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FOR JESUS.

Stand for Jesus; bravely stand On the Lord's side, firm and true; Gladly follow His command, Whatever He bids you do. Turn not for the world's sake, From the straight and narrow way; In the footsteps of our Guide We can never go astray.

THE HOME.

Every duty, even the least duty, involves the whole principle of obedience. And little duties make the dull dutiful that is, supple and prompt to obey. Little obediences lead into great. The daily round of duty is full of probation and discipline; it trains the will, heart, and conscience. We need not to be prophets or preachers. The commonest life may be full of perfection. The duties of home are a discipline for the ministries of heaven.—H. E. Manning.

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THE FARM.

Timely Hints.

If you want the flow of milk to keep up, always milk clean. The quality of the food has much to do with the quality of the milk. If you starve the hens you will have a lean egg-basket. "Get the best" seeds, plants, trees, implements and fertilizers. Plant both fruit and ornamental trees; also shrubs and vines. The average number of onion seed in a pound is 12,000. A little linseed mixed with the feed is good for scours in sheep.

THE HOME.

How to Manage Fine Seeds. The difficulty of germinating a fair percentage of many of the finer seeds is known to many who have had occasion to start plants of Begonia, Calceolaria, Mimulus and even tobacco, from seeds. Such seeds, covered with the finest sifted soil, often have difficulty in penetrating it by the time they are in a condition to spring forth, especially if watered from above, though the covering may be as thin as it is possible to give. Many such seeds are especially sensitive in their earlier periods of growth, and oftentimes will fall if neglected in the matter of moisture for even an hour. From my very first venture with three fifty-cent packages of Begonia, Primrose, and Cineraria seeds, I have ever since been diligent in my care, and have secured a large number of cuttings very largely by using a specially arranged flower pot. The preparation is as follows: using an eight-inch pot: The first three inches consist of broken pots or potsherds, the coarsest being next the potsherds, gradually making it finer near the top, and the next inch of the finest sifted soil, the finer the better (if sifted it through a four sifter). This leaves about two inches from the top of the soil to the top of the pot which is to be covered with a pane of glass. The finest seeds will require no special treatment if not covered at all, providing the pot is kept in the dark until some roots have been formed. For bottom heat, we may place the pot on the back of the stove or a small lamp may be kept burning under it all the time by a little ingenuity in arranging it. The water is supplied in a peculiar way, the pot being set in a basin of hot water containing an amount which will bring it above the layer of broken crock when the pot is placed in the basin. After a thorough wetting has been absorbed in the way the pane of glass will hold the moisture for a considerable time. In some cases of quickly germinating things it will not be necessary to give another supply of water until the growth has appeared. Air should be admitted freely—at least once a day—until the seedlings have appeared, when a small piece of wood should be laid across the pot under the glass so that fresh air will be continually coming in. This will prevent, to a large extent, the danger of dampening off, which causes sometimes in a day the whole crop to be ruined, if an insufficient supply of air is given.—Willbur F. Lake, in American Agriculturist.

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CHILDREN

Are always liable to sudden and severe colds, to croup, sore throat, lung fever, etc. Remedies, to be effective, must be administered without delay. Nothing is better adapted for such emergencies than Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. It soothes the inflamed membrane, promotes expectoration, relieves coughing, and induces sleep. The prompt use of this medicine has saved innumerable lives, both of young and old.

Strangling.

It had nearly ceased to breathe. Realizing that the child's alarming condition had become possible in spite of the medicine it had taken, I reasoned that such remedies would be of no avail. Having a part of a bottle of Ayer's Cherry Pectoral in the house, I gave the child three doses, at short intervals, and anxiously waited results. From the moment the Pectoral was given, the child's breathing grew easier, and in a short time it was sleeping quietly and breathing normally. The child is alive and well today, and I do not hesitate to say that Ayer's Cherry Pectoral saved its life.—C. J. Woodruff, Wortham, Texas.

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Hints to the Farmer.

