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THE FATHER'S RESOLUTION.

1. I resolve that in 1925, my wife shall have the easiest and happiest year of her life.

Yes, I agree to this resolution. When I spend twenty-five cents for tobacco I will put aside an equal amount for her, my helpmate. When I pay fifty dollars for hired help in harvest time I will arrange it that she may have a little help in her busy season. When I build a barn for the stock I will add a little comfort to the room in which she spends her few quiet hours. When I take a trip to the convention or the fair, I will arrange it that she goes with me, or that she has a holiday at some other. Surely she is worth caring for. I made a promise with regard to her once. I will keep it in 1925, as I never kept it before. For I really wish her to be happy, and she will be happy indeed if I only wish it with my whole heart.

2. I resolve that in 1925 my children will mean more to me than money or lands or stock.

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fairs I will not forget them. They are not young men and women, they are only boys and girls. They love company, they love activity, they love just a little luxury, they love to read stories of heroes and heroines, stories of adventure and discovery; yes, they love to dream at times because Heaven lies about them in their infancy and the shades of the prison house have not quite closed about the growing boy. Because I love my children I will study their needs, and my first care will be to supply them. I have it in my power to make them happy, and useful and honorable and unselfish, if I but wish it with my whole heart. And because example is so potent, I will in my habits, my language, my actions, in private and public, so order my life that it will be for my children both a model and an inspiration.

3. I resolve that in 1925 my life shall mean to my fellows, my country and my God more than even it has meant in the past.

I will subscribe to this with all my heart. Then will be ushered in the year of Jubilee, for where there is good desire, envy, strife and ill-feeling must pass away, the affairs of the nation will be established in righteousness, for all progress and peace are founded on willing service, and above all the day will be hastened when the Kingdoms of this earth shall become the Kingdoms of His Son; for in the millennium the disciples will join the Master in going about doing good. The true man finds his life in service. I know that if I wish it earnestly enough my soul may be aglow with the flame that is kindled by devotion to God and duty. But the wish must be from a full and earnest heart.

THE MOTHER'S RESOLUTION

I will be a good wife. I have wished to be that all these years, but perhaps in spite of my wishes I have failed in some slight way. I have not had from my husband the appreciative words I yearned to hear, and I have grown despondent. My life has become formal and cold. But in the year that is to come, I will renew my efforts to do my full duty. I will remember that love is kindled only by love and that "a tart temper does not mellow with age; a sharp tongue is the only edged tool that is not dulled with constant use." To be a comfort rather than a fault-finder, to be as frugal as necessities demand and as generous as circumstances permit, all this I can pledge and more. My resolve is to so live with my chosen partner that we shall be one in aim, one in hope and one in the execution of our plans. Nor will I let my household cares prevent me from cultivating those graces of manner and those habits of speech and action which were my attractions in the days gone by.

2. I will be a good mother. Surely it is no harm to make this good resolve. My children are my life. This is why they are my anxiety and my pride. I must lose myself in them. During the year I will think of their comfort, their happiness and their lasting good. When I am furnishing the home I will think of them. The very associations in that room must breathe refinement, taste and gen-

erosity. The boys, too, must have their room, and it will be furnished so that every book, every picture and every decoration will suggest manliness, courage and loyalty to truth and duty. Nor will I let my duties, many though they be, keep me from discharging the greatest duty of all, which is to preserve that spirit of communion without which a home is but a dwelling place, a mother but a walking-boss. Knowing as I do that the only real virtues are those which are eternal I shall cultivate as the virtues of faith, hope and love. Then they will be rich indeed in that treasure which is not of earth, and which it is not in the power of man to steal or take away. And these things I believe with my whole heart.

3. I will be a good neighbor. Here again I can subscribe my name. I know what a good, pure, unselfish life may be in any community, and I know also how great is the damning power of a "woman with a serpent's tongue." There are about me those who have trials and tribulations, those who are burdened with secret sorrows. There is my opportunity. For me during the year every such opportunity is to be seized, so that in the circle of my acquaintance life may be lovelier, brighter and more completely filled with that enjoyment which is possible only in an atmosphere of good-will and brotherly kindness. Nor shall scandal taint my lips or be cherished in my thoughts.

THE RESOLUTIONS OF YOUTH

1. I am resolved to be pure in thought. I know that as one thinks in his heart so is he. It was only St. Agnes who had a vision of the Bridgroom, and only Sir Galahad, the pure in heart, who saw the Holy Grail. It is promised to the pure in heart that they shall see God. So I will that during the year my mind shall entertain all that is beautiful and true and righteous. My chiefest prayer is not for fame, for wealth, for luxury, but simply this: "God make me beautiful within."

2. I am resolved to be correct in speech. I know how precious is the gift of words. I know that evil communications corrupt good manners. I know what comes from idle words, from words of harshness, from biting sarcasm, from idle scolding. I can make room for none of these in my life. I know that there is nothing more vulgar than the coarse in speech, nothing more repellent than the smart, the clever, the showy. My speech must be musical, my words well chosen, my syllables well spoken. I shall set up as my ideal the poet's dream—"Her voice was ever gentle, soft and low. How excellent a thing in woman." I am determined that come what may I shall command respect because of my spoken utterance. If I fail it will not be because my words are ill-chosen, and my manners of expression open to rebuke. I have wished it with my whole heart and because I have wished it, it will come to pass.

3. I am resolved to be right indeed. "By their fruits ye shall know them." I will that during the year I may be known for my acts of kindness and mercy. The little children

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- (a) on a signal made to her by one of His Majesty's ships, including any vessel under the command of an officer of His Majesty's navy or full pay, and
- (b) on entering or leaving any foreign port and
- (c) if of fifty tons gross tonnage or upwards, on entering or leaving any British Port.

(2) If default is made on board any ship in complying with this section the master of the ship shall for each offence be liable to a fine not exceeding one hundred pounds.

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