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The Boy and His Home.

(By Miriam E. Brozman, in 'American Mother.')

The boy's standing, above all, in some homes is deplorable. Much has been said about mother and daughter, but very little about mother and son.

Too often he is treated as only a something that comes home three times a day to eat his meals, and, after supper, with a change of collar and necktie, off he is to go, only to return home in time to retire.

What wonder, then, that he looks for his amusements outside the home, seeking the card or the billiard-table. He certainly needs a little recreation after his day's work is over.

Perhaps nothing is done at the home towards entertaining him; he is looked upon as a separate being, not as a member of the family. Little pains are taken to make it attractive for him within the boundaries of the home. How can he feel interested in the home and its belongings? He is very seldom consulted about the family transactions, the supposition being that he does not care. That is a great mistake. He will care if you show him how to care. Boys can think and feel the same as other people.

When a boy (no matter what his age may be) comes home, do everything to make it comfortable for him. Do not keep reminding him of coming into the house with his shoes dirty; overlook the dirt occasionally and pay more attention to the boy, and he will in time, himself, look after his shoes.

Take an interest in all his affairs, whether they be play, school, or work.

Talk over with him the day's happenings, his experiences, the people he met with, what words were exchanged, and so on. All these little attentions help to hold him closer to the home. Ask his opinion on your new bonnet, or the new wall-paper; or even if it is an expensive painting you have bought. By so doing you bring out the best that is in him. Please the boy and he will please you.

We should bear in mind that the boy of to-day may be the statesman of to-morrow.

Selected Recipes.

Cracker Omelet.—Break one quart of oyster crackers into small pieces, pour over them one pint of hot milk with half teaspoonful salt. Stir in three eggs well beaten and put into a hot buttered skillet. Cook slowly ten minutes, stirring frequently.

Apple Fritters.—Apple fritters are a delicate entree, and are a suitable accompaniment for any kind of roast, or they may serve as a dessert with a sweet sauce. Make a batter as follows: Put into a small bowl one-half cupful of flour and add to it the well-beaten yolk of one egg and one-quarter cupful of cold water. Beat this thoroughly. Then stir in one-half tablespoonful of melted butter or, better yet, olive oil and one-quarter teaspoonful of salt. Then fold in carefully the stiffly-beaten white of the egg. Stand on the ice for two or three hours. Just before time to serve the fritters peel three large sour apples and remove the cores with a corer. Cut them in round slices three-eighths of an inch thick, dip them one by one with a fork into the batter and drop into deep, very hot fat. When one side is a golden brown turn and remove as soon as the other side is the same color. Place on soft brown paper to drain and dredge with powdered sugar. If too many are

put into the fat at one time it will cool the fat, and the consequence will be that the slower cooking will cause them to 'soak fat.' In turning them over be careful not to puncture them with the fork, as that will have a tendency to make them heavy.

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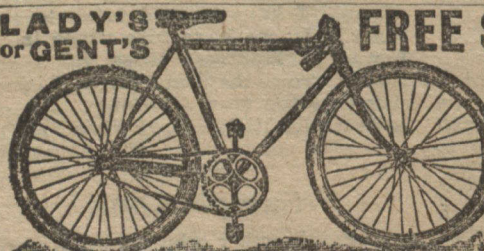


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