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### A SPECIAL KIND OF MEMORY BOOK.

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"Shall you ever forget it?" said the first.

"Indeed not," said the other. "Why do I put away in my memory book the most beautiful moments. It belongs with the night I saw the new moon over the Matterhorn, and the day we came on the blue marsh."

### Every Once in a While.

"Every once in a while I go over these memories in my mind, and polish them up as it were so they won't get tarnished."

Don't you think that a gracefully expressed thought.

I suppose we all have those memory books inside our minds where we keep the most beautiful moments, but I think we sometimes leave these too long without polishing.

Of course, we cannot all have as poetic experiences as seeing the new moon over the Matterhorn. But it is not the fact that one has gone far to seek it that makes an experience vivid.

### What Have You in Your Memory Book?

In my own memory book a moment when the station bus carried me round the bend, and I saw for the first time that Spring the ocean sparkling in the sun at a little place not fifty miles from the town where I was born, ranks with the moment when the ship in which we sailed the tropic seas weighed anchor at sunset on the exquisitely beautiful harbor of Santa Marta. Neither is any more vivid than the other.

Of course the great moments are not only those in which one saw the beautiful but in which one felt it. "No man can ever forget the visitations of that power to his heart and brain which created all things new, which was the dawn in him of music, poetry and art; which a single tone of one voice could make the heart beat and the most trivial circumstance associated with one form is put in the amber of memory." Unhappy he, whatever the outcome of his love, who has not some such moments as these to remember.

### The Moment When One Feels the Beautiful.

And then there are other moments when one feels the beautiful, when one hears wonderful music, or is lifted out of oneself by a great play, or when for some cause one suddenly realizes all a dear mother has done for one and feels that abiding sense of tenderness that, like one's apprehension of supernatural beauty, is almost unbearable.

No one should, or rather no one can, be without such a memory book. And no one should fail to open his heart and take out these memories once in a while, and as the lady of the new moon and the Matterhorn puts it, "Polish them up so they won't get tarnished."

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## Factory Conditions in Japan.

The average pay of factory girls in Japan is \$4.67 a month. The matter of a living wage is a changeable quantity; it varies with nations and localities. In Canada, the country of the comparatively high wage, a person who receives only \$4.67 a month—not a day, or a week, but a month—is most surely to be pitied. She is just as much to be pitied in Japan.

While the high cost of living in Japan is very low compared with Canadian experiences in that time, \$4.67 a month, together with bad working conditions, strikes an average that threatens alike the economic, physical, moral and spiritual life of the worker.

While the Christian missionaries have helped to better the living conditions of many women in Japan, they have been able to do very little for the 700,000 women and girls who make their living in the big modern factories. There is little opportunity to reach them. They labor twelve hours a day—in some cases sixteen and eighteen, with an hour or two thrown in to clean up after their work is done. Unless the factory owner or employer is a Christian and makes provision for the moral and physical welfare of his workers, little can be done for them.

Out of her \$4.67—the average monthly earnings of a woman factory worker—the girl must pay \$1.20 a month for food. As that is less than the cost of her food the factory pays the remainder, \$1.30 a month. Yet out of this meagre pay the average factory girl sends home fifty cents a month, for she earns more money than almost any other class of woman worker in Japan.

The majority of Japanese factories still run day and night shifts of twelve hours each, with thirty minutes off for dinner and fifteen minutes for rest in the forenoon and afternoon. Holidays are rare and uncertain—two or three in the month at the most. The majority of the factory girls are from fifteen to twenty years old, though often girls from seven to twelve may be found working there. Measures proposed by the Japanese Government to ameliorate the conditions of factory employment have been brought to naught through the refusal of the legislative branch of the Government to pass such measures.

Some of the factories have dormitories in which the girls live. They are carefully kept inside the dormitories, in many cases for fear they

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The Christian valuation of womanhood, emphasized by church workers permeating Japan, has helped greatly toward making the factory living and working conditions much better than they were ten and fifteen years ago. Also it has been found that ill treatment of employees does not pay and for business reasons more humanitarian methods have been adopted.



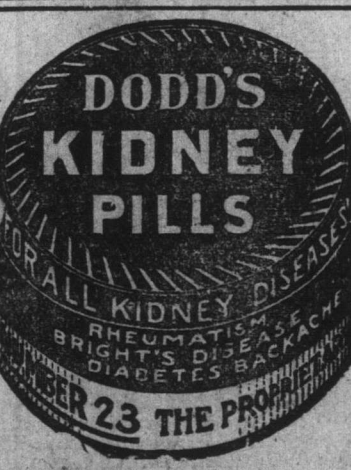
### A PLEA FOR THE BOY.

If you've dressed him up on Sunday in his prettiest little shirt, Expect that he will promptly find his way into the dirt. Don't stand against and startled if he dares to climb a tree. Or wants to play in places where he never ought to be. It's the nature of the youngster to run wild in search of joy. Were he tame and neat and careful then he wouldn't be a boy.

Don't imagine you can train him so he'll lie to wash his car. Or be a little angel when your company appears. Don't fancy, gentle mother, when he goes to bed at night. That you'll never find the bruises that he's picked up in a fight. And don't give way to sighing when his wilful tricks annoy; If he didn't like to battle then he wouldn't be a boy.

Don't view these different stages as the signs that he is bad. To be all this time in mischief is the nature of the lad. There is fun in getting dirty, and no real boy can see Why clothes are so important—and he's wiser there than we. If he never got in trouble and was careful with each toy And was never wild and heedless, then he wouldn't be a boy.

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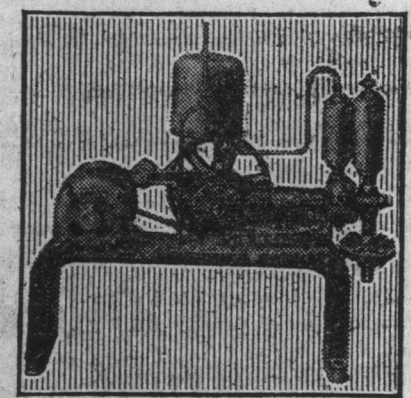
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