

looked as natural in the little girl's hand as could be."

But it was from Dorothy's lips that the sweetest words of praise and encouragement fell. And sometimes when John would come in for supper and hold up his slim hands that were no longer white, but roughened and hardened, and would say in disgusted tones, "Fine hands for an artist!" Dorothy would say, soothingly:

"Yes; but think, John, how nice it will be when you are really an artist and have a beautiful room like Mr. Stansfield's! You won't mind then having worked hard for it at first."

And John would say:
"No, you're right. I feel sometimes now as if I hate this work and must get away from it, and then I think of what is to come and I am only anxious to do my best."

And thus John Hallam worked and waited; and working, did his best; and waiting, prayed for patience.

In the after years, when his pictures were spoken of as "beautiful," and "marvels of accuracy," and "so true to life," he would sometimes laughingly say:

"Well, if I learned nothing else in my uncle's little country store, I at least committed two lessons to memory that I have never forgotten—and those are patience and the art of doing well whatever I undertook."

So it was, that the very things which at the time seemed one of the hardest trials of his life, after all proved to be one of his greatest blessings. Ah! how often it is that our blessings come in disguise, awaiting only the time when they are to be revealed to us by an all-wise Power who has in His hands all the corners of the earth!

Largest Lump of Coal.

England will show at the World's Fair the largest lump of coal ever mined. It is a monster specimen of the Lancashire diamond. It is what the miners call a cob of cannel coal, and weighs 11 English tons and 14 cwt. Many hundreds of cubic yards of earth were removed, a quarter-mile of rails were laid through the workings of the mine, and an extra long car of steel was built to bring it to the shaft. The ordinary cages, etc., were removed and special apparatus put in for raising it to the surface. It was then carried by rail to Alexandra docks, Liverpool, and a special apparatus prepared with four pulley purchases and a six-inch wire rope span for lowering it into the hold of the vessel which took it to America.

When the cob was taken from the mine it weighed over 16 tons, but the World's Fair management would not receive it so large on account of the difficulty of handling, and it was chipped down to its present size. The total weight of the cob in its elaborate packing in moss, plank and iron is 13 tons 11 cwt. The cost of obtaining it was over \$1,000, a rate of about \$35 per ton.

Tell Your Mother.

I wonder how many girls tell their mother everything. Not those "young ladies," who going to and from school, smile, bow, and exchange notes and pictures with young men who make fun of them and their pictures, speaking in a way that would make their cheeks burn with shame, if they heard it. All this, most credulous young ladies, they will do, although they will gaze at your fresh young face admiringly, and send or give you charming verses

or bouquets. No matter what "other girls do," don't you do it. School-girl flirtation may end disastrously, as many a foolish young girl could tell you. Your yearning for some one to love is a great need of every woman's heart. But there is a time for everything. Don't let the bloom and freshness of your heart be brushed off in silly flirtation. Render yourself truly intelligent. And above all, tell your mother everything. Never be ashamed to tell her, who should be your best friend and confidante, all you think and feel. It is strange that many young girls will tell every person before "mother" that which it is most important that she should know. It is sad that indifferent persons should know more about her fair young daughters than she does herself.

Kind Sisters.

"Here comes mamma," said Janie.
"O, mamma, must I save some of my sweets for Grace?"

"I think a good little sister would."
"But Grace did not give me any of hers yesterday."

"Did she not?" How did you like that?"

"I did not like it at all. And I want to make her not like it, too. Because I think she was mean."

"Dear, dear, and is mamma going to have two mean little girls, then?"

Janie looked at her mother, and then was quiet a minute. Then she ran and threw her arms around her neck, and said, "No, no mamma dear! You shall not have any mean little girls at all! I expect Grace forgot; and I will go and give her some of my sweets now, so that she will not ever forget again!"

Her mother smiled. "I think that is the way to make her remember," she said. "And I am so glad that I am to have two kind little girls."

—We sleep, but the loom of life never stops; and the pattern which was weaving when the sun went down is weaving when it comes up to-morrow.

—Let no knowledge satisfy us but that which lifts above the world, which weans from the world, which makes the world a footstool.

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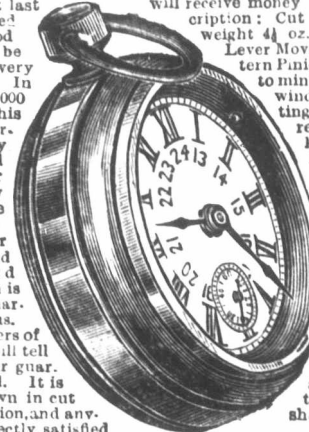
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—Words are often fruit as well as flowers, and are so the truest indica- tion of the character of the man who utters them. Our Lord tells us that out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh, that an evil tree cannot bring forth good fruit, and so a corrupt heart cannot speak good words. Gentleness under provocation, mild- ness of language in suffering, and patience in trial, are fruits of the tongue and fruits of the spirit. Jesus Himself gave more evidence of Himself by what he said than by all His miracles.

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