

Our Boys and Girls.

THE GIRL WHO HADN'T TIME.

I know a little lassie—yes I know her very well.
Her name you ask? I don't believe she'd like to have me tell;
But I suppose I'll have to call her something in my rhyme,
And so I'll name her (just pro tem).
"The girl who hadn't time."

This morning at the breakfast table I was much afraid
Her hair had not been combed at all
—'twas such a "tousled" braid!
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See "hadn't time" to comb it! Ha!
All very well, myhap!
But I wonder where she got the time to take the second nap.

And then she "hadn't time enough" to get to school in season;
And then she missed her lesson and the teacher asked the reason
Why she "hadn't time" to learn it!
Now, I think it queer, don't you?
Where she found the time to read that book of fairy tales quite through?

O, she's always very busy when the table should be set,
(If we waited her convenience, why we might be waiting yet);
And both her brothers know quite well that she could never stop
For the fraction of a jiffy just to help them mend their top.

Alas! The fact, I fear, that each unblest mind must strike,
Is, the things she hasn't time for are the things she doesn't like.

KNOWLEDGE.—If you want knowledge, you must toil for it; if food you must toil for it; if pleasure you must toil for it. Toil is the law which has come down to us from our first father, Adam. Remember, pleasure comes through toil, and not by indolence, ease or laziness. It costs far more in the end to be lazy than to be well employed. Never look for honesty, decency, politeness, or any virtue from the young person who is not industrious. Work is a safeguard against many dangers and temptations. When one gets to love work his life commences to be happy.

DISOBEDIENCE.—There are many children who are very disobedient to their parents, and seem to take little or no heed to the commands given them. The following story has a good moral.

Ted's uncle was a soldier, and one day when mother came into the library she found a queer-looking row. A high chair stood next to an empty coal-burn, then there was a tall bronze vase, then a little table, all in a row. Ted stood in front of them. He wore his paper soldier cap and carried his tin sword.
"I'm captain, mother," he said.
"I've just had a big battle, and we beat."

The next day mother told him not to go near the fire while she was busy in the kitchen. When she came back the fire was out.
"Ted," she said, "I am afraid some one has meddled with my fire."
The boy hung his head. "I did," he said.

"To think of a captain's disobeying orders!" said his mother, in great surprise.
"Captains don't mind anybody," said Ted.
"Oh, yes, every soldier has to obey his superior officer," mother replied.
"Ted sat and thought, 'I'm going to be a real soldier,'" he said.

GOOD FOR NOTHING.—A gentleman, while addressing some children, took out his watch and asked them what it was for.
"To keep time," the children answered.
"Well, suppose it won't keep time, and can't be made to keep time—what is it good for?"
"It's good for nothing," they replied.

He then took out a lead pencil and asked what it was for.
"It is to mark with," was the answer.
"But suppose that the lead is out, and it won't mark—what is it good for?"
"It's good for nothing."

He then took out a pocket-knife and asked what it was for.
"To whittle with," said some. "To cut with," said others.
"Suppose it has no blade, what is it good for?"
"Good for nothing."

"Then a watch, or pencil, or knife, is good for nothing unless it can do the thing for which it was made?"
"No, sir," the children all answered.

"Well, children, what is a boy or girl made for?"
The children hesitated.
"What is the answer to the question, 'What is the chief end of man?'" asked the gentleman.
"To love God and serve Him in this world and enjoy him forever," they answered.

THE GREATEST GIFT.—The greatest of all gifts which God can give to any one, says Archbishop Riordan, of San Francisco, is the gift of youth, because it is filled with possibilities. It is the only gift which comes to man but once, while other gifts may be given to man repeatedly. It is so great, so magnificent, so worthy of our appreciation, that Almighty God gives it to us but once, and when it passes it is gone forever. It is the springtime of man's life, when he may plant the seeds for his future harvest; and

when we do reap that harvest it is after all only the planting of that which was done in the spring months of our lives.

DUTY.—Duty is a power which rises with us in the morning, and goes to rest with us at night. How many children forget the duty they owe to God, their parents and others each day. It is a shadow which cleaves to us during life, and only leaves us when we have reached the end of our career here below.

I was once spending the night in a beautiful home in a large city. At about nine o'clock my host, a gentleman of about fifty-five years of age, got up, went out into the hall and put on his overcoat and rubbers. Returning to the parlor door, he said:

"Excuse me, please, for just a few minutes. I am going to say good-night to my mother."
His mother lived three blocks distant, and for thirty years her son had never failed to go and bid her good-night, if he was in the city.

