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"One of the 'Rals.'"

Miss E. M. Merrick, the portrait painter, was once urged by an old village dame to paint the portrait of her soldier son. It appeared that the young fellow was serving in India. The artist therefore pointed out that it was hardly possible she could paint his portrait. That, however, was why his mother wanted the portrait; for, she added, she was very proud of her boy, as he was one of the "rals." Miss Merrick asked what that was. "O," explained the old woman, "he is either a gene-ral, or an admiral, or a corporal, but I'm not quite sure which it is."

Out of Place.

In an address at Fall River, Captain Sigbee, of the *Texas* told this story, illustrative of the fact that naval men make no pretence at being orators: "It is difficult for me," said Captain Sigbee, "to be required to make a speech, and I am in the situation of the old sailor who was fond of tea and was devoted to the people who served it. But this old sailor had no society manners, and had never attended an afternoon tea. He was afraid of the ladies, but in some way he was forced to attend one. He went almost in despair, and when he got back to his ship his master said: 'Brown, did you get to the tea?' 'I did.' 'How did you feel there?' 'I felt like a sperm whale doing croquet work.'"

Six Important Points.

Six things a boy ought to know.

1. That a quiet voice, courtesy and kind acts are as essential to the part in the world of a gentleman as of a gentleman.
 2. That roughness, blustering, and even foehardiness, are not manliness. The most firm and courageous men have usually been the most gentle.
 3. That muscular strength is not health.
 4. That a brain crammed only with facts is not necessarily a wise one.
 5. That the labor impossible to the boy of fourteen will be easy to the man of twenty.
 6. That the best capital for a boy is not money, but the love of work, simple tastes, and a heart loyal to his friends and his God.
- Texas Christian Advocate.*

Suppose.

Suppose there were never any quarrels between brothers and sisters.

Suppose brothers were never rough and thoughtless, and sisters never peevish or perverse!

Suppose "I shan't" were words never heard from girlish lips, and boyish fists were never clenched to strike!

Suppose tears of passion were never shed, and the sun never went down on anger between young hearts!

Suppose all this to be the case, would not some homes be brighter?—*Selected.*

A LONDON paper says that General Buller was once in company with Lord Charles Beresford coming down the Nile, and as their boat approached the first cataract, a sharp discussion arose as to which was the proper channel to take. The soldier advised one, the sailor another, but in the end Buller's channel was followed with perfect success. "You see, I was right," the General exclaimed exultingly. "What of that?" retorted Beresford: "I knew it was the right one myself, and I only recommended the other because I knew you would oppose whatever I said."

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