

Books.

There is no amusement more attainable, and certainly none more satisfactory, than that which is derived from the perusal of good books. They are companions of whose society we never grow weary, and they have this advantage over other friends; they are always accessible and never intrude upon us when we wish to be alone.

Out-door Safety.

The fear of the weather has sent multitudes to their graves who otherwise might have lived in health many years longer. The fierce north wind and the furious snow-storm kill comparatively few, while hot winter rooms and crisp summer suns have countless victims of human victims to attest their power.

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Generalship in the Kitchen.

Says Alexander Hyde in the New York Times: "We see so many farmers working hard from the beginning of the year to its end, and that year after year till life ends, with such small results that we do wish to impress upon the community the true principle of economy, a farmer's wife once expressed to us in one word—calculation. We found her a slender-looking woman, surrounded by a flock of children, and having the care of a dairy of a dozen cows, with no Bridget to assist her, and everything moved on like clock work.

Rules for Health.

We should not leave our souls to the ministers nor our health to the doctors. So the following simple rules for the preservation of health, especially through the changeable seasons of autumn, winter and spring, should not be left entirely to health journals.

Better Thoughts.

One voice begets another. Troubles come in a cluster. Labor overcomes all things. Enough is as good as a feast. True courage is cool and calm. Be not a judge between friends. Love and cough cannot be hid. Don't borrow trouble on interest. Conquer unreasonable prejudices. Cultivate a love of the beautiful. Deliberate well and act promptly. There is no severity like gentleness.

True Wisdom is to know our ignorance.

We ask advice, but we mean approbation. Let your moderation be known to all men. A rotten apple injures its companions. Be courageous for the truth and the right. He who loves flowers cannot be wholly vicious. Never sacrifice the substance to the shadow. The first step to self-knowledge is self-distress. Creditors have better memories than debtors. Self-possession is essential to good breeding. Let him alone severely, is a maximum of prudence. There is but one short step between lying and theft. We are near waking when we dream that we dream. Some men are great because their associates are little. What maintains one vice would bring up two children. Pay what you owe, and what you are worth you'll know. The trickster is almost certain to come to an ignominious end. First, the necessary; then, the useful; then, the ornamental. Error may be tolerated, if reason be left free to combat it. Despair is the offspring of fearfulness and impatience. Newspapers should be read with cautious discrimination. A top is known by his dress—a gentleman by his address. Virtue itself offends when connected with forbidding manners. There is nothing more dangerous than a friend without discretion. Constant complaining brings no sympathy; it produces indifference. If you want enemies, excel others; if you want friends, let others excel you. Whenever one begins to say "I am as good as another," he excites a doubt. If we throw mud at every one, the chances are that some of it will stick. It is an easy matter to get into a law suit, but often very difficult to get out. The good house-keeper may be a vixen, but she cannot be altogether bad. Let the world have its amusements, provided they be followed with discretion. Taste and imagination, rightly cultivated in youth, lead to vigorous manhood. The law suit begins with a notice—but when, or how, or where shall it end? The truth need not always be spoken; but whatever is spoken should be true. I never knew a graceless person; close inquiry will always show some redeeming trait. If one is sure of his social position, he would better assert it by his bearing than by his words. It is wise to be on good terms with our relations and neighbors; and, if possible, with everybody. The substance of the ambitious is the shadow of a dream; ambition itself is the shadow of a shadow. Reconciliation may be followed by forgiveness, but confidence, once lost, can rarely be restored. He that will not reason, is a bigot; he that cannot reason, is a fool; he that dares not reason, is a slave. Keep your promises sacredly; but promises to do wrong should never be made. Nothing is easier than to relapse into an evil habit; nothing more difficult, than to rise from the slough of despond. Tecumseh Journal says that parents who neglect the education of their children really renounce for them all right to the prizes offered to intelligence, etc. The trouble with many parents is, they have never understood what the relationship implies. Affection aside, simple justice demands that the child be given such educational advantages as he will improve and the parent can possibly afford. A child who takes to learning should be encouraged even at the cost of self-denial on the part of the parents. They who see clearly consider the advancement of their children a hundred-fold more than they consider their own ease.—Literary Notes. A teaspoonful or more of powdered borax thrown into the bath tub while bathing will communicate a velvety softness to the water and at the same time invigorate and rest the bather. Persons troubled with nervousness or wakeful nights will find this kind of a bath a great benefit. There are few doors through which liberality, joined with good humor, cannot find its way.

The Coming Faith.

Said Moncure D. Conway, in his recent New York lecture: The time is coming when the sum and substance of religion will be to make life more sweet and gentle, when there will be no human being who will care to look for a higher religion to promote the happiness and wisdom of the world. Would not the power and wealth that has decorated the world with temples be sufficient to circle it with happy, beautiful homes if it was regarded as the proper object? Humanity has its scheme of salvation in the escape from present evil. A legend runs, that when Mary was traveling in Egypt and was weary of carrying the child, a third hand grew out for its support. So it is in the religion of humanity; whenever there is trouble there comes a sustaining hand. "The religion of humanity has not the disadvantage of being some new sect. It has been in existence many ages. I believe it is the only religion that does exist. Whenever there is a Protestant movement, and they are occurring always, we hear the cries, 'not Christianity, but Christ; not Mahometanism, but Mahomet; not Buddhism, but Buddha.' It is because the teacher taught the doctrine of humanity, but the sects borrowing his name have taken the form of the forces he combated. There never was a prophet who did not teach love and there never was a system that did not teach wrath and vengeance. So steadily as knowledge and science advance supernatural terrors will become more and more grotesque. That Christ was a man and not a thunder-god will be the doctrine of Christianity. The hatred of pain, the horror of asceticism, the detestation of evil, a passionate love for the right and for beauty, a higher virtue, an enthusiasm for the good of his fellow-man—these are some of the attributes of the religion of humanity which will flourish when all the petty creeds are things to smile at. One of the uncertainties of our present state the most dreadful and alarming is the uncertain continuance of reason. Domestic rule is founded upon truth and love. If it has not both of these, it is nothing better than a despotism. This is the present reward of virtuous conduct—that no unlooky consequence can oblige us to regret it. All virtue lies in the power of denying our own desires when reason does not authorize or sanction them. The mind hath not reason to remember that passions ought to be her vassals, not her masters. No indulgence of passion destroys the spiritual nature so much as respectable selfishness. No evil is insupportable but that which is accompanied with consciousness of wrong.

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