

DON'T RIDICULE BOY

ORISON SWETT MARDEN GIVES SOME GOOD ADVICE.

Well for Parents to Respect Dreams of Future Greatness Which May Enter Youngster's Mind—How Much Injury Is Done.

Many a boy has gone to bed in tears because his father criticized or denounced his effort at playing the violin; made fun of a simple little composition or story which he wrote; discouraged his attempt to make some little mechanical device, or threw a wet blanket on his dreams, laughing at his prediction of what he would do in the future, writes Orison Swett Marden in Success Magazine.

A man who has recently come into great prominence in his profession says that when, tremblingly, he told his father what he wanted to be, he was told that a padded cell was the only place for a boy with such crazy ideas, and that he was forced for years to do that which God had forbidden in every fiber of his being, and against which every drop of blood in him protested.

The father who has made up his mind that his son must continue his business and keep his estate intact, is not in a position to decide on the boy's bent—his special aptitude. He is prejudiced at the very outset.

The reason why there are so many mediocre men and women in the world, and so many failures, is because they never found their right places.

Everywhere we see men and women, capable of much better things, who were discouraged and diverted from their natural bent when young. Their own families did not take stock in them; they laughed at their young ambitions, and strangled their aspirations, either by harsh treatment, or what is even worse, ridicule; and their teachers did not understand them.

You cannot read the sealed message which God has wrapped up in your boy or girl, and you should regard it as sacred. You should respect the dreams of future greatness of your son, because the Creator may have intended him for a grand and far-reaching mission. You cannot tell what is going on in his mind; you cannot tell what possibilities are locked in his brain. He may be perfectly conscious at this moment that he was intended for a much higher place in the world than you are occupying yourself, and to denounce him, to scoff at his dreams, to laugh at his predictions for the future may be a source of great humiliation to you some day. It may also work incalculable injury to your boy. A thousand times better strike him with your hand than blast his hopes by ridicule or by a cruel, chilling, cutting word.

Flower Dances for Children.

French mothers have been showing unwonted ingenuity this winter in dressing their darlings for the popular flower dances which are now the fashion for juvenile society and carry all before them. Generally a number of blooms are selected, and these are called bouquet parties. The charm of these parties is that the little people are well suited to represent flowers. Parisian society has gone daffodil over some of the designs and also the beauty of some of the children. Their dresses are floral, of course. Trails of blooms are draped together from the waists, the ends floating on the airy skirts, or loose petals are scattered all over the material. But this gives little idea of the chic and the detail of the dress or of the human floweret that carries it off. Nothing has so hit the French taste as these flower dances, and many of the elder spectators have grown quite sentimental about them.

Demand for Professional Mourner.

The professional mourner who can be hired in many European cities to follow in the funeral procession and look grief-stricken is usually secured through burial societies. These furnish men and women, and sometimes both, dressed in keeping with the desire of the family of the late lamented. They also weep to order. At homes where self control is deemed a virtue there is no loud demonstration or sorrow, but where the real mourners are emotional and give way to weeping they are usually outdone by the professionals. An undertaker in Dela-ware furnished mourners several times recently, and the experiment was so successful, the stricken families were so well pleased with the manner in which the mourning parties had been augmented, that the funeral director has determined to enter the professional mourner's business with hopes for success.

That Wireless Signal.

The family circle was discussing the Republic disaster and the now famous "C Q D" signal sent out by Jack Binns that carried to the world the fateful news.

"Say, pa, what does that 'C Q D' really mean?" asked the youngest boy.

Pa continued reading. "Aw, I know what it means," spoke up the elder brother. "It's this: 'Come Quick, We're Drowning!'"

Rather Slow.

"She is receiving attentions from a young lawyer and also from a young doctor."

"Which is ahead?" "They're both somewhat backward. The lawyer asks merely hypothetical questions and the doctor only seems to hold her hand to take her pulse."

PERSIAN WOMEN SHOW BRAVERY

Give Up Their Lives on the Field in Cause of Liberty.

It is a remarkable sign of the times that even in eastern countries such as Turkey and Persia the women are in the van of the political movements of the day.

