

THE QUIET HOUR

The Trend of Reading.

More and more clearly it is recognized that the public today is being educated by the publications of general circulation. Greater responsibility, therefore, rests on the publisher for the production, and on the reader for his selection, of periodicals.

The present multitude of periodicals has this serious disadvantage: we are tempted to use our leisure, not the thorough and fruitful reading of one, but in the careless and unproductive skimming of many. If in the home there are young people with mental habits yet unformed, it is especially better to have not many periodicals, but a few, each one of which has been thoughtfully selected.

What periodicals we do have should be the best. In determining which these are we should be sure, first of all, that the weekly paper or the magazine for which we subscribe is edited not merely for the selfish interest of the proprietor, but really for us. The publisher of a popular periodical is under a constant temptation to sacrifice the interest of his readers to the desire to gain greater circulation. Under the plea that he must give his readers "what they want," he surrenders his moral self-respect and shirks his plain duty as a public servant. The publisher concerned chiefly for the commercial value of a large circulation has not the courage to give to the conscientious editing which insists upon the best work of the best minds. He is in the shameful position of one who uses the great moral instrument which he controls solely for his private gain.—Youth's Companion.

The Cost of a Boy.

I read the other day it costs nearly a thousand pounds to bring up a London boy, and educate and dress him well. I said to myself, "that is because everything in the city has to be bought, and living is high." But I began to study the thing, and I found that even a country boy costs his parents a good deal.

When you count what a boy eats and what he wears, and the school books he must have, the doctor bills which have to be paid when he gets the scarlet fever or the measles, he will cost his folks at home at least one hundred dollars a year. If a boy is given to breaking things, kicking the toes out of his boots, and so on, he costs more than that; and so that when I am twenty-one and old enough to do for myself, I shall have cost father more than two thousand dollars.

Mother cooked my food and made my clothes and patched them, washed and ironed for me, took care of me when I was a little fellow and whenever I was sick, and she never charged anything for that. If she were dead and father had to pay for all that, it would have cost another hundred dollars a year more, and that two thousand dollar's worth of work mother will have done for me by the time I am a man.

Four thousand dollars for a boy! What do you think of that? These are hard times. When parents put four thousand dollars into a boy, what have they a right to expect of him? Is it fair for a boy to play truant from school? Is it fair for him to play ball, go swimming, or hang around town all the time, when, maybe his father's potatoes are not dug, nor the wood brought in for his mother? Is it fair for him to disappoint them by swearing or drinking? Is it fair to forget his parents when he has left home, and neglect even to write them letters?—Selected.

What I Have Seen of Cigarettes.

By Hon. B. B. Lindsey.
Boyhood is the most important part of life. It is the period when the foundation of a noble character is successfully laid. A man is a great deal like a magnificent building. The great building can never be lasting, strong and beautiful, unless it rests upon a firm foundation. At the beginning the foundation is laid. You can not build a fine house and lay the foundation afterwards. The beginning of a man is a boy, and so the foundation of a man is a boy.

One of the very worst habits in boyhood is the cigarette habit. This has long been recognized by all the judges of the courts who deal with young criminals, and especially by judges of police courts, before whom pass thousands of men every year who are addicted to intemperate habits. These judges know that in nearly every case the drunken sots who appear before them, a disgrace to their parents, themselves and the state began as boys smoking cigarettes. One had habit led to another. The nicotine and poison in the cigarette created an appetite for alcoholic drink. The cigarette habit not only had a grip upon them in boyhood, but it invited all the other demons of habit to come in and add to the degradation that the cigarette began. I only recently had a little boy in

court whose parents and friends were shocked when it was discovered that he had stolen money from the cash drawer of his employer, and was caught by a detective set to watch for the thief. No one believed that this boy would steal, since he had a good home and had borne a good reputation, but I found on investigation that the boy had been tempted to steal in order to get money to buy cigarettes. Now the trouble with the boy was that he was weak, he could not resist temptation. Why? Because he had contracted this baneful habit that weakened his character so that he was unable to resist evil when it attacked him, as it will certainly attack all boys, and only those who are strong will successfully resist it.

Nearly all of the leading business men of the country have forbidden the employment of boys and young men who smoke cigarettes. This is because they know that the victims of cigarettes cannot be trusted.