No better stimulus can be given a grapevine of any age than to bury a dead animal near it. Dead dogs are no better than dead pigs, or sheep or hogs, unless larger, or in winter, have the carcass buried for such use, immeasurably better, so long as their vanguardage over fields and roads is tolerated at all. As to apricots, they are not found on uprooted trees in some districts simply because the subsoil is sour or poisonous, and only the superficial roots can extend. Some trees acquire large size with all their roots close to the surface, sheltered and fed by the decaying mulch of leaves and moss. For it is in ground constantly wet below the surface that this sour and poisonous condition of the subsoil is usually found.

The shallow roots of the quince are liable to suffer both from winter cold and summer's heat unless sheltered by liberal mulch. And if the roots suffer, the top starves; so it does if borers out the collar of communication between roots and top. It ought to be superfluous to say that neither ground nor any other competing plant should live near enough for their roots to rob the plant we care for specially. But very short grass has very short roots, and so can do little harm unless allowed to grow tall. True as gospel, what is said about healthfulness and easy production of our fruit, small fruits, is valuable in our climate, which is so trying to us on everything tall and exposed. Comparatively few of our people have found out what merit there is in gooseberries, how keen and appetizing the flavor when used as rhubarb is, while green; and how easy kept in jars for winter enjoyment all through the year. They have a special and most agreeable flavor. Cranberries have little more than flavor and acute acid.

Pigs for Profit.

The most successful poultry-raiser I ever knew, a woman whose sales of poultry and eggs reached \$3,000 a year, laid down as a rule never to be deviated from, to push all stock so as to make its growth as rapid as possible, and so to get it as soon as marketable. A man who has for several years grown 150 pigs yearly, and sold them at six months old says no farmer can afford to feed a pig longer than this. I have attained a weight of 200 pounds at this age, and found the cost per pound much less than when I fed longer, and made a weight of 300 pounds or more, and the risk of loss from disease is very much less than from older hogs. If pigs are sold at this age the spring litters need not be dropped till cold weather is over, say April 1, and will be marketed before winter weather sets in, so that no feed will be wasted in maintaining vital heat. The fall litters can be dropped in time to get a good start before cold weather sets in, and in a good hog house can be kept thrifty all winter and sold in spring. Find it profitable to keep the fall litters till a month or more older than the spring litters, so as to finish them off for market after the cold weather is over. I find it profitable to raise two litters a year, for nature sows give the largest and most vigorous pigs, and the cost of keeping a full-grown sow is large, and the second litter will add to the profit.

To make pig-growing profitable they must be pushed from the start, and at the same time good judgment must be exercised in feeding. Milk is the best and soon the worst feed for pigs during the first few months when they are forming bone and muscle. Yet I can make good thrifty pigs without milk, and can raise fairly good pigs with corn as the main food. Next to milk I prefer bran, oats, and clover, and can make a fairly good and palatable slop from the same. The first thing to be done is to get the pigs to eating before they are weaned so that their growth will not be checked when taken from the mother. Until four months old the growth of frame should be pushed as much as possible, but do not attempt to fatten them, and for this reason the less corn they eat the better. At four months old begin to feed corn, moderately at first, but in ten days you may give them all they will eat, but you will get growth as well as fat and more lean meat if you keep up the bran-slop until they are ready for market. I believe in feeding three times a day just what they will eat clean, and so they will always come with good appetites for the next meal, rather than to keep

TEMPERANCE.

The Omaha Leader prints the things that are on the saloon side, and those that are against it. Here are the columns: AGAINST. FOR. God. Devil. Right. Wrong. Truth. Falsehood. Morals. Immorality. Virtue. Vice. Purity. Prostitution. Church. Saloon. School. Jail. Home. Brothel. Love. Hate. Industry. Idleness. Plenty. Poverty. Elevation. Degradation. Happiness. Strife. Health. Disease. Life. Death. Heaven. Hell.

You know that this is true. You know that the saloon is an enemy of the school, the home and the church. You know that it is the fountain whence issue streams of dissipation, disease, debauchery and death. You know that the saloon is evil and only evil. It is a blessing to no man, to no community. It should be suppressed as a nuisance. The Supreme Court of the United States asserts that no citizen of a State or of the United States has any inherent right to engage in the retailing of intoxicating liquors, and that it can be totally abolished by the authorities. Let the citizens of every community petition the judge to withhold license from every applicant, and seek in every legitimate way to remove the saloon. Let all honorable means be employed to restrict the evil as much as possible, until the cyclone of prohibition shall sweep the iniquity from the earth (God hasten the day of deliverance Amen).

