

Our Women and Children

Conducted by Lucille Skaggs Edwards.

START RIGHT—END RIGHT."

Vacation is almost at its close and our boys and girls in the high schools and universities will soon be selecting their courses. Parents often leave this very important task to the judgment of the child. While their wishes should be considered, the parent should guard against any inclination to choose the "easy way" to a diploma. Only a small percentage of the pupils who enter high school complete the work. So very much depends upon the choice of a course and their "sticking to it." True and trite is the saying, "Start right, end right."

The system of electives, while possessing some favorable points, has done much to enervate pupils and has encouraged the seeking of a diploma in an easy way with little regard for an education that will fit them for some definite work in life.

The subjects having been carefully chosen, parents should see to it that children "get busy." Boys and girls cannot frequent places of amusement in the evenings and do efficient work in the classroom next day. Success depends upon earnest and diligent study. Failure must follow neglect and indiscretion, and failure is a thing not to be acquiesced in but to be repaired at the earliest moment, for if yielded to it weakens the resolution and destroys the sense of shame.

Change of plan on account of repulse easily becomes a habit, and so we find many changing from one thing to another, beginning a great many things and accomplishing nothing. Children should not be allowed to abandon any right undertaking that is within the legitimate sphere of their powers.

Proper application will master the subjects chosen. The accomplishment of each task should be the signal for the undertaking of something more difficult. Those who are possessed of this spirit shall neither fail nor be discouraged. L. S. E.

HOME LIFE THE IDEAL.

Home life is the ideal existence. The American home is the center from which radiates all that is good in our social and our commercial intercourse. If the home is destroyed then our American civilization will deteriorate, for that home is the innermost sanctum of the heart. The coo of the baby, the prattle of the children, the songs of the older boys and girls, the smiles of the mother, the complete happiness of the father—these are to be found in the ideal American home. Home is the breeding place of love—its name is synonymous with peace. It breathes the benediction of the Infinite on this mortal world of ours. It is the refuge from the storms of business, the stress of commercialism, the calm harbor where the bark of human happiness may rest gently, where the roar of the angry waves outside sounds as a lullaby to soothe us to our nightly rest. It says to the angry passions of the day, "Thus far shalt thou go and no farther." It epitomizes the saying of the Master, the command of the Nazarene to the tossing waters of the sea, "Peace, be still."—George B. Caldwell.

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ONLY A DAD.

(From the Detroit Free Press.)

Only a dad, with a tired face,
Coming home from the daily race,
Bringing little of gold or fame
To show how well he has played the game,
But glad in his heart that his own
rejoice
To see him come and to hear his
voice.
Only a dad of a brood of four,
One of ten million men or more
Plodding along in the daily strife,
Bearing the whips and scorns of life
With never a whimper of pain or hate
For the sake of those who at home
await.

Only a dad, neither rich nor proud,
Merely one of the surging crowd,
Toiling, striving, from day to day,
Facing whatever may come his way;
Silent, whenever the harsh condemn,
And bearing it all for the love of
them.

Only a dad, but he gives his all
To smooth the way for his children
small;

Doing, with courage stern and grim,
The deeds that his father did for him.
This is the line that for him I pen:
Only a dad, but the best of men.

A Texas paper stands sponsor for
this beautiful petition:

Teach me that sixty minutes make
one hour, sixteen ounces one pound,
and one hundred cents one dollar.

Help me to live so that I can lie
down at night with a clear conscience,
unhaunted by the faces of those to
whom I have brought pain. Teach
me to earn my meal ticket on the
square and in doing so that I may
not stick the gaff where it does not
belong.

Deafen me to the jingle of tainted
money. Blind me to the faults of
others, and reveal to me my own.

Keep me young enough to laugh
with my children and to lose myself
in their play. And then, when comes
the smell of flowers and the tread of
soft steps and the crushing of one
hearse's wheels in the gravel in front
of my place, make the ceremony short
and the epitaph simple: "Here Lies a
Man."



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