

brother about them, for, as I said, her principles are all right."

Are you that kind of a complacent mother? Do you dare, because you have built your daughter's boat aright, do you dare thereafter let it drift?

Let me tell you what one of Helen's "silly doings" was—a "foolishness" that hurt her mother cruelly. I was glad it did, for thereafter she guarded her daughter, and became, in time, a real mother. She needed the lesson more than the daughter did, for the daughter's indiscretion was the direct result of her mother's blind confidence!

In this small city was a local ball team, belonging to one of the minor leagues. In the summer but little else was to be had in the way of amusement, and the ball games became very popular—young girls attending in large parties. In girlish fashion, each chose her player. So far no harm. When the pitcher was hurt, his room at the hotel was a mass of flowers sent by these admiring girls. When the team was at home, there was a steady promenade of these infatuated girls before the broad veranda where some of the players were sure to be. This wasn't enough for Helen. She sent a note to the captain of the team, telling him how much she admired him, that she was sure she had read a glance of his aright, and that he admired her in turn, etc., and finished by asking him to meet her that night at a stated place in the upper end of town. Now that ball team was made up of men working hard to earn a living, and they were decent men. The captain was a married man—his wife and two babies were with him. He read the note to his wife, and, for the sake of that girl, they decided on this course: He took the letter to her father, a prominent business man. The father kept the appointment, and the girl and her mother learned a very wholesome lesson. Why had that girl been allowed to go that far?

MOTHERS SHOULD TALK FRANKLY WITH THEIR GIRLS.

There is another mistake that mothers make, and it is far more common than we think. This is the neglect to talk frankly with a girl, so that she may fully understand the wrong she does her own self when she allows liberties on the part of her boy friends.

Every mother likes to see her daughter sought after and popular, likes her daughter's home to be the gathering-place of a happy lot of young people. But does she know what they do? Does she know what they talk about? There is not one boy in ten that won't spoon if you give him a chance. That is a truism. So is this: he despises in his heart every girl that permits him to! Oh, if girls but knew this! Do you know, girls, that you cannot set too high a standard for yourself in this? Do you know that since God made this beautiful world of ours, where the love of a man for a woman is one of its sweetest things, do you know that two rules have held from the beginning? A boy or man wants a girl pure! The more you make him respect you, the more he esteems you.

Girls, do you think your kisses are worth much to any boy? Do you know something else so common as almost to be universally true, that a boy will tell of the liberties you permit him? Don't you believe it? Why should he not tell? You are not a person greatly to be respected if you permit such liberties. And when one boy secures these favors, his faith in you is gone. If he gets them, he argues that others do, too.

Boys talk over their girl friends constantly. Just remember that, girls, and that you are discussed very frankly. A boy would be a cad who said: "Jane or Anne let me kiss her." He doesn't have to say that. A shrug of the shoulders when some other boy praises you, or, "Oh, she's easy, boys, easy." Mothers, why don't you tell your daughters this?

When the popular girl has numerous boy callers, how long does her mother permit them to stay? And where is the mother while they are calling?

Any mother who permits boy callers night after night is harming her daughter. Any mother who permits callers to remain after 10.30 is doing her daughter a grave wrong.

And any mother who does not lend her presence, if not actually in the

room, yet within hearing distance, is withdrawing from her daughter the safeguard of a loving chaperonage. A mother does not wish to listen. Her presence in the next room or across the hall leaves perfect freedom for decent companionship, and it precludes any thing else.

MOTHER'S WISDOM WON HUSBAND FOR DAUGHTER.

I recall the attitude of one mother toward this early-leaving law. Her daughter was no longer in her 'teens, but the mother's rules were still inflexible. Ten-thirty or not at all, and all protests were in vain. This mother always met her daughter's callers, welcoming them, and spending some time with them; then she retired to the library across the hall.

One night an exceptionally fine man called whom the daughter admired deeply. As the 10.30 limit approached, she grew very uncomfortable, as he showed no inclination to go. Soon the mother came in graciously: "Dr. S—, my daughter and I are going to say good-night now. It is my rule that anything that has not been said by ten-thirty can be postponed until the next night." He rose in anger and amazement. The daughter turned shamefacedly to her mother. "Dr. S— will never call again, mother, after this!"

"Very well," said the mother, and she was still the gracious lady—"then I have overestimated Dr. S—."

To the daughter's amaze, he did call the next night, and he laughed as he greeted the mother: "I've come to the postponement." He married that girl, and has often told the above, always ending with: "And I fell in love with the daughter because of her mother, I think."

Mothers, know your daughters, judge them as keenly as you do the daughters of your neighbor. Give them, not a blind confidence, but a far-seeing love. Give them, not confidence, but a confident. Watch them, guard them, safeguard them. Don't be afraid of their being old-fashioned and "frumpy!" Fear the far worse fate of their being new-fashioned and tough! Give them the laws that govern ladies the world over, and rejoice—not in your American daughter's American ways—but in your womanly daughter's honor! Train your daughters—don't let them grow up. Take advantage of the greatest privilege that has been given you as a woman. Make a comrade of your daughter and give her the benefit of your experience, your knowledge. Talk to her frankly, confidentially, about herself and her opportunities and temptations. Your daughter can become your sweetest, dearest comrade. If she does not, yours the fault. If she errs morally, yours the blame. You are responsible!—(Pictorial Review.

Genuineness Gives Power

The man who is conscious of posing, of always trying to cover his tracks, is a weakling. The very consciousness that he is a fraud, that he is not what he tries to appear, takes away his self-respect, and with it his self-confidence. Such a man is always a coward, because he is constantly full of fear lest he make a misstep that will leave something uncovered, and that will betray his deception. He is always afraid that he will be found out, hence he must carefully plan every step in advance in order to guard against it.

Being conscious of this effort to deceive, he loses the power which comes to the genuine man who has nothing to cover up, who acts naturally, who has such confidence in the truth that he knows that he has no motive for deceit.

The genuine man inspires confidence because he radiates the power of principle. The man of shams radiates his deception. No matter what his words say, we feel that there is something wrong, that he has not the genuine ring, that he is a counterfeit.—Selected.

"So," said the good man, "you intend to be a doctor when you grow up." "Yep," Tommy replied. "And why have you decided upon the medical profession?" "Well, a doctor seems to be the only man that keeps right on gettin' paid whether his work is satisfactory or not."

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