

## Little Failings.

Do you know people who are as good as gold, who have odd little ways of their own, little failings that annoy and inconvenience their friends? Some have trying little habits that rasp others, and put them in a fidget, much as they love those who are unconsciously guilty of the small exasperations. Some are absentminded and forgetful, others have trifling tricks of manner that make their friends exclaim inwardly, "Oh, I wish you wouldn't."

There are foibles as well as faults; there are weaknesses as well as wilfulnesses, and all these must be borne with. In some cases they may be corrected, but often these small idiosyncrasies are fixed in the character, are flaws even in the fine gold. We must make the best of them; we must make the most of the gold, and not magnify what mars it.

When we are tempted to be impatient with these little failings, it is good to remember that others have to bear with ours. How do we wish them to do it? Let us mind the Golden Rule, then. If others were perfect, how would they get on with our imperfections? If others were perfect, would we feel at ease with them. If we had nothing to bear with, could we be truest friends?—Young People.

## "Don't's" for Young Housekeepers.

Don't put butter in your refrigerator with the wrappings on.

Don't use butter for frying purposes. It decomposes and is unwholesome.

Don't pour boiling water over china packed in a pan. It will crack by the sudden contraction and expansion.

Don't moisten your food with the idea of saving your teeth. It spoils the teeth and you will soon lose them.

Don't use steel knives for cutting fish, oysters, sweetbreads or brains. The steel blackens and gives an unpleasant flavor.

Don't scrub your refrigerator with warm water. When necessary sponge it out quickly with two ounces of formaldehyde in two quarts of cold water.

Don't put tablecloths and napkins that are fruit-stained into hot soapsuds; it sets or fixes the stains. Remove the stains first with dilute oxalic acid, washing quickly in clear water.—Mrs. S. T. Rorer, in the January Ladies' Home Journal.

## Some Surprises of English Biographies.

The Harpers published last year a biography by an English statesman, of which they did not expect a very large sale. While the statesman was a young man, a coming man, his subject was an old and apparently hackneyed one. The book was Lord Rosebery's "Napoleon; the Last Phase," and it has not only had a tremendous sale, but is still in great demand. And now another English biography has had the same experience, namely, "Victoria R. L., Her Life and Empire," which the Harpers published early in November, and the sales of which have far outrun the expectations of the publishers. The Queen's biography was written by her accomplished son-in-law, the Duke of Argyll, who, as Marquis of Lorne, married H.R.H. Princess Louise, the fourth daughter of her late Majesty. The volume is quite wonderfully illustrated with rare pictures, and is bound in a royal red and gold, similar to its companion book, Rosebery's "Napoleon."

## The King's Trumpeter and His Followers.

Among Percy's toys on Christmas day was a fine gilt trumpet which far eclipsed, in his estimation, all his other beautiful presents. Wherever he could find an old drum, a tin whistle, or even a fragment of any musical instrument, he had been in the habit of seizing it and making some kind of music out of it.

His mother, as she watched him, often-times hoped that his life might be all melody, with no jarring notes of sin or remorse.

But it was not until mother had read about the famous "King's Trumpeter" in the "Pilgrim's Progress" that Percy began to realize that a trumpeter might have much to do in the world.

"The trumpeter is the one that proclaims the good news," his mother explained; "and first of all there is the good news to tell about Jesus, and then there are other things we would proclaim."

"Tell when some boy has done something wrong?" asked Percy.

"No; what mother was thinking of was how much nicer it would be to repeat only the good things we hear of others."

Percy had found a new use for his trumpet.

## A Wise Conclusion.

Said Peter Paul Augustus: "When I am grown a man, I'll help my dearest mother the very best I can. I'll wait upon her kindly; she'll lean upon my arm; I'll lead her very gently and keep her safe from harm."

"But when I think upon it, the time will be so long."

Said Peter Paul Augustus, "before I'm tall and strong, I think it would be wiser to be her pride and joy. By helping her my very best while I'm a little boy."