The laws of nearly every state in the Union forbid the sale of tobacco to boys, and the law of Colorado even forbids people to give boys tobacco, so that boys who use cigarettes are not only disobedient to their parents, but they are disobedient to the laws of their state. Patriotism is, after all, duty to one's home, one's school, and one's city. And no boy does his duty either to himself, his home, his school, his city, his flag, or his country, who will indulge in the vile habit of smoking cigarettes. I know a little newsboy who is too brave and manly to smoke cigarettes. Sometimes he has to face the taunts and jeers of his companions, the kind of boys who think it is smart to smoke cigarettes, who will come up to him and ask him if he can "inhale." This little newsboy is not afraid of the weapon of cowardards—ridicule. He would say (using his own language), "Say, kid, cut it out; do you think that I'm going to burn my brains out just because you do?" And he would stand his ground, and, if necessary, have what he called a "scrap" rather than let any boy induce him to smoke a cigarette. He was really the brave boy, after all, and the boy who thought it was smart to smoke cigarettes was the real coward. I have been in the Juvenile Court nearly ten years, and in that time I have had to deal with thousands of boys who have disgraced themselves and their parents, and who have brought sorrow and misery into their lives; and I do not know of any one habit that is more responsible for the troubles of these boys than the vile cigarette habit. No pure-minded, honest, manly, brave, gentle boy will smoke cigarettes.—S. S. Times.

A number of farmers, who were known to be drinking men, voted for "no license" at a recent election. When asked why they did so, they replied, "We are farmers, and we find that, when we go to town, we cannot resist the temptation to drink at hotel bars. Often we take too many drinks, and we do not get back home in time to do our work; we spend a great deal of money which we cannot afford, and our farm business and homes are the sufferers. If there were no bars, we could go to town and vote and go home all right, and never think of drinking." The moral is: remove temptation and the people will be sober.

Why Christ's Yoke is Light.

Mark Guy Pearce gives an incident occurring in connection with a sermon of his on Christ's invitation to the weary and heavy laden. I had finished my sermon when a good man came to me and said: "I wish I had known what you were going to preach about. I could have told you something." "Well, my friend," I said, "may I have it still?" "Do you know why his yoke is light, sir?" "Well, because the good Lord helps us to carry it, I suppose." "No, sir," said he, shaking his head, "I think I know better than that. You see, when I was a boy at home, I used to drive the oxen, and the yoke was never made to balance as you said. Father's yokes were always made heavier on one side than the other. Then, you see, we would put a weak bullock in alongside of a strong bullock; the light end would come on the weak ox, the heavier end on the stronger one. That's why the yoke is easy and the burden is light, because the Lord's yoke is made after the same pattern, and the heavy end is upon his shoulder."

When the labor difficulty between the Washington brewers and their employees were recently adjusted by the brewers signing for an eight hour day, the expressly stipulated that no workman should be permitted to drink more than two glasses of beer during the eight hours he was on duty. The moral is easy—even brewers won't stand for drinking workmen.

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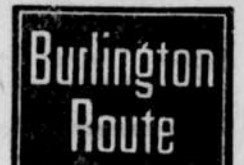


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Tr. 106—Kansas City Exp., 3:41 a. m.
Tr. 132 x—K. C. local leaves. 7:30 a. m.
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Tr. 103—Nebraska Mail and Express 1:50 p. m.
Tr. 105—Omaha Express 1:48 a. m.
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Tr. 131 x—Falls City local arrives. 8:45 p. m.
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Tr. 192x—To Atchison 11:10 a. m.
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Tr. 191x—To Auburn 1:23 p. m.



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No. 13—Denver Exp. 1:10 a. m.
No. 15—Denver Exp. (Local) 1:40 p. m.
No. 43—Portland Exp. 10:17 p. m.
No. 41—Portland Exp. 2:25 p. m.
No. 121—Lincoln Loc. via Nebraska City 5:00 a. m.

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No. 14—St. J., K. C. & St. L. 7:38 a. m.
No. 44—St. J., K. C. & St. L. 4:11 a. m.
No. 16—St. J., K. C. & St. L. 4:22 p. m. (Local)
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