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There is no doubt that selfishness, as well as self-preservation, predominates in the human creature. The best of us are selfish—many of us unconsciously so. Even in our ways of doing good comes the trail of the serpent. There is one class of bread-winners who suffer greatly at our hands, and this comprises the shop-women, or sales ladies, as they are termed. A few hints for ourselves and others may result in mutual improvement at this Lenten season, when all hearts should soften at the thought of unnecessary suffering; when we should lighten the burdens and help others to live.

Ask in a pleasant way for what you want, and state distinctly what you mean. Do not, as Mrs. X. did, go in a shop and say, "I want some trimmings," as if the girl behind the counter were a mind reader.

Unless you really do not want to buy, it is hardly fair to have the tired arms tumble down piece after piece till the counter is piled mountain high. The girl is paid to get tired. Oh, yes; but if it were your own girl, would you not have mercy?

Sometimes you are in good faith yet fail to be pleased with the stock. All right. These hints are not for legitimate contingencies.

Have a care for even the feelings of a shop girl. Perhaps you have not seen the flush mount and the quick tear start as you vented a cross humor upon some mother's only dependence, her darling. And if of sterner stuff and she, too, shows temper, how unpardonable in her the sin you would pet and foster.

Do not say you can get the goods cheaper elsewhere. If you can, go there. Of all the unwelcome customers the one who "Jews" is an eyesore.

Clerks are human beings, often nervous and tired till the smile they would call up for your benefit

is but a sickly distortion. You know not of that restless night, that sick husband, or fretful babe, or private grief. You do not realize that a day off means docked wages, for business knows no mercy; and dollars and cents have no sympathy. The clerk must stand to his post, else those pushing from behind may crowd into his place. Nothing is easier than to supply vacancies.

There is too much shopping done from carriage windows. Avoid calling out the busy clerks, but go inside, or send some friend who will serve you.

Do your shopping before five o'clock, especially in warm weather. True, the nap at home in your cool corner is hardly going before that hour, and then you must have your breezy drive, fetching up at six o'clock to buy something. This is just right for you; but how about the pale book-keeper back in her little dark, hot pen, obliged to wait till you are gone to record the charges, or the cash, for both must go down? How about the clerks who, having stood idle since dinner, must now fold up and put away and cover with dust spreads every counter in the store, when the hour has come to close doors and go home.

Our readers are all devoted to good words and works. Do not, then, forget the bloodless battles that are daily and hourly fought behind the counters.

Please pay the \$1 you owe for The Record.

A Friend.

Miss Nannie Smith, of Fairlawn, kindly donated five dollars to The Record. It takes money to run it, and every little helps.

The Main Street Church.

The growth of the Main Street Christian church seems almost phenomenal. There is scarcely a Sunday service when one or more does not take membership there, either by letter or confession. The exact number since New Year's Day has not been furnished us.

Our Business Manager.

Mrs. J. W. McConnell writes from Memphis that her health is better. She does not know, perhaps, how her friends miss her and long for her return. The Record thus answers the many questions concerning her.

The Record and the Ladies' Home Journal only \$1.75

The Mary Cecil Kindergarten.

Mr. Howard Gratz, editor of the Lexington Gazette, has established two monuments to the memory of his parents, which are far better than bronze or marble. To die is sad; to be forgotten, sadder still; and nothing so perpetuates the recollection of good men and women as that which calls for the continuance of their good deeds at the hands of worthy successors.

Gratz Park has won its high reputation as a pleasure ground. Here when the present owner was a lad, he played, with a hundred others, while the mother enjoyed their sport. And taking a few lessons in surgery from Dr. Dudley, that mother was wont to bind up the cut fingers, gashed heads and sprained ankles of the headlong clan. When apples were ripe on the farm, she had bushels of them gathered and brought to the park, where they were strewed over the grass, more than enough for even those greedy youngsters.

Mary Cecil Gratz was not only one of the most beautiful women of her day, but was ever active in good work. She was one of the founders of the Orphans' Home. In honor of her virtues her son has established a free Kindergarten at the Industrial School building on N. Upper Street. He employs as teacher, Miss Mary Hamilton, whose worth and ability are well known in the community. The children who gather there are fast learning something besides squalor and misery. Realizing that the only path to the young animal's affections is through its stomach, their benefactor gives them a stick of candy every morning. This ensures a sweet beginning, and the rest is easy. A charity so noble deserves and will doubtless obtain, recognition for generations to come.

Mrs. M. P. Lancaster.

This generous patron of good work breathed her last on the night of the 24th inst. and was laid to rest on the 26th inst. with appropriate ceremonies. In her the poor had a friend, and while she lay nearing the end of her pilgrimage, the old ladies at the Home of the Friendless, which had long known her influence, kept eagerly asking, "How is she?" Truly there is one touch of nature which makes the whole world kin.

Mr. M. A. Cassidy, one of our subscribers, is laboring to establish libraries in the city schools, of which he is Superintendent. The plan is to have each child bring one book, and when gathered in catalogues will be made and officers appointed. Prof. Richards, of Chicago, began a course of lectures for this object on the 3rd of February.