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YOUNG FOLKS' COLUMN.

AN OBLIGING LITTLE GIRL WHO DID NOT UNDERSTAND ETIQUETTE.

The Shortest Grammar of the English Language in Existence—The Queen of England's Dogs and How They Are Cared For.

Domestic pets are a never ending source of
amusement, not only to children but to
grown up people as well. The lively com-
panionship of dogs is gratifying to every-
body, and to watch the graceful antics of
dogs and kittens has been the solace of great
minds, like Frederick the Great, Voltaire,
and others in their moments of leisure.

Her majesty, the queen of England, is a
great dog lover, and various breeds are
represented in the canine part of her house-
hold. The collie is the dog which the queen
has raised into the most popular favorite.



THE QUEEN'S PUGS.

The old fashioned pugs, which came with
her majesty's ancestors from Holland, are
also great favorites at court, and especially
appreciated by the queen's grandchildren.
Bosko is attached to the young Prince of
Battenberg, and Mistress Rooney, whose
picture and that of her puppies is given in
the cut, belongs to the little Princess Mar-
garet of Connaught, who loves to pull and
crumple the soft, pliable skin of the good
natured pup.

The queen's dogs are well ruled and cared for.
They are not over pampered, fed at
night only, and groomed daily. They walk with
the queen in the grounds, and are admitted
to her rooms and society.

A Very Easy Grammar.

The grammar in poetry here presented is
without doubt the briefest one of the English
language in existence, and any one ought to
commit the lines to memory:

Three little words you often see,
Are articles a, an and the.

II.
A noun's the name of anything,
As school or garden, hoop or swing.

III.
Adjectives, the kind of noun,
As great, small, pretty, white or brown.

IV.
Instead of nouns the pronouns stand—
Her head, his face, your arm, my hand.

V.
Verbs tell something to be done—
To read, count, laugh, sing, jump or run.

VI.
How things are done the adverbs tell,
As slowly, quickly, ill or well.

VII.
Conjunctions join the words together,
As men and women, wind or weather.

VIII.
The preposition stands before
A noun, as in, or through the door.

IX.
The interjection shows surprise,
As Oh! how pretty, Ah! how wise.

The whole are called nine parts of speech,
Which reading, writing, speaking teach.

X.
The Poison of Human Teeth.

The poison conveyed by human teeth is reported one of the most annoying that physicians have to deal with. One of them says: "I have under my attention severe and most complicated cases of blood poisoning, in which the patient had but slightly abraded the hand in the course of a fight by striking the knuckles against the teeth of his opponent. I have known hands thus poisoned only saved from amputation by the application of all the resources of science. Tobacco or whisky or derangement of the stomach from many other causes may be responsible for this poisonous condition of the teeth."

XI.
Remedy for Gall Stones.

Dr. Robert Sabin recommends a teaspoonful of bicarbonate of sodium in a tumbler of water, drink at intervals through the day, to correct the acidity of the system, which he asserts to be the cause of the formation of gall stones.

XII.
SOCIAL ETIQUETTE.

How the American Young Man Makes
Himself Presentable and Agreeable.

"If a young man has some accomplishment, if he can sing a good song, has a pleasant faculty for private theatricals, a neat trick at elocution and especially, if he be a good dancer, he is much helped along in society," affirms Mrs. Sherwood. However, the same authority adds that if he be intelligent and well mannered, he gets on without any of these helps, but they are undoubtedly an assistance. Above all he must never be fatigued, disgusted, bored or anguished in the society of ladies.

According to the etiquette of the east, as stated by Mrs. Sherwood, a young man should seek first to know the mother of the young ladies whom he admires and wishes to visit. He should on a first visit send in his card. After his first visit he can dispense with that ceremony. In an evening visit he should always be in full evening dress—black dress coat, vest and trousers, faultless linen, and a white cravat. A black cravat is permissible, except at dinner. He may carry his hat and gloves in his hand. As giving him something to hold, a cane also is a great help to a shy man. His feet should be in low shoes and silk stockings if he wishes to be very nice. This is not indispensable for dancing, but it is very becoming. A white cravat is indispensable for dinner or ball. No jewelry of any kind excepting shirt studs and rings. The hand should be especially cared for, no matter how big and red and masculine it is, if it is clean; the nails beautifully cut and trimmed. Like Lord Byron's, if possible, "a rose leaf, with half a moon in it," such should be his nails. If he is asked to form a theatre party, he must be punctual, in full dress, taking any place his hostess may offer him. He must not ask to be allowed to send a carriage, or to pay for his ticket; his hostess does all that. In this eastern and western etiquette are at variance.

XIII.
The Well-Bred Girl.

A social authority gives prominence to the following as things of which a well-bred girl is never guilty:

She never laughs or talks loudly in public places.

She never turns around to look after any one when walking on the street.

She never accepts a seat from a gentleman in a street car without thanking him.

She never takes more than a single glass of wine at dinner or entertainment.

She never smokes other young ladies, even if they happen to be less popular or well favored than herself.

She never raises her lorgnette and tries to stare people she doesn't know out of countenance on the street.

XIV.
Agree with People When You Against.

A disagreeable trait to be guarded against is the habit peculiar to some people of always being on the opposite side of a question. Call attention to the good points of a book, a person, a public movement, a work of art, or what not, and this individual is ever ready to interpose, "Yes—but—"

XV.
Application to Check Bleeding.

A solution of chloroform in cold water applied to bleeding or wounded parts is among recent means in use for checking the flow of blood.

