedition sent out from London for the purpose of ocean surveys has recently been published. Nearly four years was given to the examination of the currents and the floors of the four great oceans. The Atlantic, we are told, if drained, would be a vast plain with a mountain range in the middle running parallel with our coast. Another range crosses it from Newfoundland to Ireland, on the top of which lies the submarine cable. The ocean is thus divided into three great basins, no longer "unfathomed depths." The tops of these sea mountains are two miles below a sailing ship, and the basins, according to Reclus, almost five miles. These mountains are whitened for thousands of miles by a tiny cream species of shell, lying as thickly on their sides as frost crystals on a snowbank. The deepest parts are red in color, heaped with volcanic masses. Through the black, motionless waters of these abysses move gigantic, abnormal creatures never seen in upper currents.

There is an old legend coming down to us from the first ages of the world on which these scientific deep-sea soundings cast a curious light. Plato and Solon record the tradition, ancient then, of a country in the western seas where flourished the first civilization of mankind, which, by volcanic action, was submerged and lost. The same story is told by the Central Americans, who still celebrate in the Fast of Izcail the frightful catacysm which destroyed a continent loaded with populous cities. Dr. Bourbourg and other eminent archæologists assert that this lost continent extended from the coast of Africa to near the West Indies. The shape of a plateau discovered in surveying the ocean's floor corresponds with this theory exactly. We may yet find the lost Atlantis.—St. Louis Republic.

To Road Overseers.

Among the amended road laws passed by our last legislature, the following sections may be of interest to our road overseers.

SEC. 1. That the road overseer within his district shall erect and keep up a gauge post at the ford of every creek or river that becomes unfortable or impassable at the crossings of the public roads of his district, which post shall be set at low water mark, on which shall be inscribed in plain legible letters or figures together with the scale of feet showing the scale of feet above low water mark to the height of which said stream has known to have risen; and the expense of the same shall be paid by the counties in which the posts are erected, not to exceed $2 for the erection of the same.

SEC. 7,882. It shall be the duty of the road overseer to cause the general work on the roads to be performed between the first day of March and the first day of October of each year, one-half of which shall be performed by the first of July, and it shall be his duty to superintend said work and require of each laborer a faithful performance of duty, and require him to do eight hours of actual service each day and shall furnish to each laborer the necessary tools for working the road provided, that any county court in this state may by order entered of record, suspend the provisions of this section requiring one half of the work to be done prior to the first day of July.

So far the Standard Oil company has bagged every kind of game it has every started after. Some time ago it started out after the German empire and it succeeded in landing the same.

About Your Boys.

Treat your boys as though they were of some importance, if you would have them manly and self-reliant,

Be careful of the little courtesies. You cannot expect your boys to be respectful, thoughtful and kind unless you first set him the example.

If you would have your boy make you his confident, take an active interest in all he does, don't be too critical, and ask for his views and opinions at all times.

Don't keep your boys in ignorance of things they should know. It is not the wholesome truth, but the unwholesome way in which it is acquired that ruins many a young man.

Don't act as if you thought your boy amounts to nothing, nor be continually making comparisons between him and some neighbor's son to his disadvantage; nothing will dishearten him quicker.

Don't think that anything is good enough for the boys and that they don't care for nice things; have their room fixed up as nicely as possible; let them understand it is to be kept in order, and the result will justify your pains.

Furnish your boy with good, wholesome reading matter. Have him read to and with you. Discuss with him what you read and draw out his opinions and thoughts upon the subject. Help him to think early for himself.

Make home a pleasant place; see to it that the boys don't have to go somewhere else to secure proper freedom and congenial companionship. Take time and pains to make them feel comfortable and contented, and they will not want to spend their evenings away from from home.

Pick your son's associates. See to it that he has no friends that you know not about. Take an interest in all his trouble and pleasures, and have him feel perfectly free to invite his friends to the house. Take a little pains to make him and his friends, comfortable and happy. He will not be slow to appreciate it.

Gems of Thought.

The charms of kindness are irresistible; they conquer and captivate, and return with spoil and triumph.

Everybody is making mistakes. Everybody is finding out afterwards that they have made mistakes. But there can be no greater mistake than stopping to worry over a mistake already made.

The secret of the rose's sweetness, of the bird's ecstacy, of the sunset's glory—that is the secret of genius and eloquence.

A secret is too little for one, enough for two, and too much for three.

Life is a shawowy, strange and winding road, on which we travel for a little way—a few short steps, just from the cradle, with its lullaby of love, to the low and quiet wayside inn, where all at last must sleep, and where the only salutation is "good night."

Our shadows become shorter the nearer we approach to the light, and our courage grows less, the nearer we come to the time for action.

Habit is a cable; we weave a thread of it every day, and at last we cannot break it.

Constant complaining brings no sympathy; it produces indifference.

Cowardice asks, Is it safe? Expediency asks, Is it politic? Vanity asks, Is is popular? But conscience asks, Is it right?

Be pleasant and kind to those around you. The man who stirs his cup with an icicle, spoils his tea and chills his own fingers.

A little bit of patience often makes the sunshine come,
And a little bit of love makes a very happy home;
A little bit of hope makes a rainy day look gay,
And a little bit of charity makes glad a weary way.

Uses for old Papers.

Most housekeepers know how invaluable newspapers are for packing away the winter clothing, the printing ink acting as a defiance to the stoutest moth as successfully as camphor or tarpaper. For this reason newspapers are invaluable under the carpet, laid over the regular carpet paper. The most valuable quality of newspapers in the kitchen, however, is their ability to keep out air. It is well known that ice completely enveloped in newspapers, so that all air is shut out, will keep a longer time than under other conditions. In freezing ice cream when the ice is scarce pack the freezer only three-quarters full of ice and salt, and finish with newspapers and the difference in the time of freezing and quality of the cream is not perceptible from the result where the freezer is packed full of ice. After removing the dasher, it is better to cork up the cream and cover it tightly, with a packing of newspapers than to use more ice. The newspapers retain the cold already in the ice better than a packing of cracked ice and salt, which must have crevices to admit the air.—Subscribe for THE SENTINEL $1.50 a year.

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