

Literary Column



LIVING BEAUTIFULLY
(C. L. S.)

"No one but yourself can make life beautiful, no one can be pure, honorable and loving for you."—J. R. Miller.

There are people who save an outward attitude of kindness, courtesy, forbearance and appreciation for those in street, store or acquaintances. In the home—that little world of their own—their best traits are laid upon the shelf with their hat, and all the uncontrolled nagging, faultfinding, sarcasm, and petty hopefulness of their nature is let loose on the members of the family.

Beautiful living should be practiced at home, among those we love most, and where humor, gentle speech, understanding, courtesy, and praise are most deserved.

The humblest home may radiate contentment, cheerfulness, comradeship. Beautiful living must begin within ourselves; practiced at home religiously then our conduct in the world will take care of itself.

One must "seek beauty." It is everywhere for us to see and enjoy. Keep worries and fears away in the background as far as possible.

Psychologists tell us of the harmful effects of fear on the mental and physical health of children. Yet these bogies of fear, worry, and "depression" are constantly taking away the feeling of safety and refuge which a child should have for his home.

Guest Column

THE WORLD OF BOOKS

A world of Books is a feature column added to our publication by Mrs. Edith Hickman, a former teacher in the Lincoln schools.

Mrs. Hickman, with her years of experience with juveniles, will place first emphasis on their interest. She is associated with the Book Mart, 141 No. 13 and has first hand information.

When we try to select a book for a child, we must not think of what is pleasant for ourselves. We must think of the child, his age, his interests and his needs. Many books are "good books", but they must be "good for something." A book can teach a child, can keep him busy, can amuse him, can furnish new scenes or experiences. A book may be amusing, but it must be in good taste. It may be a tale of adventure, in no particular location, but it must not give a wrong notion of human relations. It must hold up right ideas.

The individual child must be studied in order to decide whether or not a book is suitable for him. If it "shoots over his head," it is too old for the reader; if it is too simple, it will not hold his attention.

A child's interests are ever changing, which means that a book that suits him this year, will not please him next year. New interests are always coming into his life as he grows and gains experience.

One thing is sure, if a child is to like books, and like to read, he must begin when he is very small. Books with pictures of familiar things printed in bright colors will please the very young child.

It need not have much of a story. Words are hardly necessary. But he will learn to handle books and care for them.

Later he will like to have simple stories read aloud to him. Many of these, he will learn to repeat. Most of us remember our Mother Goose Rhymes from childhood, and still like to sing the happy little songs that our mothers crooned to us. There are books of nursery songs that little tots love.

Such little books do not cost much. They are beautiful written and the pictures are true to life. Besides, they are not easily torn or spoiled. There is something for every child. The "very best for the youngest" is a safe motto. A liking for good reading is very important through out life, and we must begin very early in their lives of we are to teach our children to like to read.

Birthdays

Birthdays Nov. 17 thru Nov. 29
Mrs. Estelle Davis, Mrs. Zeola Hamond, Miss Katherine Thompson, Mrs. Ida Hassel, Mrs. Mary Scott, Mrs. Lucy Hubbard.

Grand Island News

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Williams of Fremont, were guests of Mr. Sam Camper Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Camper, formerly of Beatrice, Nebr., united with Solomon A. M. E. Church on Sunday.

Evangelist Belva Spicer, pastor of Solomon A. M. E. Church delivered a most inspiring message Sunday evening. Superintendent Gerald Henderson was in charge of Sunday School.

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