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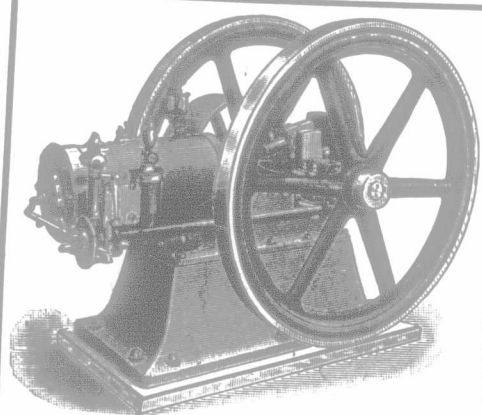
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Some people can be charming without any effort—happy people!—and to such I am not writing, but there are some of us who sigh in vain for the gracious, tactful manner that seems to us so much to be desired. As we envy the happy possessors of it we wonder how they manage it, and sigh for the possession of the secret.

Now, the fact of the matter is that unselfishness is the root of the charm, for the charming manner soon fails of its effect unless it is maintained by superior qualities of mind and heart.

A rude, unkind speech or act will make the most beautiful face appear ugly, and spoil the effect of the nicest manner in the world to the one who looks below that surface. Our interest in people—even our love—has its ebb and flow, and sterling qualities must be underneath, or our respect and esteem are lost.

WHIMS AND MOODS.

If we want to be liked, we must not allow moods, emotions or whims to come always to the surface. The friend who meets us with, "Oh, I'm so annoyed; I must tell you how I've been worried!" and such-like exclamations, is not half so welcome as the one who comes to us telling only of the bright happenings—who seems to give rather than to draw from us. And from this fact we can learn one obvious lesson.

And another great secret of charm is charitableness, and scrupulousness in not saying behind a person's back what one would not say to their face. It is so easy to make unkind fun, and sneering and witty remarks about others sometimes evoke much laughter; and people are deceived into fancying that such laughter means popularity. It may amuse us for the moment; but these are not the people one is anxious to meet again, for one feels that the chances are that we may serve at some time or other as material for other witty stories. And, deny the fact though we may, there is no doubt most of us do object to be held up to ridicule.

WHAT A LADY DOES NOT DO.

There are several things always absent in a true lady, which girls will do well to notice and remember. A lady, for example, will never ignore little kindnesses; conclude in a crowd that she has a right to push her way through; consume the time of people who can ill spare it; wear on the street a dress only fitted to the house or carriage; talk loudly in public places; wear a torn glove when a needle and a few stitches would make it all right; fall in answering letters or returning visits, unless she is ill or in trouble; fret about the heat or the cold, the sun or the rain, the air or the lack of it; make an engagement and then not be there in time; complain of her family or discuss personal affairs with strangers; believe the worst rather than the best side of a story. A lady does not do any other than make the best of everything—the world, the weather and herself. She believes in the golden rule, and endeavors, as far as possible, to live up to it.

It is not the moving about, the strange places one sees, nor the people one meets that really count in life, you know. I think it is the things one learns, the places in which we take root and grow, and the people who teach us what is really worth while—patience, and charity and the beauty there is in the simplest and most common lives when they are lived close to nature.

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