PHYSIOLOGY AND HYGIENE.

Some Useful Suggestions on Whitening and Softening the Skin.

For whitening the skin few things are more highly esteemed in the feminine world than almond paste. This, however, should be the real article, and not a compound of lard or other fatty substances with almond oil. A recipe for pure almond paste, together with useful advice on the care of the hands, is given as follows by The Lady:

For hands that are coarse and red the following treatment will soon effect a change, but it must be persevered in, as it is quite impossible to change the color and texture of the skin in a few days. Your first precaution must be to use warm water always; but if you are subject to rheumatism or chilblains let it be of medium warmth only. Keep a pot of fine oatmeal and a puff on your washing stand, dry the hands with a bath towel, rub briskly and dust with oatmeal. At night use rather warmer water, apply a flesh or ordinary nail brush all over the hands, and when quite dry apply almond paste and sleep in easy fitting gloves.

To make good almond paste obtain of bitter and sweet almonds two ounces each, pound 'em in a mortar and work up with half an ounce of Windsor soap cut in fine shreds. To this add two drams of spermaceti and half an ounce of oil of almonds, oil of bergamot twelve drops. Subject to gentle heat, stir well and cool in china pots.

A mixture of honey, lemon juice and can do cologne is exceedingly useful to whiten the hair, when discolored by sun, wind or work, and may be kept mixed for the purpose in a small toilet jar. Take a wine-glassful of each ingredient and mix well; then pour into the jar and keep closely corked. This may be applied night or day, and the inside of the fingers rubbed with pumice stone.

When the hands are of good color, but the skin lacks softness, glycerine is useful, but it has no effect on the color. The hands may be greatly improved in texture if, after the nightly wash, they are well coated with glycerine and dipped into oatmeal or well powdered with the same. Gloves are of course necessary, and should fit well at the wrist, otherwise the loose oatmeal becomes disagreeable.

Brain is supposed to have great influence on the skin, and some manicures advise glycerine and bran that have been stewed in water. The brain is used quite moist.

When to Keep the Eyes Shut.

We are told to keep our eyes ever open, but it is often well to keep them shut. One of the chief causes of nervous disease is the straining of the eyes and the constant tension of the mind. When stretched out in the barber's chair do not try to read a newspaper, but close your eyelids under the soothing undulations of the father brush, or the dreamy sensation of the shampoo, with the darkie's big hands gliding over your pate. In a railway carriage, instead of staring out your sockets at the landscape that is being torn into shreds before you, fold your arms, bow your head, and listen to the whirr of the wheels that make an accompaniment to the wordless song crooning in your heart. Again, in the concert room, in place of surveying the audience critically, or watching the beauty of the singer behind the footlights, shut your eyes once more and let the music sink into your soul, rocking it on waves of emotion, and waiting it insensibly into the ideal world.

The Moon and the Weather.

Superstitions concerning the effect of the moon on the earth are very common, but are wholly without foundation in reality. The relation of the moon to the earth is simply that of a satellite, whose attraction has an important influence on the motion in its orbit, and on the shifting level of its oceans, causing the tides. It might be supposed that if the moon can attract the water upon the surface of the earth she can also attract its atmosphere, and thus, through movement of the air currents, have a perceptible influence upon the weather. But investigation shows upon the weather. But investigation shows that the aerial mass is in no way confined in estuaries or gulfs, its tide caused by external attraction must be slight. So far as can be indicated by the barometer it is too small to be worth reckoning, being less than .001 of an inch.

Pawnbrokers' and Barbers' Signs.

The pawnbroker's sign is supposed to be derived from the arms of the corporation of Lombards, or from the armorial bearings of the Medici family, the wealthiest Lombard merchants. In former times the barbers' craft was conjoined with the art of surgery. The sign consisted of a striped pole, from which was suspended a basin. The fillet around the pole indicated the ribbon for bandaging the arm in bleeding, and the basin the vessel for receiving the blood. Blood letting and drawing teeth were practiced by early barbers.

Blue Hen's Chickens.

In the revolutionary war Col. Smallgood's Delaware regiment was attired in blue, and the soldiers, being spirited fellows and good soldiers, to distinguish them from the Virginia Game Cock's, were called "chickens of the Blue Hen." The name at length was applied to all the soldiers of that state, whence it has been adopted as a common appellation of any citizen of Delaware.

The Word Negro.

Negro is pure Spanish for black, and is derived from the Latin word Nigrar-black. The Spaniards being near Africa, appropriated the word to the inhabitants of that continent in early times. They applied it more particularly to slaves and hence the English application of the said term to the black skinned race.

Blue-Eyed Presidents.

It is said that all the presidents of the United States, except Gen. Harrison, had blue eyes. Among the great men of the world blue eyes appear to have been predominant. Socrates, Shakespeare, Locke, Bacon, Milton, Goethe, Franklin, Napoleon and Humboldt, all had blue eyes.

Uniforms of '76.

The uniforms of English and American officers during the Revolutionary war were as follows: English wore scarlet or blue, according to arm of service they commanded. Trousers, white in summer, blue in winter. Americans blue and drab. See G. W.'s small clothes.

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