

Our Women and Children

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THE CHILD'S POSSIBILITIES.

Mothers are often responsible for many problems of childhood, and for much of its needless waste. Sixteen years of intimate work with children, as well as with parents, have made this fact stand out in a most convincing way: Motherhood—motherhood—mother love, however noble and willing and well-intentioned—is not enough to make the most of our children. The physical experience of motherhood, however wonderful and spiritually elevating, does not automatically equip the mother with a knowledge of the qualities of childhood and the best method of handling them. We must know our children. We must know their powers, their weaknesses, and must know how to direct and develop the first and correct the second; and we must know how to make use of the wealth of material and opportunities that are all about the average child in his everyday world.

Is your child unmanageable? Irresponsible? Irritable? Restless? Nervous? Disobedient? Does your child lie? Does your child have fits of temper? Remember that these distressing faults are only perverted virtues; that behind them are invaluable powers, gifts—splendid material going to waste.

To stop this tragic waste, to make her child perhaps twice what he is today, the average mother need not spend any more time or energy or love than she is today giving to her child. But to her love and devotion she must add definite knowledge; she must take a new attitude toward the child. It is not easy. It requires patience and patience, and endless courage—but, the reward! To develop the child into the complete man or woman—what a work! What a privilege for us mothers!—By Miriam Finn Scott in the Delineator.

"It maybe that you cannot stay
To lend a friendly hand to him
Who stumbles on the slippery way,
Pressed by conditions hard and grim,
It may be that you dare not heed
His call for help, because you lack
The strength to lift him—but you need
Not push him back."

THE BOYS' FRIEND.

An old circus man tells this one:
"The usual crowd of small boys was gathered about the entrance of the tent in a town in Illinois. A benevolent looking old gentleman standing nearby watched them for a few minutes with a beaming eye. Then, walking up to the ticket-taker, he said, with an air of authority:
"Let all these boys in, and count 'em as they pass.'
"The gateman, thinking that the benevolent looking old gentleman was indulging in a bit of philanthropy, did as requested. When the last lad had gone in, he turned and announced: 'Twenty-four, sir.'
"Good," said the benevolent looking old gentleman, as he walked away, 'I thought I guessed right.'"—New York Times.

CUTTING A DIAMOND.

A diamond in the rough looks like a translucent pebble, and nothing more. No one but an expert can tell that it really is a diamond. It has to be cut before its brilliancy is displayed. More than that, its value will depend upon the right sort of cutting.

The angle at which the light strikes and reflects on each facet makes the jewel dazzling or dull, as the case may be. The Kohinoor had to be cut all over again to make it truly the "Mountain of light."

Life is a diamond in the rough, when a boy or girl begins it. It can be made a jewel or be left a mere pebble. Youth is the time to cut the facets and shape the angles of reflection. Diamond cutting is slow, tedious work, every expert knows that. But it has results that are worth all the drudgery. The shaping of one's soul is toilsome. Good habits are not made in a day. Pleasure must often be put aside. But little by little the roughest lot can have light and glory brought into it. Abraham Lincoln's life shows how such things can be done. God gives each human being a soul-gem to shape for this world and the next.—Home and School.

MOTHER THE WIDE WORLD OVER.

By George Cooper.

Hundreds of stars in the pretty sky;
Hundreds of shells on the shore together;
Hundreds of birds that go singing by,
Hundreds of bees in the sunny weather.

Hundreds of dewdrops to greet the dawn;
Hundreds of lambs in the purple clover;
Hundreds of butterflies out on the lawn;
But only one mother the wide world over.

SOUTH SIDE.

(Mrs. Lulu Thornton, Correspondent)
Mr. W. H. Perkins, of 4923 South 26th street, has been quite sick with la grippe this week.

The Monitor is on sale at R. L. Woodward's barber shop, 4831 South 26th street.

The Patriotic Drill given February 26th, was a great success. It was given by Mesdames S. R. Embree and W. H. Scruggs for Club C. of A. M. E. Church. These ladies realized between \$20 and \$25 on this entertainment.

The grand rally held February 27th, by the A. M. E. Church proved a decided success. The Church was divided into two clubs with friends to help. Mrs. S. Severe being one captain, and Mrs. Rev. J. H. Nichols the other. These clubs were each asked to bring in a stipulated amount. Each brought in more than they had been asked to raise. With the proceeds of this rally, which was \$109.45, the Church was able to pay off all her indebtedness. For which we thank God. On the day of the rally, aside from the financial success, we had brought back into the fold of Christ one of our oldest and best citizens of the South Side. This stands out far beyond the financial success.

Rev. W. B. Nichols, of Joplin, Mo., will hold a series of meetings at the Allen Chapel, A. M. E. Church, South Side. Rev. Nichols is reputed to be one of God's revivalists. He has just closed a meeting in Kansas City, where nearly one hundred souls were brought to Christ. Everybody in Omaha is cordially invited to hear him. Let every Christian come out and help us take Omaha for Christ.



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