

"And, is it necessary?"

"No, of course not, mamma; there was no need for me to mention it at all."

"Then put a bridle on your tongue, dear. If we cannot speak well of our friends, let us not speak of them at all."

#### HELP YOUR FATHER.

"My hands are so stiff I can hardly hold a pen," said Farmer Wilber, as he sat down to "figure out" some accounts that were getting behind hand.

"Can I help you, father," said Lucy, laying down her bright crochet work. "I shall be glad to do so, if you will explain what you want."

"Well, I shouldn't wonder if you could, Lucy," he said, reflectively. "Pretty good at figures, are you?"

"I would be ashamed if I did not know something of them after going twice through the arithmetic," said Lucy, laughing.

"Well, I can show you in five minutes what I have to do, and it'll be a wonderful help if you can do it for me. I never was a master hand at accounts in my best days, and it does not grow any easier since I have to put on spectacles."

Very patiently did the helpful daughter plod through the long line of figures, leaving the gay worsted to lie idle all the evening, though she was in such haste to finish her scarf. It was reward enough to see her tired father, who had been toiling all day for herself and the other dear ones, sitting so easily in his easy chair, enjoying his weekly paper.

The clock struck nine before her task was over, but the hearty "Thank you, daughter, a thousand times!" took away all sense of weariness that Lucy might have felt.

"It's rather looking up when a man can have a clerk," said the father. "It's not every farmer that can afford it."

"Not every farmer's daughter is capable of making one," said the mother, with a little pardonable maternal pride.

"Nor every one that would be willing, if able," said Mr. Wilber; which last was a sad truth. How many daughters might be of use to their fathers in this and many other ways, who never think of lightening a care or labor? If asked to perform some little service, it is done at best with a reluctant step and unwilling air that robs it of all sunshine or claim to gratitude.

Girls, help your father. Give him a cheerful home to rest in when evening comes, and do not worry his life away by fretting because he cannot afford you all the luxuries you covet. Children exert as great an influence on their parents as parents do on their children.

#### POOR GIRLS.

The poorest girls in the world are those who have never been taught to work. There are thousands of them. Rich parents have petted them; they have been taught to despise labor, and depend upon others for a living, and are perfectly helpless. If misfortune comes upon their friends, as it often does, their case is hopeless. The most forlorn and miserable women upon earth belong to this class. It belongs to parents to protect their daughters from this deplorable condition. They do them a great wrong if they neglect it. Every daughter should be taught to earn her own living. The rich as well as the poor require this training. The wheel of fortune rolls swiftly round—the rich are very likely to become poor, and the poor rich. Skill

to labor is no disadvantage to the rich, and as indispensable to the poor. Well-to-do parents must educate their daughters to work; no reform is more imperative than this.—*Minneapolis Weekly.*

Trying times—Times when people are trying to get rich to fast.

A fancy roast—When the thermometer gets among the nineties.

Young men should be careful how they hug their sweethearts in the dark; a California chap tried it and broke three of his old grand-mother's ribs.

The doctors should not be abused for being too professional to advertise. The undertaker advertises for both, and it is generally understood that way.

Keep out of debt, out of quarrels, out of law, out of damp clothes, out of reach of liquors, out of thin shoes, and out of doors all you can in good weather.

If Arabi Bey has got an idea that the British can't fight on land there is a great surprise in store for him. His hair may get ready to crawl.—*Detroit Free Press.*

Most people who visit Niagara Falls are disappointed in the roar. They expect to hear something like the voice of a chairman at a ward caucus.—*Detroit Free Press.*

Arabi Pasha began by killing all the Europeans; now he proposes to kill all the Turks; if he keeps on he will make Egypt a decidedly habitable and inviting country.

"Well," says a philosophic friend to the invalid, "had a good night last night?" "No, I never suffered so in my life." "Hum! That's bad! But (brightening up) you know a bad night is better than no night at all."

Yes, sah," said Brudder Jonsing, "Jif de descendants of de rooster what crowed at Peter was to make a noise every time a lie is told, der would be such a noise in de world dat yea couldn't heard de hens cackle."

A young man in a train was making fun of a lady's hat to an elderly gentleman in the seat with him. "Yes," said his seat mate, "that's my wife, and I told her if she wore that bonnet that some fool would make fun of it." The young man slid out.

"Mamma I don't think the people who makes dolls are very pious people," said a little girl to her mother. "Why not, my little child?" "Because you can never make them kneel. Always have to lay my doll on her stomach, to say her prayers."

An absent minded and near sighted old gentleman, carrying both cane and umbrella, held up his cane in the rain, thinking it was his umbrella, and said: "Well, now, what a disagreeable age this is! They can't make umbrellas staunch enough to keep off the rain. Dear me! Dear me! I might as well have left this at home, for any good it does."

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#### GIRLS SHOULD NOT SIT CROSS-LEGGED.

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I suppose that the sticklers will peritly soon object to women crossing one foot over the other. Even that feminine habit of sitting on one foot, to the peril of getting it caught in the bustle and making the owner go hop-scratch on rising, will next be assailed. *Cincinnati Enquirer.*

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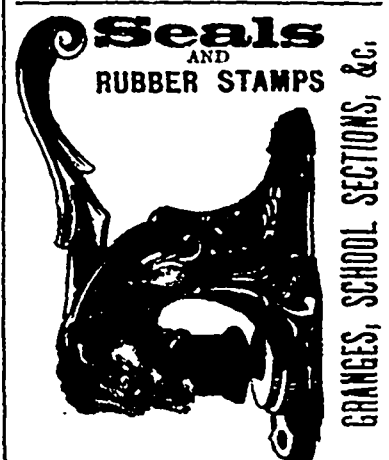
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