"No matter what the weather may be, no matter how tired he may feel, no matter who his guests are, my husband never fails to run over to his mother's and bid her good-night," said the gentleman's wife when he had gone.

"Neither he nor she could sleep if this duty had been neglected. When his business compels him to be away from the city, he writes to her every day, if only a single line.

"Her mental powers are beginning to fail, and she forgets many things, so that her mind is a blank on some points; but when nine o'clock comes she always knows the hour, and says: 'It is time for Henry to come and bid me good-night.'"

REVERENCE FOR HOME, ETC.—A woman who has a national reputation and is much sought after and admired everywhere on account of her talents and charm, was speaking the other day about a girl whose mother was an acquaintance of hers.
"I had expected to like Julia R— from what I had heard of her bright mind," she said; "but I must say she made rather a disagreeable impression upon me, instead."

"Why, she is a delightful talker," said her companion, "and so interested in club work and charities, and so enthusiastic about you, too. I should have thought you could not fail to like her."

"I called the other day," said the first speaker, smiling, "and had been talking for some time with Mrs. R— before Julia came down to the parlor. Mrs. R— had been telling me how many things her daughter was interested in, and how often Julia was obliged to be away from home. 'Mr. R— and I hardly ever see her,' she said, a little plaintively, 'and as she is our only child we often feel very lonely; but then, Julia is so interested in these outside things that we would not spoil her pleasure in them for the world, and Julia has a fine mind, every one says. 'Poor little woman! She looked quite proud as she said it, and yet you could see how she missed her daughter's companionship at home."

"Just then Julia made her appearance and was introduced. She took no notice whatever of her mother, but came over and sat down by me and began talking eagerly about this subject and that. I could not help smiling at her enthusiasm, but told her I had come for a quiet call, and was not quite up to such discussions; for I saw that Mrs. R— would be entirely shut out of the conversation if we started upon abstract subjects, and that would have been rude.

"So we chatted about everyday things for a while, and then Mrs. R— said, rather timidly, 'Julia, perhaps Mrs. B— would like a cup of tea. Will you ring for the tea?'"
"The bell was close behind Julia's chair, not five feet away; but she made no effort whatever to rise and reach it. 'Oh, mother, can't you see that I want to talk with Mrs. B—?' Just ring the bell yourself, please."

"Mrs. R— got up obediently and rang the bell. Then, when the tea was served, she went meekly out of the room, so that her daughter might have the full advantage of a conversation with me. I could not protest, but I rose and made my adieux almost as soon as the door closed behind her. I think Julia was

very much surprised, and I hope she may have understood why I cut my visit short.

"Now do you wonder that Julia R— left a disagreeable impression instead of a pleasant one? She may be bright and energetic, but I do not want a daughter of that type—nor a friend, either."

"Yet there are a great many like Julia R—," rejoined her companion. "Reverence for parents and love for home are growing to be old-fashioned virtues nowadays."

HEART PALPITATION.

A QUEBEC LADY RELEASED FROM GREAT SUFFERING.

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Few bodily afflictions are more terrible than disease of the heart. To live in constant dread and expectation of death, sudden and with last farewells unspoken, is for most people more awful to contemplate than the most serious lingering illness. The slightest excitement brings suffering and danger to such people.

For several years Mrs. Gravel, wife of P. H. A. Gravel, foreman in Barry's cigar factory, St. John's suburb, Quebec, was such a sufferer, but thanks to Dr. Williams' Pink Pills she is again in the enjoyment of good health. Mrs. Gravel says—

"My general health was bad for several years, my appetite was poor, and I was easily tired, but it was the frequent sharp pains and violent palpitation of my heart which caused me the greatest alarm. I tried many medicines, and was treated by several doctors, but in vain. Finally I became so poorly that I was not able to do any household work, and was frequently confined to my bed. At the suggestion of one of my friends, I decided to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. After taking a few boxes I began to gain new strength and vigor. The pains in my heart were less frequent and less severe, and in every day my health was improving. I continued using the pills until I had taken eight boxes, when I had completely recovered my health. I have gained in flesh; my appetite is good, and I am able to do all my household work without feeling the awful fatigue I was before. Subject to I am very thankful to Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, for they have truly released me from such suffering, and I hope that others may be induced to try this wonderful medicine."