Preaching with a Shovel.

It was a dreary winter evening and Laura was snuggled up in a corner of the sofa, with her book in her lap, just in the middle of a most delightful story. The boys were playing in the corner, and now and then she caught a scrap of their talk, but she paid very little attention to it. Rob was putting his locomotive together, and Fred was arranging an orphan asylum with his alphabet blocks. Twenty-seven orphans were ranged about the carpet, some of them in bed, some eating soup out of Laura's china dishes, one desperate fellow in solitary confinement behind the door, and a long row learning to read from bits of newspaper. The only trouble was that they all had such jolly faces; they would grin all the time; and what can you do with a boy that grins even when you whip him? So presently the orphan asylum was turned into a gymnasium, where twenty-seven little acrobats stood on their heads, walked on their hands, turned somersaults, and performed all manner of wonderful feats. Then they were convicted in the State prison, and Rob came and preached them a sermon. This was the sermon: "My brethren: "People in jail aren't brethren," said Laura, looking up from her book. "O yes, they are!" said Rob; "brothers in just a kind of preach word, and means everybody but the minister. My brethren, folks ought to be good, and not steal things, and quarrel, and get angry. When you begin to be bad, you can't tell how long you may get to be. The convicts now marched back to their cells under the sofa. Rob lay upon the carpet with his arms under his head, and said, very slowly, "When I am a man, I shall be a minister."

"I thought you were going to be an engineer," said Laura. "Well, praps I shall. Cars don't run on Sunday, and I could think my sermons all the week, and then go and preach 'em."

"Oh, you can't make sermons, just thinking them up on an engine," said Laura, positively; "you have to do 'em in a study, with books and writing."

"I could," persisted Rob; "I shall say my sermons like Mr. Challis, and I know lots of texts."

Laura looked at papa, who was smiling at them over the top of his paper, and asked, doubtfully, "Could he, papa?" "I suppose he could," said papa. "But I thought ministers had to be just ministers, and not part something else."

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your work well, and not shirking; a sermon on doing things promptly without delaying; a sermon on sticking to things day after day without wearying; a sermon on doing your own part without waiting for other people to do theirs. "May be a man does it," said Rob. "No, it is a boy; I have seen him at it. I saw him one day when it was snowing very fast, and I said, 'Why do you clean your walk now?' It will soon be as bad as ever. 'Yes, sir,' said he, 'but this snow will be out of the way. I can brush it off now easily; but when it is tramped down, it makes hard work.' I call that a first rate sermon; and every one who does his work in his very best way preaches a sermon to all around him. The bell rang, and somebody called papa away; but Rob kept thinking of the little crooked, uneven path he had made to the barn and well, and what a stinky little pile of kindlings he had split for the kitchen, and he made up his mind he would try to preach a sermon with the shovel the next day. Laura said that her mother had laid aside her own book to show some pictures to little Nell. "That's what mamma is always doing," she thought, "preaching sermons about loving other people better than yourself; I guess I'll preach one about 'Do unto others.'" And Laura left her story and amused her little sister until her blue eyes were too sleepy even to smile. The next day Rob widened his path, and shoveled it clear down to the firm ground, and then he called Fred to admire it. "It's nice," said Fred; "I guess it's as nice as that sermon-boy could make. S'pos'n we go and shovel a path for Mrs. Ranney?" "Come on," said Rob; "that'll be a sermon about—about—I wonder about what?" "Being kind," said Fred, "but I don't know what the text for it is, unless it is, 'Love one another.'" "That's a pretty good text," said Rob, "that fits to most anything good." The boys went out and preached the sermons they had blocked out, and before they were done, they had thought of texts for half a dozen more. Really that sermon the boy preached and about which their father told them that evening, was a great missionary effort; the good results of it were seen and felt in many households all through the winter, and many people were made wiser, happier and better by it.—S2.

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