The Old Clock.

O! the old, old clock, of the household stock,
Was the brightest thing and neatest;
Its hands, though old, had a touch of gold,
And its chime rang still the sweetest;
Twas a monitor, too, though it words were few,
Yet they lived though nations altered;
And its voice, still strong, warned old and young,
When the voice of friendship faltered;
'Tick! tick! it said—' quick, quick to bed,
For ten I've given warning;
Up! up! and go, or else you know,
You'll never rise soon in the morning!"

A friendly voice, was that old, old clock,
As it stood in the corner smiling,
And blessed the time with a merry chime,
The winter hours beguiling;
But a cross old voice was that tiresome clock,
As it called at daylight boldly;
When the dawn looked gray o'er the misty way,
And the early air blew coldly;
'Tick! tick!' it said—' quick out of bed,
For five I've given warning;
You'll never have health, you'll never have wealth,
Unless you're up soon in the morning!'

Still hourly the sound goes round and round,
With a tone that ceaseth never;
While tears are shed for bright days fled,
And the old friends lost forever!
Its heart beats on, though hearts are gone,
Its hands still move—though hands we love
Are clasped on earth no longer!
'Tick! tick!' it says—' to the churchyard bed,
The grave hath given warning;
Up! up! and rise, and look at the skies,
And prepare for a heavenly morning!'

Parents and Children.

Whatever you wish your child to be be it yourself. If you wish it to be happy, healthy, truthful, affectionate, honest and godly, be yourself all these. If you wish it to be lazy and sulky, and a liar, and a thief, and a drunkard, and a swearer, be yourself all these. As the old cocks crows, the young cock learns. You will remember who said, "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it." And you may, as a general rule, as soon expect to gather grapes from thorns, and figs from thistles, as get good, healthy, happy children from diseased and lazy and wicked parents.

Be always frank and open with your children Make them trust you and tell you all their secrets. Make them feel at ease with you, and make free with them. There is no such good playing for grown up children like you and me as *weans*, wee ones. It is wonderful what you can get them to do with a little coaxing and fun. You all know this as well as I do, and you all practise it every day in your own families. Here is a pleasant little story out of an old book:

"A gentleman having led a company of children beyond their usual journey, they began to get weary, and cried to him to carry them on his back, but because of their multitude he could not do this. 'But,' says he, 'I'll get horses for us all;' then cutting little wands out of the hedges as ponies for them, and a great stake as a charger for himself, this put mettle in their legs, and they rode cheerily home." So much for a bit of ingenious fun.

One thing, however poor you are, you can give your children, and that is your prayers; and they are, if real and humble, worth more than silver or gold—more than food or clothing, and have often brought from our Father who is in heaven, and hears our prayers, both money, and meat, and clothes, and all worldly good things. And there is one thing you can always teach your child; you may not yourself know how to read or write, and therefore you may not be able to teach your children how to do these things; you may not know the names of the stars or their geography, and may therefore not be able to tell them how far you are from the sun, or how big the moon is; nor be able to tell them the way to Jerusalem or Australia; but you may always be able to tell them who made the stars and numbered them, and you may tell them the road to heaven. You may always teach them to pray. Some weeks ago I was taken out to see the mother of a little child. She was very dangerously ill, and the nurse had left the child to come and help me. I went up to the nursery to get some hot water. and in the child's bed I saw something raised up. This was the little fellow under the bed clothes kneeling. I said, "What are you doing?" I am praying God to make mamma better," said he. God likes these little prayers and these little people, for of such is the kingdom of heaven. These are his little ones, his lambs, and he hears their cry; and it is enough if they only lisp their prayers. "Abba, Father," is all he needs; and our prayers are never so truly prayers, as when they are most like children's in simplicity, in directness, in perfect fullness of reliance. "They pray right up," as Uncle Tom says in that wonderful book, which I hope you have all read and wept over.—*Spare Hours.*

The Art of not Hearing.

The art of not hearing should be taught in every well-regulated family. It is fully as important to domestic happiness as a cultivated ear, for which so much money and time are expended. There are so many things which it has been painful to hear, many of which if heard will disturb the temper, corrupt simplicity and modesty, detract from contentment and happiness, that every one should be educated to take in or shut out sounds, according to their pleasure.

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 sails, 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 portcullis of my ear, and he cannot get in any further. Does the collector of neighbourhood scandal task my ear as a warehouse, it instinctively shuts up. Some people feel very anxious to hear everything that will vex or annoy them. If it is hinted that any one has spoken ill of them, they set about searching and finding out. If all the petty things said of one by heedless or ill-natured idlers were to be brought home to him, he would become a mere walking pin-cushion, stuck full of sharp remarks. I should as soon thank a man for emptying on my bed a bushel of nettles, or setting loose a swarm of musquitoes in my chamber, or raising a pungent dust in my house generally, as to bring upon me all the tattle of spiteful people. If you would be happy, when among good men, open your ears; when among bad, shut them. And as the throat has a muscular arrangement by which it takes care of the air passage of its own accord, so the ear should be trained to an automatic dullness of hearing! It is not worth while to hear what your servants say when they are angry; what your children say after they slammed the door; what a beggar says whom you have rejected from your door; what your neighbours say about your children; what your rivals say about your business or dress.

