

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS.

Everyday Love. A group of little girls were telling of the love each felt for her mother, and as the testimony went on the strength of the statements grew, each child feeling obliged to surpass her mates.

Sir Walter and the Dunces. Slowboy very often astonishes his world. Goldsmith was the dullest of dull boys, and Walter Scott was the dunces of the school.

Where Dogs Have Many Duties. The American visitor in Amsterdam or Rotterdam must often have noticed the extent to which dogs are used as beasts of burden.

Habit is largely the result of cultivation. A girl was never careless in her dress or slovenly in her appearance because she was born so, but rather because she has cultivated the disorderly part of her nature.

A Bright Girl. A young woman who conducts a kindergarten in Chicago showed one day recently that she is ready to meet any emergency.

of the right stamp, and what came of his faithfulness.

A few years ago a large drug firm in New York city advertised for a boy. Next day the store was filled with applicants, among them a queer looking little fellow, accompanied by a woman, who proved to be his aunt, in lieu of faithless parents, by whom he had been abandoned.

A few days later a call was made on the boys in the store for some one to stay all night. The prompt response of the little fellow contrasted well with the reluctance of the others.

Only a few weeks elapsed before a show of wild beasts passed along the streets; and very naturally all hands in the store rushed to witness the spectacle.

A Cow's Intelligence. Col. I. D. McDonald of Columbia City tells the following story of animal intelligence: He had bought a lot of stock, including a cow and calf.

When the cow came up her first thought was for her calf. She held her head up out of the water and looked about in all directions. She did not at first see her calf, because it had been swept several rods down stream and was struggling in the water.

CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN.

As it is better to be than to have—as manhood is more precious than money—this article by the Rev. Father Schoupe, telling us it does how to form a noble character, is worth more than would be a paper giving "tips" for the acquisition of wealth.

How a Boy Succeeded. Boys sometimes think they cannot afford to be manly and faithful to the little things. A story is told of a boy

and practice; but by means of a generous co-operation every man can form for himself a fine character. Therefore we may say that formation of character is an essential part of Christian education, and for him who aspires to perfection an object which requires all his care.

1. What must we understand by character? A person's character is his manner of conduct, or rather it is a propensity, an habitual disposition, which impels him to conduct himself after a certain manner.

Integrity, which renders a man incapable of doing anything contrary to his honor or conscience, must be the foundation of a fine character. Then honesty renders him incapable of deceiving any one.

In action this noble courage becomes energy. It deliberates with prudence before every undertaking, but once the enterprise has been prudently conceived and wisely planned it pursues its execution with an indomitable strength and a perseverance which cannot fail to achieve success.

Such is the beautiful collection of virtues which constitute a fine character and give it so many charms. But we understand that in this collection of virtues, there must be some which predominate, which determine the character and give it an individual tone.

Need we say that the noble character we have just been tracing is the counterpart of an evil character? The latter results from a collection of vicious qualities, or at least from some vice predominating and corrupting the virtues which may exist with it.

Rarely is a fine character a pure gift of nature or grace; usually it requires, like science, the concurrence of labor

mor upon which they depend or the interest which is at stake.

The faults we have just indicated must be avoided with the greatest care. The least of them mar the beauty of fine character and weaken its charms.

We understand by natural character each one's natural propensity, which we call his good or bad nature. Every man is born with a germ of virtue and vice—a germ which develops into good or evil according as we cultivate it or neglect its cultivation.

Which each one forms to himself by co-operating or failing to co-operate with grace. To acquire a truly good character we must be convinced that labor is as indispensable for this end as the cultivation of the earth is for the obtaining of the harvest.

This indispensable labor is called forming the character—a work which we must examine in a practical manner. How must the formation of a character be effected?

Now, formation of character consists in correcting one's faults, of anger, of hardness and ill temper, of pride, of sensitiveness and indolence. Four means concur in this correction: the reprofs of our parents and our superiors—reprofs which must be taken in good part and with docility, even though they be accompanied with salutary chastisement—daily examination of conscience, especially particular examination, with which we combat our predominate fault, generosity in overlooking ourselves, taking for our motto, *Vince teipsum* (Conquer thyself); piety, by which we obtain assistance from on high, without which our efforts would remain sterile.

By employing these means, whatever your faults, you will triumph over them sufficiently to form to your self a truly good character, in which you will possess a sure pledge of the happiest and most honorable life.

A WOMAN'S FACE

Plainly Indicates the Condition of Her Health.

BEAUTY DISAPPEARS WHEN THE EYES ARE DULL, THE SKIN SALLOW, AND WRINKLES BEGIN TO APPEAR—HOW ONE WOMAN REGAINED HEALTH AND COMELINESS.

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me, I despaired of ever regaining health. There were very few days that I did not suffer from violent headaches, and the least exertion would make my heart palpitate violently. My stomach seemed disordered, and I almost loathed the food I forced myself to eat.

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EASE AND DISEASE. A Short Lesson on the Meaning of a Familiar Word. Disease is the opposite of ease. Webster defines disease as "lack of ease, uneasiness, trouble, vexation, disquiet." It is a condition due to some derangement of the physical organism. A vast majority of the "disease" from which people suffer is due to impure blood.