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A DUBLIN FUSILIER'S STORY.

A private in the Dublin Fusiliers, who collected a quite surprising number of bullets in his body, and is even more bored by inquisitive visitors to the Moat River Hospital, was assailed by a pompous legislator from Cape Town. He wearily described his wounds. Two bullets through his helmet, one in his shoulder, another in his foot, and two explosive bullets through his left breast. "It's a wonder you weren't killed," said the legislator; "they must have passed perilously near the region of the heart." "They did that, indeed," said the Fusilier, "but I was right enough, for sure my heart was in the mouth for safety."—London Chronicle.

TRUTH AND BEAUTY.—God reveals Himself to the faculties of the soul. We not only know Him as truth, we also love Him as beauty. As He is infinite truth, so is He perfect beauty. Without the existence of God as absolute truth science is impossible. Science, which is co-ordinated knowledge, can never be well grounded unless it rest upon the eternal and first cause, which is God. God as truth is at the bottom of all knowledge; as beauty He is the ideal present to the soul in every conception of art.

Thousands of men breathe, move, and live—pass off the stage of life, and are heard of no more. Why? They did not a particle of good in the world, and none were blessed by them; none could point to them as the instruments of their redemption; not a line they wrote, not a word they spoke could be recalled, and so they perished; their light went out in darkness; and they were not remembered more than the insects of yesterday. Will you live thus and die, O man immortal! Live for something. Do good, and leave behind you a monument of virtue that the storms of time can never destroy. Write your name by kindness, love, and mercy on the hearts of the thousands you come in contact with year by year and you will never be forgotten. No; your name, your deeds will be as legible on the hearts you leave behind as the stars on the brow of the evening. They will shine as brightly on the earth as the stars of heaven.

It is not how long but how well we live. We live in deeds, not years; in thoughts, not breaths. We should count life by heart throbs. He most lives who thinks most, feels the noblest, and acts the best.

People look round at a nice head of hair on the street, so rare has that beautiful ornament become at the present day. Why is this? It certainly is not LUBY'S Parisian Hair Renewer, which is an almost infallible remedy against premature grey hair. Only 50 cents a bottle.

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A New York organ says—

"The constitutionality of the law has not as yet been conclusively tested. The only action approaching a test case which has so far been brought on all points of the act, was instituted in the Supreme Court, to settle the point as to whether or not the trust fund created by William H. Vanderbilt for the benefit of his grandchildren was subject to the customary tax under the law. The Justice of the Supreme Court before whom the application came, held, on one point raised by counsel to the Vanderbilt heirs, that the law, in so far as it related to the case in question, was constitutional; and the Appellate Division upheld his opinion.

"The Vanderbilt heirs also lost on the other points raised; the courts decided that the fund created by William H. Vanderbilt, although reposing in the hands of Cornelius Vanderbilt, as trustee, did not reach the true heirs until his death, when it was distributed among the persons named to receive it.

"Some idea of the practical working of the law may be gathered from the fact that the Vanderbilt estate, amounting all told to approximately \$3,000,000. This will probably be assessed under the various provisions of the inheritance-tax at more than \$3,000,000.

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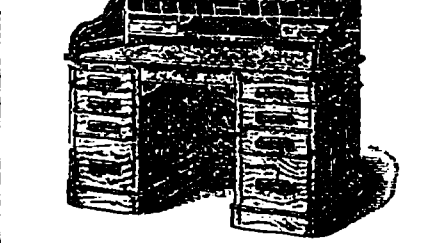
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CANCER AND OVER-EATING.

Sir William Banks's Lettsomian lectures on cancer before the Medical Society of London reveal (says a correspondent) a new theory of the causes of the increase of this frightful scourge. According to Sir William, cancer is largely due to over-eating. "Our working classes," he says, "are admirably; our better classes eat infinitely too much, especially of animal food, partaken of at breakfast, lunch, and dinner. But for the athletic tendency of the age and the general passion for games and exercises which pervades all classes this over-stuffing must have proved very dangerous. I am pretty well convinced that when a man is over forty-five excess in food is perhaps worse for him than excess in drink." Again, Sir William refers to the marked increase of cancer in males during the past few decades in comparison with that in females, and this he attributes to the tendency among men to eat heavy food in increasing quantities.

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