In Persia they take part in the struggle for a constitution, and that they are willing and ready to lay down their lives for the cause is shown by a report from the Teheran correspondent of the St. Petersburg Russ, according to which, after the latest fight that took place outside the city of Tabriz between the royalists and the constitutional forces, the casualties among the latter included 67 women disguised as men who were found dead in the field.

The hero of the day was one Sata Khan, the military leader of the reform movement, who has been regarded for some time past by the people as the one and only possible deliverer of Persia. It appears that two days after the shah had annulled the constitution previously granted, Ahmed-Dowleh, the shah's commander, took the offensive, advanced on Tabriz and shelled the town, inflicting a loss of 100 killed and wounded on the revolutionaries. Then Sata Khan headed a sortie from the town.

His horsemen, covered by artillery, charged the shah's troops, including the Russian Gen. Latkoff's Cossacks, took them by surprise and routed them. The revolutionaries followed up their victory, pursuing Ahmed-Dowleh's troops for 13 miles and capturing 12 guns, besides provisions and ammunition. The casualties on both sides amount to about 2,000.

For the moment affairs have quieted down, but it can only be a lull before a greater storm. The news of the severe defeat of the shah's troops has spread rapidly throughout the country and has enormously strengthened the reformers.

Japan Beautiful in the Spring.

To a person contemplating a trip to Japan I would advise that he come in the spring. About the first of April the cherry blossom season is on, followed by the flowering of the azalea and wistaria, and the parks and forests are beautiful, but in the winter there is little to be seen in the way of color. The cities and towns are an almost continuous aggregation of unpainted shanties with picturesque roofs of tile or thatch, while the fields beyond are generally covered with water as a preparation for the next planting of rice. The picture is odd and interesting, but not beautiful. Travel through the country is cheap and fairly comfortable, the passenger cars are small and arranged in compartments like those used in Europe. Good hotels, conducted like our hotels on the "American plan," are to be found in every place you will care to visit, but outside the cities their lack of heating facilities will be noticeable and in the winter will result in suffering.—From a Kobe, Japan, Letter to the Denver Post.

Submarine Photography.

A French engineer, M. Paau, is making remarkable submarine pictures at Havre, France, where the water, except near the surface, is very muddy. His camera is contained in a sheet steel cylinder 20 inches long and 10½ inches in diameter. The front is covered by plate glass. Into the rear of the camera runs a tube which extends to the surface of the water, and it is through this that the engineer changes the plates and focuses the lens. Illumination is furnished by flashlights contained in a thick glass globe, which is also connected with the surface by a tube. The shutter and flash work simultaneously. The complete apparatus weighs about four pounds, but when in the water is held down by additional weights ranging from twenty to forty pounds. The apparatus is painted as near the color of the water as possible, so as not to arouse the inquisitiveness of the fish.—Popular Mechanics.

Era of "a Bath with Every Room."

"A bath with every room" is the American idea of the "comfortable" hotel. It would be difficult to knock it out of the public's mind, now it has worked in, but pray remember the days when great-grandfather washed in a tin basin no bigger than a finger bowl. Go and look at the tiny corner washstand in the Paul Revere house and see what that hero used for maintaining cleanliness of person! The ablutions of our forefathers were not extensive, it is true, but they told in the "high thinking" that was kept up in those days of low living. Private residences are not thought first-class unless supplied with elaborate bathrooms on every floor, and the bathtub itself, hewn from Carrara marble or made of porcelain, must be of heroic size, large enough to drown any ordinary family.—Boston Herald.

Pessimistic.

"Well, what be you kickin' about now?" queried the cross-roads store-keeper. "You sure have good crops an' the prices are good enough, I reckon." "Yass," rejoined the old farmer, "th' crops air good, but ef I sell now th' prices air bound t' go up, an' ef I wait fer 'em t' git higher they air bound t' git lower, so I can't help losin' enny way yew figger it, by grass!"

On th' Trail.

Tramp—Lady, I'm near perishing from exposure.
Lady—Are you a congressman or a senator?—Town Topics.

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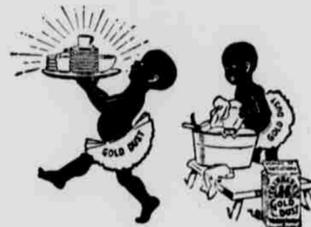
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