## Missionary Preparation.

At the meeting of the International Missionary Union, held in Clifton Springs in June last, the foreign missionaries present were asked to give in a sentence what each regarded as the most essential preparation for foreign service. The following were some of the responses:

"Be practical," "Study the Bible," "Get a thorough education," "Take a theological course," "Seek the gift of the Spirit," "An aptness in presenting simple Gospel truth," "Try your gifts at home, in city mission work or elsewhere," "The habit of prayer," "Study the field where you intend to go," "Get a preliminary knowledge of all fields," "Get in correspondence with live missionaries on the field," "Come into contact with missionaries at home," "Study missionary biography as an inspiration," "Be settled in theology before you go," "Have a practical business experience," "Be willing to do anything which is needed," "Acquire a knowledge of simple drugs and of pulling teeth," "Missionaries should get the idea that the natives can teach us something," "Do not try to upset the work of your predecessor for at least three years," "Take with you plenty of patience and flannel," "It is essential to understand the people," "A good knowledge of nursing is an important preparation." Missionaries from India said that a study of the language before going out to India would be of immense value, but those from China said that the time would be wasted in studying Chinese here.

Don't keep custards in the cellar in an open vessel. They are liable to become poisonous.

## CHILDHOOD INDIGESTION.

OFTEN LEADS TO SERIOUS TROUBLE UNLESS PROMPT STEPS ARE TAKEN TO CHECK IT—HOW THIS CAN BEST BE DONE.

Indigestion is a trouble that is very common in infancy and early childhood, and unless prompt measures are taken to control it the result is often very serious. It prevents the proper growth of the child and weakens the constitution, so that he is unable to resist other diseases that are more dangerous. Fortunately, however, the trouble is one that is easily controlled. Proper food—not too much, but absolutely pure—plenty of fresh air, and Baby's Own Tablets, freely administered according to the directions, will soon put the sufferer right, and make both mother and child happy. Mrs. W. E. Bassam, of Kingston, Ont., is one of the many mothers who has proved the truth of this statement. She says: "When my little girl was about three months old, she had indigestion very badly. She was vomiting and had diarrhoea almost constantly. She was very thin, weighed only four pounds and although she had a ravenous appetite her food did her no good whatever. I had tried several medicines but they did not help her. Then I heard of Baby's Own Tablets, and procured a box. After giving her the tablets for a few days, the vomiting and diarrhoea ceased, she began to improve at once, and grow plump and fat. I always give her the Tablets now when she is ailing and the result is always good. Baby's Own Tablets are the best medicine I have ever used for a child."

These tablets will promptly cure all the minor ailments of little ones, such as sour stomach, indigestion, colic, constipation, allay the irritation accompanying the cutting of teeth, etc. They are good for children of all ages, and crushed to a powder or dissolved in water can be given with absolute safety to the youngest infant. If you cannot obtain Baby's Own Tablets at your druggists, they will be sent post paid at 25 cents a box by addressing the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

A GUARANTEE—"I hereby certify that I have made a careful chemical analysis of Baby's Own Tablets, which I personally purchased in a drug store in Montreal. My analysis has proved that the Tablets contain absolutely no opiate or narcotic; that they can be given with perfect safety to the youngest infant; that they are a safe and efficient medicine for the troubles they are indicated to relieve and cure."

(Signed)

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Husband (reading from the paper)—"Connoisseur! What's a connoisseur?" Wife—"Oh, a connoisseur is a man who can eat or drink anything."

Biddy—"How can yez say that yez saves munny whin yez spends ivery penny yez makes?" Cassidy—"That's just it. If I laid anny munny past somebody'd borrow it, an' that 'ud be the end ov it."

"This wireless telegraphy reminds me of a groundless quarrel." "What possible connection is there between the two?" "It's practically having words over nothing?" Philadelphia Times.

When a sturdy Highlander, dressed in his native costume, stepped up to the Allan Line office in Glasgow and asked the price of a ticket to Canada, and being asked by the clerk if he was an emigrant, indignantly replied—"No, sir; I am a McGregor."