

may be said to commence from the moment it opens its eyes and ears to the sights and sounds of the world about it, and of these sights and sounds the words and example of parents are the most impressive and the most enduring. Of all lessons those learned at the knees of a good mother, sink the deepest into the mind and heart; and last the longest. Many of the noblest and best men that ever lived, and adorned and benefited the world, have declared, that under God they owed everything that was good and useful in their lives, to the love of virtue, and truthfulness, and piety and the fear of God instilled into their hearts by the lips of a pious mother. If every one of our households, no matter how poor and humble, were what they ought to be, religious Christian households, what a different state of things would we see about us.

DANGEROUS LITERATURE.—It is a pity that the law against indecent publications includes only those of the utterly disguised filthy class. There are others, though not illustrated with disgusting pictures, that are but little less destructive to the morals of the young. The reading matter in these journals appeals forcibly to the lowest passions of human nature, and is more dangerous in one view, as it makes its approaches under the guise of a pretended moral sentiment. These publications are particularly dangerous to the half educated young girl. The trashy nonsense is devoured by hundreds of girls, and creates an unhealthy yearning for the heroic, and a dislike for work-day existence. Such reading familiarizes in them the details of viciousness, and the ability to resist temptation is slowly but surely weakened. There is no doubt that many a weak-minded girl can trace the beginning of her downfall back to the insidious lessons of that class of literature. As the law is helpless in killing all the noxious weeds that crowd the literary field, a close supervision by parents and guardians over the publications that find their way into the family circle, and the exclusion of all an of immoral or of a sickly, romantic character, should be strictly observed. Such are prolific fountains of vice. They bring disgrace and destruction upon all weak enough to be influenced by their moral teachings.