This art of not hearing, though not taught in the schools, is by no means unknown or unpraced in society. I have noticed that a well-bred woman never hears an impertinent or vulgar remark. A kind of discreet deafness saves one from many insults, from much blame, from not a little apparent connivance in dishoourable onversation.

Behind the Curtains.

'Mother, I am going up to Frank's room toc night to play cards!'

'Well!'

This was the answer given to the above remark. The boy left the supper table and went 'up street,'

Oh, how that mother's answer rang in my ears. Can it be, thought I, that I am wrong and she is right? I studied the matter over carefully. She is older, a great deal older than I am; she has seen so much more of the world than I have; she moves in the upper circles of society; the world calls her husband a respectable man, and she belongs to a branch of the Protestant Church. Such were the thoughts that crowded on me, as I hurried to my place of business. And while I was thinking, I remembered seeing some curiously shaped books lying on a table in this lady's sitting-room. On the back of these books, in large gilt letters, were the words, 'History of England.' But when I opened the books and found them nicely laid off into squares, and these squares painted alternately red and black, instead of containing a record of kings and queens, a narration of important events, of noble patriotism, and heroic martyrdom, I acknowledge that I was both surprised and deceived. My admiration of that lady's literary taste was somewhat lessened when I found that this 'History of England' was only a back-gammon board, yet a faithful representation of its owner—all gilt without, but containing the seeds of polution and vice within. When I remembered this, I was no longer surprised at the mother's answer. I thought to myself, I have had one view of fashionable life behind the curtains.

Can we wonder that young men frequent the gaming tables and billiard saloons when they are thus encouraged at home?

Well!

Mothers, think calmly before you use that word in answer to such a ramark. Look into the future and think of what may result if your son pursues his present course. Have we not gamblers? Then why teach that which invariably leads to that degrading vice. Think of this, you mothers, who go to church with a gilt-edged prayer book in your hand, and promenade the streets in rustling silks and glittering diamonds.

Well!

Mother, what may result from that carelessly spoken word. How often may you be called upon to listen to its echoes. Perhaps in after years that son will be brought to you in a state of intoxication, you will hear his stifled moaning, and with every moan the echo of that careless word will be ringing in your ears. He may be brought to you wrapped in the bloody mantle of death. That one careless word will stand out in bold relief on every bloody feature.

Well!

Mother, when that great and awful day shall come, when the earth and the sea shall give up their dead, when the multiplied millions shall stand at the bar of God, what will be your thoughts when you see that son, staggering, tottering, reeling down to eternal ruin. You will hear his groans, and sighs, and the remembrance of that careless word will drag you with him into the gulf of unfathonable despair, Well!—*Observer.*

Foreign Bodies under the Eyelids.

The following simple method of extracting invisible substances which have become lodged under the eyelid will be found to be of the greatest convenience and efficacy. The lid being seized at its angles between the thumb and forefinger of each hand, gently draw it forward and downward as far as possible over the lower lid, and retain it there for about a minute. On allowing the upper lid to its normal position, the flow of tears will carry off the foreign body, which will usually be found on the lower lid, or on one of the lashes, or on the cheek.

Temperance.

The Two Partings.

In the *National Baptist*, in which the following story appears as original, it is supplemented by a note saying that is drawn from real life, and saying that any one wishing to verify the facts, can obtain the name and residence of the gentleman referred to by calling at its office, No. 530 Arch street, Philadelphia.

One winter evening, many years ago, a fair young girl stood before the glass in her own pleasant little room, giving the last touches to her toilet. That night was the first party of the season, and perhaps Emma might be excused if she lingered a little longer than usual, smoothing once again her dark brown hair, and adjusting the soft folds of her beautiful dress.

'Come, Emma,' called her mother at length; 'I am afraid you forget that Mr. B. is waiting for you.'

No; Emma had not forgotten, as the rosy blush that stole across her cheek testified. Her last thought, as she stood smiling at her reflection in the glass, had been, 'This is the colour which *he* likes; I am sure he will be pleased.'

Quickly she hurried down stairs, and after playfully excusing her delay, while the flush deepened at Mr. B's. evident admiration, turned to her mother, saying, 'I believe I am ready at last.'

'Take good care of yourself darling,' said the mother, as she wrapped a warm shawl around the slender form, 'and don't stay very late.'

Their destination was soon reached, and as the young man moved through the brilliantly lighted room many a glance of admiration was cast at his companion, and more than one of his friends whispered, 'James is a lucky fellow; I'd give a good deal to be able to monopolize Miss Emma as he does.'

The evening sped joyously on, and at length, toward its close, refreshments were handed around. Mr. B. was standing a little apart from Emma, who was the centre of a laughing group of young girls, when the lady of the house with a smile offered him a glass of wine.

'No, thank you, I do not drink it,' was his reply.

