

## THE QUIET HOUR

Here is a delightful plan by which the German mothers encourage their little girls to knit. The wool is wound into a large ball called a wonder ball because it contains many little gifts hidden therein by the mother's fingers as she winds the worsted. As the gift at the center of the ball will be found last that is usually the best and might be a little gold ring, or any bit of child's jewelry. At another time the little knitter finds a silver coin and again something for her dolly. A silver thimble gives great delight. The method stimulates perseverance and lessens the drudgery of learning to knit.—Ex.

### Be Good to The Men.

Girls, this is for you. Never forget for a single instant as long as you live that the "men folks" are continually on the firing line in this battle of life. You little dream what blows they get and what wounds they carry. Never nag a man. Never whine at him. Of course, he doesn't wipe his feet, nor hang up his clothes, nor put things away, nor shut the doors and drawers. Dear me, you didn't think you were marrying an "old maid," did you? Nag & Whine is the firm that runs most of the divorce mills. Girls, be good to us when we come indoors. There is only a fight, with hard knocks for us, out in the world.

### Listen To Your Wife.

Overcome evil with good. Transmute enemies to friends with the elixir of love. Before my Sunday school days I used to be in politics. One night after a meeting where I had spoken and I had gone to bed, two men stood in front of my residence and profanely called me all the bad names there are in a rum-bottle. Out of bed and into my clothes, grabbing a base ball bat, took but a few seconds. But my wife grabbed me and made me promise "not to do anything rash." So in order to find out who they were for arrest on the morrow, I slipped down the street and met them under a gas light. They were too drunk to know me. One was a worthless painter, and the other was a tough carter from Slater's Slabbing Mill. By morning my ire had been slept away and morning was done. A little while after that I started the Iron Rose Bible class, and somehow these fellows got into it. Both were led into the kingdom. The painter became one of the best teachers at the Rock Run mission, and is today one of Coatesville's best Christians. The carpenter has gone home to glory. What a mistake I would have made with that old base ball bat! Moral: Listen to your wife!

### A Frank Confession.

"I am a farmer, and I raise rye. One day I took a bushel of my rye down to the distiller and sold it to him for fifty cents. The distiller got out of that bushel of rye three and a half gallons of proof whiskey—although I hear now that he can get four gallons out of a bushel—which he sold to the saloonkeeper.

"I then started in with the saloon-keeper to drink up my bushel of rye at ten cents a drink, eight drinks to the pint, or eighty cents for a pint, or \$6.40 for a gallon. The three and a half gallons of proof whiskey which my fifty-cent rye made had cost me \$22.40.

"I had to sell enough rye to the distiller to get money to pay the saloon-keeper. When I hauled my forty-four and four-fifths bushels of rye to the distiller to pay for what he had gotten out of one bushel, I said to myself, 'what a fool I was!'

"Is there another farmer as big a fool as I was?"

### Tobacco.

Next to alcohol, the narcotic most frequently resorted to, to afford relief from these symptoms, is tobacco. A little over four centuries ago tobacco was unknown in civilized lands. Today the tobacco devotees is found in every walk of life. In the United States there are as many smokers as there are voters, and it is estimated that over five hundred tons of tobacco leaves go up in smoke each day of the year, representing a value of over \$800,000. Every minute of the sixteen hours during which men are awake somewhere, about 23,000 cigars and 10,000 cigarettes are consumed. Our annual tobacco bill amounts to \$940,000,000. Should any three of our large cities be wiped out by fire each year it would be considered an immense loss, and yet the amount of tobacco annually consumed equals in value nearly the combined taxable property of Detroit, Cincinnati, and Buffalo. The United States is one of the greatest educational countries in the world, but for every dollar spent on education over two dollars is paid out for tobacco. A habit so universal must

have a marked influence upon national life.

On the evening of the election day that voted Beatrice "wet" recently, a little girl, as was her custom, brought milk to the home of this business man. She was greatly excited, and very anxious to know how the election came out. The next evening she came as usual, but sad-faced and quiet. Little dreaming the real cause, the lady of the house asked the girl's reason for her demeanor, to which the latter replied: "Oh, I feel so bad cause Beatrice voted for the saloon again. Last year, when we had no saloons, papa always brought his money home when he was paid. Now we won't have so much to eat and such clothes to wear, but will have to live like we used to when they had saloons before. Oh, I just can't help it, I must cry!" Of course she must. Don't you cry with her? Her father is employed in the large manufactory of Beatrice. Let me see, haven't I heard a gubernatorial aspirant in Omaha cry "personal liberty?" Is this what he means? But that is what it is.

### A Plea For The Higher Life.

(By a Contributor)

In going up and down this old world, I have come in contact with many people who have lived long and well; who have been a success financially, and possessed much goods. But upon getting intimate with them, I discovered that they were sadly lacking in that which is of most importance—tranquility of soul.

They have been engaged with things that could not satisfy. The one thing needful had been neglected. And now, grown old, and about to die, they were without peace, or hope. I have met many a weary traveler in this sad plight. Who can measure the heart's gloom that holds no promise, where the consolations of Christ have no place?

To my readers, permit me to say, "God is love," turn to the overtures of mercy, God will receive you, and at eventide it shall be light.

There is another class whom I have met and known. They began life's journey well. Years ago they were counted as pillars in society and the church. But they took offense. Something got in their way and they dropped out of the straight and narrow way, and have wandered in the by-paths of sin ever since. They have rejected the Christ and made shipwreck of their faith.

Their attitude to the church is one of fault finding. They have become chronic kickers. To them everything appears wrong. The preachers do not preach as the fathers did thirty or forty years ago. There is too much pride in the church. The poor are not regarded. Indeed, many are the faults in their way. I would like to remind these dear people of the fact, that there is nothing perfect under the heavens. What they need is more love and less of the spirit of bitterness.

You who have willfully separated yourselves from the working forces of God's church are in grave danger of losing your souls. It is the blessed privilege of every one to worship God and find the supreme joy of life in His service. This is the secret of all true happiness. Would you live long and be happy, love the brethren. Would you have the peace that passeth understanding, do your whole duty toward your God.

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