

HOUSEHOLD.

Habits of Speech.

'Why do educated parents allow their children to contract habits of ungrammatical speech that will have to be conquered in after-life?' asked a spinster of a mother.

'Because they hate to worry the poor little things about such matters when they are young and should be care free. It seems cruel to be all the time correcting them and keeping them on their good behavior. They will have to learn the rules of our dreadful language all too soon as it is.'

'Yes,' said the spinster, 'and in addition to learning to speak properly they will have to unlearn the tricks of speech in which they have been allowed to indulge all their little lives. I know,' laughing, 'that there is much ridicule of "old maids' children," but I believe that my theory in this is correct. It is a positive unkindness to let your child double his negatives and say "ain't," when several years from now he will be harshly reproved for such lapses. The child must learn to talk anyway, and is it not as easy to teach him to say "It is I," as "It's me?" And is it not as simple for the little tongue to lisp "I saw it," as "I seen it?" I love baby-talk, and should not correct a child for his mispronunciation of hard words. As he grows older he will himself see his mistake in that line and change them. But I insist that it is a parent's duty to make the difficult path to grammatical speech as easy as possible by never allowing the little ones to stray from it in the beginning.'—Harper's Bazar.

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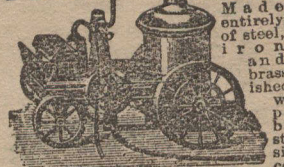


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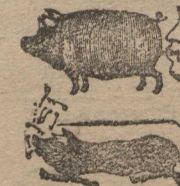
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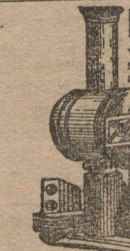
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