'Pshaw! what nonsense,' she returned. 'No one has refused it this evening, and I don't intend to allow you to be the first. Come, just one glass; it can't hurt any one.'

'I can not do it,' he answered gravely, 'for I have determined never to taste a drop.'

'Come here, Emma,' called the lady. 'I want you to coax this obstinate young man to take a little wine. I know he will not refuse you.'

Emma took the glass in her little white hand, and with a smile which few could have resisted, said, 'Come, James, you will take just this one glass.'

'No, Emma,' he answered, with a powerful effort. 'I have made up my mind, and you must not ask me to change it.'

'Then you shall not accompany me home tonight, Mr. B.,' said Emma, with an angry flash of her dark eye; 'now take your choice.'

'I must bid you good-bye, then, Emma, if it comes to that,' he said sorrowfully,' 'I would gladly do anything else for you, but that I can not do.' So saying, he bowed and turned away.

'Never mind, Emma, I'll see you home,' said a young man standing near, whose flushed face betokened that he had taken more than one glass. 'Let him go, the ill-mannered fellow; who cares?'

So saying, he offered his arm, which Emma accepted, and they moved off together.

More than ten years had passed away. Mr. B. was married and established in a prosperous business, and by degrees the incidents of his parting with Emma were almost forgotten.

One day a man with whom he was slightly acquainted, came into his store and asked for employment.

'I am afraid I can't give it to you, Norris,' was the answer. 'I make it a rule never to have any one in my employ who is intemperate.'

'But I mean to stop all that, Mr. B.,' said the man earnestly. 'I have made up my mind to quit drinking entirely. It's rather hard not to give a man a chance when he wants to reform.'

'Well,' said Mr. B., partially relenting, 'I will try you. Come into the back part of the store and I will give you some work.'

A bundle was soon made up with which Norris departed. Several days elapsed, and the work not being returned, Mr. B. sent to his residence to ask the reason.

Alas! it was the same old tale of sorrow. The husband and father had gone on a drinking frolic, leaving a sick wife and three starving children.

Mr. B's generous heart prompted him to go to their relief at once. He entered the miserable dwelling, and found the sick woman lying in a room almost bare of furniture; while the children, sitting on the floor by the bedside, were crying for bread. A few kind words and a promise of something to eat, soon dried their tears; and hastening to the grocery, he returned with an ample supply, which he broke among the famishing children.

While he stood smiling at their delight, the mother burst into tears, and exclaimed, 'O, Mr. B., can you forgive me?'

'What do you mean?' he asked in astonishment.

'Don't you remember Emma F.? Don't you remember me offering you the wine at a party, your refusing it? God knows I wish I could forget it; but it seems as if it were branded on my heart in letters of fire.'

It was some moments before Mr. B. could realize that the miserable creature before him was indeed the bright, fascinating girl from whom he had parted so many years before.

'Poor Emm how you must have suffered,' he said compassionately.

'But do you forgive me?' she asked anxiously.

'Certainly; say no more about it. You must not stay in this wretched place. Is your mother living?'

'Yes, sir; in the country.'

'Would you not like to go back to her with the children?'

'Yes, sir,' she answered sadly; 'but I have no means.'

'Do not trouble yourself,' said Mr. B.; 'as soon as you are sufficiently recovered, I will take care of that part of the undertaking. Let me know if there is anything else I can do for you. No thanks,' he added hastily, as the poor woman commenced a grateful acknowledgment; 'good-bye.'

This was the second parting.

Young ladies, you who are accustomed to press your gentlemen friends to partake of wine, pause now and ask yourself the question, whether you are prepared for the miserable fate of the drunkard's wife?

Agriculture.

FATTENING ANIMALS of all kinds lay on flesh very rapidly as the weather grows cooler. Keep beeves and sheep in pasture as long as the feed is good, but yard them at night, and feed twice a day with grain, if they are to be marketed soon; otherwise simply fed so as to be sure they are constantly gaining. Pigs should have cooked food and plenty of it. Push forward their fattening as rapidly as possible, for at no season will they gain faster. Keep them clean and give warm sheltered nests. Poultry also gain very rapidly, and it is best to fatten them on scalded meal, with corn, wheat screenings, and other food in addition, at daylight in the morning, and late in the afternoon.

"STORE" ANIMALS and Young Stock often get poor usage and no attention till snow falls, and the ground freezes solid, or the pastures give out, so that they begin the winter scrawny and down in flesh. This is very poor policy. If the stock must be half fed before the spring, let it be at the close of the season. Perishable fodder, such as pumpkins, soft corn, common turnips, should be provided in abundance, so that the "stores," and young animals can lay on a good stock of flesh, if not fat. Animals in good condition proverbially winter much more easily than thin ones.

HOW TO BAKE APPLES.—Bake without breaking the skin. Bake from three to five hours. When the pulp is perfectly tender, break the skin; if that is silken, like the cuticle of the hand, you have your fruit done. If you break the skin by baking, the heat and moisture will escape, and your apple will dry. The peel prevents evaporation, and is a good conductor of heat. Bake on paper, and there will be no dishes spoiled or needed to be wasted.

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