

that spring up in soil that is barely sufficient to nourish the seed, but too hard to supply the tree.

If they survive, it is without spirit, and as eyesores.

Their roots suck no emotional moisture. The sunshine of life only gnarls and parches them.

Such children—God pity them!—denied the love that vitalizes the mother milk, are worse—ten thousand times worse—than orphaned.

Their childhood is an unheeded wail of unsatisfied longing; the well-springs of natural feeling are dammed up in their little hearts, to stagnate and to poison their lives.

Such children—well, it is better for all concerned that the mothers should raise pups instead.

There is good in a pup, but there is no possibility of good in a child of a woman whose heart affections are only pup-size.

But, even at that, it is a pity for the pup.

There is no worthier animal than a dog. He is capable, when given a chance, of responding to the intellect and affections of the highest natures. But, after all, he has his level, and while we love him because he can at times raise himself to man's, even the dog himself must despise the woman who can lower herself to his.

In certain social circles it is considered "not fashionable" for mothers to show much interest in their children. The little ones are left to the nurses, whilst the dogs are taken out in the carriages. For the benefit of such mothers, it is worth while to repeat a recent remark made by the Duchess of Fife, the eldest daughter of the King of England. The duchess was discussing with a friend the case of a little child of wealthy parents accidentally found to be covered with bruises inflicted by a cruel caretaker. The duchess said:

"No nurse would be able to bruise my children's bodies, for not many days go by that I do not wash them myself."

"Why," inquired her friend, "do you really stay in the nursery to watch their toilet, ma'am?"

"I did not say that I watched them being washed," said the duchess, "I said that I washed them myself."

This is indorsement of caring for one's own children from a source that even the ultra-fashionable stand in awe of.

It is to be hoped that this virtue of royalty may be emulated as obsequiously as its vices are imitated.

Home Column.

HOME.

It is good to have a corner just to call one's own,
Though it be a nest in branches by the west winds blown;
Though it be a crooked window under mossy eaves,
Known but to darting swallows and to autumn's drifting leaves.

Though it only be a little room of four bare walls,
Caught in 'mid smoky chimneys and the city's noisy calls;
The heart may rest awhile, and the soul may be alone,
If yet one has a corner just to call one's own.

The busy world is beckoning and lures us away,
And life seems all to-morrow, though 'tis leaving us to-day;
But there's nothing half so rare, in the golden days to come,
As a little roof, a low roof that we call Home.

There is nothing half so precious in the wide world and free,
As the dear hearts, the near hearts, close to you and me—
Oh, when the dream is broken, and a-wandering we roam,
We'll find no other shelter like the one called Home.

Fame may be waiting us, and glory on the way,
But the humble things, the sweet things, are ours every day;
And for loss or for gain, there is nothing can atone,
Like a heart and a corner just to call one's own!

COURTESY IN THE HOME.

What is it that makes our home attractive to the family? writes Aunt Mollie. It is the beauty of the furnishings, the immaculate neatness of the table or the fashion of the dress that is worn? These things may cultivate an aesthetic taste, but do they really attach children to their homes? I have observed that children of poor parents, yes, and dissipated ones at that, show more affection for their parents and their childhood's home than do many of the rich and well-to-do. Why is it? It would seem that the more beautiful the home, the more love there would be for that home. But it seems that adverse circumstances, yes, and pinching poverty, cement the love of the family more and more.

The poet has truly said, "Be it ever so humble, there is no place like home." What really makes a pleasant, happy home? We think it is the oneness of interest, the sharing of what we have with other members, the unselfishness which is awakened in the heart by adversity. In many of our modern homes the children are first everywhere, they never have to give up their will to others, and of each other, forget the courtesy that belongs to refinement. I wish young people just starting to make a home for themselves, would show the same courtesy to each other as in their courting days, and as the children come, teach them by precept and example, to be kind, courteous and unselfish to each other. Truly there is no place like home to educate children in true courtesy.

A PARENT'S ERROR.

The dispositions of children are spoiled by ignorant and indulgent parents, who set out deliberately to arouse in children a jealous disposition. They offer the peevish child something, which, because of his peevishness, he will not take and then they make a pretext of giving it to some one else, that they may induce him to take it out of envy. The effect of such training may be imagined. After a few such lessons the child wants only those things that others possess and during his childhood days he generally manages to get them by crying and sulking. Grown a little older, the child, if a boy, associating at school and in play with children of his own age, develops a domineering or cringing disposition according to his physical strength. He is grasping and envious because of his earlier training, but can no longer get things by crying for them, because his parents are not there to help him, but if strong enough he takes them by diplomacy. Ruled by selfish desires implanted in him by vicious early training, he pursues his own ends, either as bully or sneak, unless providentially he should fall under the hands of a master capable of undoing and converting the vicious work of his parents during his early days of training. Much of the work of school teachers is imposed upon them because their pupils have had bad preliminary training from ignorant or careless parents.

Kindergartens find a justification for their existence in that they put children in very tender age under the direction of presumably competent instructors, who look after their habits with more intelligent discrimination than can be expected from young or inexperienced parents. Home influence of the right kind is very precious, but the home influence that takes a child at its most impressionable age, during infancy, and develops in it an envious, selfish disposition, does as much harm as could come of it from absolute neglect.

EFFICACY OF LEMON JUICE.

The discovery that lemon juice is an absolute effective preventive of typhoid infection is announced by responsible medical men with a positiveness that leaves but little room for doubt. Dr. Ferguson, of London, made the discovery and proclaimed it to the world on Christmas day, and the Chicago health department made experiments to test its value, it is announced, confirms the statement made by Dr. Ferguson, and proves that a teaspoonful of juice to a half a glass of water destroys almost instantly the bacilli of ty-

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