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Books gone to the dogs? Not at all! They have gone to the people.—James Milne.

A Few Points About the Hands and Hair

When the nails are fragile a little wax and alum rubbed upon them will strengthen them. If brittle a little almond oil or cold cream will be found beneficial.

White spots upon the finger-nails are caused by the bruising of the carium under the nail. To remove these spots use a mixture of refined pitch and a little myrrh upon them at night, wiping it off the next morning with olive oil.

When about to manicure the hands dip the fingers into warm soapy water and hold them there for a minute or two in order to soften the nails and the scarf skin about them.

The scarf skin should be gently pushed back from the nails before they are polished. It should never, unless absolutely necessary, be cut with the scissors.

Agnails, improperly called hangnails, may be prevented by proper attention to the scarf skin which surrounds the nails.

For manicuring only a pair of curved nail scissors, a nail-file, an orange stick, a chamois polisher, a bottle of vaseline and a box of rose salve or nail powder are necessary.

Before clipping the hair it is a good plan to braid it loosely, and then, taking the braid in the fingers, lightly rub the hairs the wrong way. Then it may be seen if any of the ends are split; if they are they should be clipped off.

The only virtue in going by the new moon when clipping the hair is that it tends to regularity.

If after the most scrupulous care the hair shows any signs of dandruff or any other disorder, a scientific skin specialist should be consulted.

Nothing will benefit the condition of a scalp which is prone to dandruff more than systematic massage, which starts

and keeps in order the circulation and sets the wheels of nutrition running.

Singeing the hair is based on the fallacy that the hair is a hollow tube and "bleeds" when it is cut. All I can say is that the merest tyro in the study of the hair knows that it is a solid shaft and contains no fluid which could exude when it is cut. In spite of assertions to the contrary, the hair does not grow more rapidly when it is singed.

At night the hair should be loosely braided and allowed to hang.

Boys

A recent visit in two homes, in both of which the boys were not the least important members of the household, produced distinctly different impressions.

In the first home the boys were attractive; in the second they were almost repellent. The breeding in the one was as evident as the lack of it in the other. Each was a home of wealth, in both the boys were sturdy and physically attractive specimens of American boyhood, but the contrast in other ways was painful.

The essential difference was not to be found in the boys, but in the homes. Had either family by chance been reared in the other home the conditions would doubtless have been reversed, and the assertive, thoughtless, ill-mannered ones would have then become the attractive, well-bred and well-behaved little fellows who had added much to the pleasure of the guest.

And not the least of the sources of uneasiness in the second home was the too evident desire of the mother that her boys should not forget their "company manners." In the first home there plainly were no "company manners" at all. The life was the daily life of the household. The boys were at ease because their manners fitted them, like their clothes. They were not the unusual but the usual, and had not been donned, like their best suits, because visitors had come. The pleasure of the visit was not destroyed by pity for the sensitive (if not sensible) mother, nor by resentment at the all too manifest lack of training in her boys.

No "Good-Morning" for the Boys.

If a boy does not learn to be courteous in his own home, it will be difficult for him to learn afterward or elsewhere. In the second home, to which reference has been made, the visitor noticed that the lads had no morning greeting for him; but this did not surprise him when he discovered that there was no "good-morning" for the boys themselves from any of the members of the family. One of the boys, it is true, held a chair at the breakfast table for one of the women guests, but his awkwardness disclosed the fact that he was not in the habit of performing the act for sister or mother. Evidently, ordinary politeness was not deemed necessary for those who really were nearest and dearest. It was for those outside the family. Later, those boys will be sent to college and be taught logic and various ologies to develop their ability to think; but it will be too late then for them to understand that considerateness and thoughtfulness are far more important than the intellectual and the logical; or if not too late, they will learn as a mature man learns to speak a foreign language, only with such defects that even his knowledge is discounted.

"I told a cabman in Paris to take me to the bourse," said an American who recently had returned from abroad. "He couldn't understand me in my pronunciation, and I had to call in another man to help me. Yet after my man understood where I wanted to go, and he had pronounced the word 'bourse' for me, I couldn't see the slightest difference between his pronunciation and mine. But the difference was there just the same," he added, with a laugh.

And the difference between the men whose later lives may be similar, but whose early home training was different, "is there," too, though they may not be able to explain or define. That boy's keenest mortification will come not from his mistakes in the more important matters of his life, but from the smaller, though no less essential, defects in his early training.

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