

Good Nature.

Of all the virtues and graces, there is none, perhaps, that wears better, that is more comforting and comfortable to live alongside of, to have in the house with one, than good nature.

Beauty is pleasant to look upon, but fades in a few brief years; and sometimes, even in its flush and glow, loses its attractiveness, becomes distasteful, if we discover it to be but a mask covering unlovely traits of character. Energy and faculty are commendable qualities, and, if not combined with a too shrewd or domineering disposition, render their possessor a useful member of society, and a desirable companion on the journey of life.

I have in my mind's eye, as I write, a little woman who possesses this virtue in an eminent degree—not that idle good nature that is good nature because it is too sluggish and easy to take the world in any other fashion; but that good nature that is made up from a naturally kind disposition, combined with a temper disciplined and under control; a judgment enlarged and heart rendered charitable in the school of life; and a mind that has learned through observation and experience how far better it is to pass lightly over the ills and misfortunes and even the wrongs that we bear, than to dwell upon, enlarge and make much of them.

Such a person is Mrs. —. Nor is she one of those who, being good themselves, feel themselves called upon to thrust other people's feelings and shortcomings in their faces. And yet, quiet, unassuming as her goodness is, one cannot but be better in her presence; and the example is so lovely and bears such excellent fruit, to pattern after it comes as a natural and spontaneous desire.

People go into her house and come away saying: "What an amiable lady!" "What sweet and pleasant ways she has!"—though they generally add (it is so hard to give absolute and unstinted praise, even when it is due), "but then it is easy enough for her to be good; such pleasant surroundings; such lovely and good tempered children; such a devoted husband!"

Yes, the children are indeed pleasant, mannered and amiable. They never see mamma in the sulks, or with an ugly frown upon her face, or scolding the cook or quarrelling with papa. And what wonder—since they think mamma perfect itself—they follow in her footsteps and take upon themselves her pretty, gentle ways? Place them under a different guardianship for a few years, and see how they will come out, and whether or no they possess more than ordinary goodness or sweetness of disposition!

Her husband indeed is devoted, and knows that he has a precious jewel in his wife; yet he is far from being perfect in after all; and like many another masculine, when he has an attack of dyspepsia, or business cares weigh upon him, he is a little irritable and unreasonable; or if plain words are to be used, a trifle and sometimes more than a trifle, cross.

"In the first years of our married life," said Mrs. M. to me one day, "Henry used to be much more fretful and unreasonable than he is now, and I was young, sensitive and inexperienced, and would cry my eyes out over every cross word he said to me. I found this didn't mend matters; and when the children began to come, I said to myself, 'what a miserable household I shall have, and how unfitted I shall be to train up my little ones into the happy and cheerful men and women I desire them to be, if I keep on like this!' And I made a resolution that I would wear a smile and take things in a cheerful way, let come what would; that, let Henry say what he liked to me, I would not mind in the least; that I would take every cross or fault-finding word as if it were not meant—would turn it off as a jest, or at least let it pass lightly as not worth worrying over; and I have held to my resolution ever since. My husband at first scarcely knew what to make of it; and he soon found I was not to be fretted, saddened, or put out; and as there was neither opposition to his irritableness nor fuel furnished it, it burned out the sooner; and I think he grew ashamed of his one-sided disagreeableness, for he seldom speaks now in any but an amiable way; and I flatter myself we are about as cheerful and happy a family, take us all in all, as is to be found."

How much better this than to make much of every hurt and wrong to brood over and dwell upon it till a mote becomes a mountain!

Try my little friend's practice, weary wife and mother, to whom life seems all uphill work, with little recompense of love or gratitude, and see if her plan of not minding, taking things in a light and cheerful way, does not pour oil upon the troubled waters, and make the sometimes rough and hard going wheels of domestic machinery run in more easy and comfortable grooves.

Conveniently Deaf.

If two angels were to live together, I fancy there would be times when perfect unanimity of opinion might not prevail. And; in such a case, one of the angels might vent his dissatisfaction in words which the other angel would do well not to hear. In fact, the art of not hearing is important in the promotion of happiness.

There are so many things which are painful to hear, many of which, if heard, will disturb the temper and detract from contentment and happiness, that everyone should be educated to take in or shut out sounds at will. If a man falls into a violent passion and calls me all manner of names, the first word shuts my ears and I hear no more.

If in my quiet voyage of life I am caught in one of those domestic whirlwinds of scolding, I shut my ears, as a sailor would furl his sail, and making all tight, scud before the gale. If a hot and restless man begins to inflame my feelings, I consider what mischief these sparks might do in the magazine below, where my temper is kept, and instantly close the door.

Does a gadding, mischief-making fellow begin to inform me what people are saying about me, down drops the portulias of my ear, and he cannot get in any further. A well-disposed person never hears as impertinent remark. A kind of discreet deafness saves one from many insults, from much blame, from not a little apparent connivance in dishonourable conversation.

The Conductor.

What an alert type of men the conductors on the steam railroads are! Probably the engineers are also, but there is no good chance to get a look at them while they have their hands on the levers and their eyes are peering along the line of track as far as keen vision can reach. But the conductor is all alive under his quiet and impassive exterior. There is little in his car he does not see, even while his whole attention appears to be concentrated by the ticket he holds in one hand to be cut by the punch in the other. And there is nothing he does not hear and understand down to the most needless question. Amid the clangor of the swift moving train, the lightest unusual noise or jar about the running gear tells its story instantly to his acutely educated ear and quickened senses. And if anything is wrong, or suspected to be wrong, how promptly yet how quietly, with what freedom from fuss, or anything approaching to flurry or panic, he moves towards the right place. He is the very embodiment of self-poised quiver. What soldiers these men would make.

Man and Woman.

Adam was first formed and then Eve, and she was made of the man and for the man; all which are urged by Paul (I Cor. xi, 8, 9), as reasons for the humility, modesty, silence and submissiveness of that sex general, and particularly of the subjection and reverence which wives owe to their husbands. Yet man being made last of creatures as the best and most excellent of all, and Eve being made after Adam and out of him, put an honor upon that sex as the glory of the man. The man was dust refined, but the woman was dust double refined. The woman was made out of the side of Adam; not out of his feet to be trampled upon by him; but out of his side to be equal with him, under his arm to be protected, near his heart to be loved.—[Matthew Henry.]

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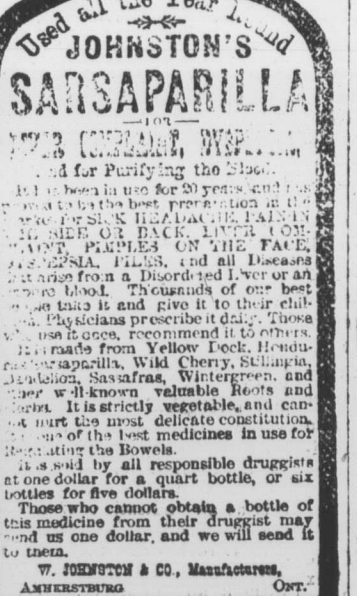
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