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LITTLE BOOK WORM

IGNORANT PARENTS CONSIDER READING UNIMPORTANT.

Should Have Proper Light—Children Fitted With Reading Glasses Never Suffer With Weak or Inflamed Eyes.

In almost every household there is one member of the family who is the "book worm," or student, who steals off for a quiet hour with some loved author, and who, in spite of being forbidden, is often found burning the "midnight oil," which is frequently contained in an old smoky lamp, or sometimes reading by nothing better than the flickering light of a candle or by the fireside—by any light, in fact, that will enable them to decipher the beloved print.

People who have no inclination for improving their minds think this is but a waste of valuable time, and many children whose hungry intellects crave the food found in good books, are deprived of this joy by narrow-minded parents, and are made to feel that they are stealing time whenever they pick up a book.

Many of our brainiest lawyers and men of letters were, in their childhood, forced to gain their knowledge under the greatest difficulties. Curbed by ignorant parents in their passion for study, and forced to do uncongenial work and read at odd moments stolen from their labor, they still managed to climb the ladder of knowledge and fame, but the struggle is a long and bitter one under such circumstances.

A child who displays this fondness for books and study should be encouraged; not, however, to the extent of injuring his health, as is very apt to be the case, by having too little exercise, and care should be taken that the light is properly adjusted and that no strain is felt upon the eyes, which are often seriously injured by attempting to read by a dim light or by twilight.

If the child's eyes are naturally inclined to be a little weak and look inflamed, reading glasses should be used, which will be found of inestimable value and comfort and will often obviate the necessity of wearing permanent glasses later on, as the eyes are aided in their extra work and all strain or fatigue is prevented. Students, as a rule, are obliged to adopt spectacles at an early age, owing to the excessive work their eyes have been called upon to do, and this could often be prevented by the use of reading glasses before the delicate nerves and muscles have had time to become weakened.

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GLORIOUS NEWS

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IN THE DIAMOND ROOMS.

Quiet Places Where Customers May Make Selections Leisurely and in Seclusion.

Most people would find in the jeweler's showcases things as beautiful and as costly as they wanted to buy; in some establishments there would be found here things ranging in prices up to thousands of dollars for single articles; but there are people who want things that more costly still, or who, it may be, upon one occasion or another do not want to make selections in a public place. These customers the experienced salesman would be able to recognize every time with practically unerring certainty, and at the proper stage in the showing of the goods he would suggest that the firm had other articles that he would like to show them where they could look at them more at their leisure, says the New York Sun.

The rooms in which the articles would be shown in such circumstances, and which would be in the establishment itself, might be called diamond rooms, or diamond parlors, though probably small and simply furnished. A room for this use might be a little apartment—ten or 12 feet square, carpeted and provided with a table upon which the goods could be placed, and comfortable chairs. There would be also, very probably, upon the table a pair of scales in a glass case, upon which jewels can be weighed; and there would be also upon the table writing materials, so that checks might be conveniently written.

To one sitting comfortably in such a room the salesman would bring from safes near at hand such treasures of the house as the customer might desire to see; bringing into the little room, very likely, the drawer in which the jewel to be shown was kept in the safe, and setting the drawer down upon the table and taking from it the jewel for inspection. If the intending purchaser was looking for a pearl necklace, for instance, there might be brought to him here one, a simple string long enough to go around the neck, worth \$20,000; simple, but very beautiful. Then there might be shown to him a necklace of pearls of the same size, and counting, it might be, the same number on the string, worth \$30,000, the greater price due to their superior perfection of skin and color. Seen separately, the difference between the necklaces would not be noted; seen together, it was manifest. The \$20,000 necklace was still very beautiful, but a stronger term than that would be needed to describe the simple beauty of the other. Incidentally one might learn that of fine pearls it is difficult to get enough to supply the demand.

Here might be seen a sapphire and pearl pendant, to wear on a necklace, \$11,500. Another pendant, composed of a pearl, a diamond and an emerald, \$28,000. Still another pendant, an emerald and a pearl, and both small, \$13,500. But size doesn't count in any of these things so much as perfection and beauty do. In this emerald and pearl pendant the pearl is pear-shaped and perfect in quality and shade; a pearl rare and difficult to match. And here is another pendant, a little ruby, pigeon blood, with a pear-shaped pearl suspended from it, \$24,000; and so on. Many things at various prices, not all so costly as these, by any means, and some more so. It would not be counted as remarkable to sell a purchaser sitting here in comfort and surveying these beautiful things, quite at leisure, a jewel or jewels to the value of \$50,000, these being bought most likely to be given away.

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Hints for Home Decoration.

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Kills, Then Cures.

The pork packer has a queer way of doing business. After killing a hog he cures it.—Chicago Daily News.

Old papers for sale at this office.

ROYAL HOW D'Y-DOS.

Etiquette Demands That Sovereigns Shall Not Do in Society as Other People Do.

If you were a mere monarch you would have to salute each person according to rules laid down painfully by men who have studied these things out for you and your brother monarchs, says London Tit-Bits.

Were you the emperor of Austria the only sign of your friendship that you could give to an ordinary mortal would be to bend your head slightly and smile faintly. You might give your hand to other sovereigns or to ministers or to particular friends, but ceremony prescribes that if you do such a rare thing you must merely lay your august fingers into their trembling palms and then withdraw them. If they act after the ceremony as if frost-bitten you have lived up to the traditions of the imperial house.

The car is permitted to give his hand to rulers only. But he has a great comfort. It is not only his prerogative, but his duty, according to court etiquette, to kiss his cousins, and as most of his cousins are females, it is a duty that is the reverse of unpleasant. There was terrible trouble among the old ladies of the Russian court when President Faure of France was on his way to make a visit to St. Petersburg. "He is a ruler," said one, "consequently our august master must shake him by the hand." "No!" said others, shocked beyond measure. "No! His father was only a person in trade and he himself was only a tanner. Our czar cannot shake such a creature by the hand!"

So acute did this question become, his majesty finally received the president in private, and his form of greeting was kept secret.

Novel Railway.

In the western part of British Columbia is a novel railway, two miles in length. The rails are made of trees from which the bark has been stripped, and these are bolted together. Upon them runs a car with grooved wheels ten inches wide.

A Good Cough Medicine.

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Value of Rubies.

"It is impossible to set any definite value of rubies at present," said a New Orleans jeweler, reports the Times-Democrat. "The mines were exhausted several years ago, and the few fine stones that remain on the market are worth whatever one chances to ask. They are far more valuable than diamonds—in fact, the price is purely arbitrary, depending chiefly on how badly the purchaser wants the gem. The last mines to be worked were in Siam, but they are now entirely closed down. Practically the same thing may be said of emeralds. A few find their way to the dealers now and then, but the supply has dwindled to almost the vanishing point, and to secure a fine specimen is purely a matter of luck. They are no longer kept in stock by the wholesalers, and when one turns up it brings a fancy figure. I am speaking, of course, of first-class stones. Both rubies and emeralds vary enormously in quality. Sometimes it is hard to tell just what they lack, but its absence is unmistakable, and constitutes the difference between a true gem and a mere colored stone. For example, I have a four-carat emerald that I have tried to sell for \$100. It is a pretty stone, and seems outwardly to be perfect, but it lacks something. I have seen four-carat emeralds sell for \$600. They were the same size, same weight, same shape, same color as the one I have, but, ah!—the difference!"

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