

Our Women and Children

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A VERY PERSONAL QUESTION.

What can you do? That is a question being thrust upon millions of women who never expected to be forced to earn their own bread and butter or to support children. There are thousands of pathetic cases of women turned from competence to want, of mothers with no money-earning experience suddenly driven to find some means of satisfying the hunger of their little ones. It is an appalling lesson that the world is witnessing, but its value should not be lost. Today you may have comfort and ease and even riches. What would happen if all these should be taken away? What one special thing could you do? Remember that in the world's workshop many of the things you count of high worth have little cash value. Accomplishments are all well in their way, but they will not get you a weekly wage, and will not pay rent and grocery bills. Now is the time for the home training to go strong on actualities. Every girl as well as every boy, should be taught to do practical work that can be turned into money if need be. It may be one of the domestic qualifications, such as cooking, sewing, or gardening, or a clerical efficiency in bookkeeping, stenography, or typewriting that will have a definite value; but it should be something that will enable the possessor of the training to use it for dollars and cents. And whatever it is, more than mediocrity should be aimed at. The demand is for expertness, and expertness pays.

The tragedy of the day is the untrained girl left to shift for herself. The untrained mother with dependent children is a deeper sorrow of the same kind. Put the question straight to yourself and keep it there until you can answer it safely.—Woman's World.

Whatever the wage of the world may be

At the close of the toiling day,
For a task too slight for the world to see.

As it measures men's work for pay,
He is rich in the tribute of rarer lands

That reckon world's wage above—
In the touch of a woman who understands—

In the thought of a woman's love.

—Charlotte Louise Rudyard.

ARE YOU?

By Will S. Alkin.

"Whilst walking down a crowded city street the other day,
I heard a little urchin to a comrade say—

'Say, Chimmie, let me tell youse, I'd be happy as a clam

If I only was de feller dat me mudder tinks I am.

She tinks I am a wonder, and she knows her little lad

Could never mix wit' nuttin' that was ugly, mean or bad.

Oh, lots o'times I sit and tink how nice 'twould be, gee whizz!

If a feller wuz de feller dat his mudder tinks he is.'

My friend, be yours a life of toil or undiluted joy,

You still can learn a lesson from this small unlettered boy.

Don't try to be a saint alone, with eyes fixt on a star,
Just try to be the fellow that your mother thinks you are."

THE FATHER'S PLACE.

"No matter what it is that cheats the father out of his rights and duties, the household is far from ideal where the mother rules and manages everything. It is not the way to bring up boys and girls and there is no getting around that fact. The father is the head of the household, and if he is crowded out of his position everything suffers.

"I have known boys of sixteen to announce calmly that they never intended to marry simply because they thought every home had to be conducted as theirs was. Not having sufficient power of observation, and absolutely no experience, they concluded that a married man was the silent partner in the home.

"Since the children belong jointly to both parents, the joys and duties and worries and cares connected with rearing them to manhood and womanhood should be equally shared. The tender heart and biased judgment of the mother need to be corrected and held in check by the justice and firmness of the father, if the boys and girls are to be well balanced and unselfish. Only in this way can the ideal home exist."—Exchange.

At the end of three weeks of married life a southern ducky returned to the minister who had performed the ceremony and asked for a divorce. After explaining that he could not grant divorces the minister tried to dissuade his visitor from carrying out his intention of getting one.

"You must remember, Sam, that you promised to take Liza for better or worse."

"Yassir, I know dat, boss," rejoined the ducky, "but—but she wuss dan I took her for."—Everybody's.

TURNER-PERRY.

On Thursday evening, January 27, 1916, Mrs. Maymie Jasper gave in marriage her daughter, Carrie Belle, to Mr. Warwick Turner, at her home, 2813 Cuming street. At 8:30 o'clock the victrola pealed forth the wedding march and Mrs. Robert Dixon, the matron of honor, entered wearing a beautiful dress of white embroidered voile with white satin trimmings and a corsage bouquet of pink carnations. Next the groom entered with his best man. They wore conventional suits. Mr. W. H. Coleman was best man.

Last the bride entered, leaning on the arm of her mother. The bride was a picture of rare beauty in a shadow lace gown with over-bodice and tunic of light blue silk charmeuse trimmed with pink rosebuds. She carried a bouquet of bridal roses.

Rev. W. T. Osborne performed the ceremony.

The mother was beautifully gowned in a handsome black chiffon taffeta with blue trimming. The house was decorated in ferns and pink carnations. The register was kept by Mrs. D. W. Gooden. There was a large number of friends present and the bride was the recipient of many handsome and useful presents.



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