

ATTENTION is called to those essentially feminine habits of putting pins in the mouth, or moistening a pencil with the lips.

A pin swallowed means only a surgical case, but the greater danger lies in the contagion that may be lurking in the pin itself. Under the head of the pin, or in the point of the pencil, all kinds of malignant germs may be located, which will be transmitted by the mouth quicker than any other way. It hardly seems possible that any one needs to be cautioned against holding money between his lips, yet a person can scarcely go any distance on a street car without noticing someone indulging in this dangerous and filthy habit

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"AIN'T he got his mother's nose?"  
said the nurse "Pretty ickie sing!"  
Pa bent down to admire  
"Ain't he got his papa's whiskers?"  
sang out Tommy, the eldest boy  
So he had—such a handful!

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TO prejudiced ears a "lady shoe-black" sounds ridiculous, and yet in New York the lady shoeblack has arrived. A girl there saw how uncomfortably difficult it was for a woman to get her shoes cleaned in a large city unless she were living at home. The ordinary method of enlisting the services of the boy at the street corner was out of the question, and yet it either meant this or dirty shoes. "Why not," she thought, "open a shoe-cleaning establishment?" The idea was a good one, and with commendable enterprise she set about realizing it. The result of her efforts is that already she has

several imitators, who preside over little sanctums wherein a woman may comfortably ensconce herself with all the latest magazines to hand while her boots undergo a vigorous polishing at the hands of a nimble attendant.

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MOTHER: "Now, don't you ask me another question. Little boys should not be so inquisitive."

Son "What's inquisitive?"

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YOU can distinguish the smart girl by her walk. A great many women have a sloppy carriage, they let their hips sag and break. Have you never seen a woman who stands with one hip higher than the other, as though one limb were shorter than the other? Such women walk like jointed dolls; first one hip goes up and then goes down—a regular see-saw movement of the body from the hips down. The smart girl always keeps her body in the centre, and the line from the forehead runs down as though it were a plumb-line. The upper part of her body goes first, never the lower. The abdomen is held in and the chest expanded.

It is a prevalent error to suppose that the constitutions of children are fortified by early exposure to cold, whence arises the inexpressibly absurd practice of bathing infants in cold water, even in midst of winter. The circulation of infants is almost wholly cutaneous, and any severe impression of cold upon their highly sensitive and vascular skin destroys the natural distribution of the blood, producing bowel complaints, inflammations, and convulsions, which, if they do not destroy life, at least weaken the constitution, and prepare it for the reception of other diseases.

#### A Woman's Treasures.



LITTLE ring of gold—a battered shoe—  
A faded, curling wisp of yellow hair—  
Some pencilled pictures—playthings one or two—  
A corner and a chest to hold them there.

Many a woman's fondest hoard is this,  
Among her dearest treasures none so dear,  
Though bearded lips are often hers to kiss  
That once made only prattle to her ear.

The sturdy arm, the seasoned form, the brow  
That arches over eyes of manly blue,  
Mean all joy to her living memory now,  
And yet—and yet—she hugs the other, too!

With that rare love, mysterious and deep,  
Down in a mother's heart thro' all the years,  
That placid age can never lull to sleep  
And is not grief, yet oft brings foolish tears.

She often goes those hoarded things to view  
And finger the wee treasures hidden there—  
To touch the little ring and battered shoe,  
And kiss the curling wisp of yellow hair!