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Joker's Column**FOLLOWING GRAMMAR.**

Prof. Lounsbury, discussing the question of simple English, said at Yale one afternoon:

"There was a little boy who began to keep a diary. His first entry was 'Got up this morning at 7 o'clock.' He showed the entry to his mother, and she, horror-stricken, said: 'Haven't you never been to school? Got up, indeed! Does the sun get up? No, it rises.'"

"And she scratched out 'Got up at 7,' and wrote 'Rose at 7' in its place. 'That night the boy, before retiring, ended the entry for the day, with the sentence, 'Set at 9 o'clock.'"—Harper's Weekly.

A young lady who had returned from a tour through Italy with her father remarked that her father liked all the Italian cities, but especially he liked Venice.

"Ah, Venice, to be sure," said the friend to whom she was relating some of the adventures of their trip. "I can readily understand that your father would prefer Venice with its gondolas, and St. Marks, and Michael Angelos."

"Oh, no," said the young lady, "it wasn't that. But he could sit in the hotel, you know, and fish out of the window."—Ladies Home Journal.

The young man stooped, picked up a coin from the floor of the street car, examined it attentively, and then, "Has anybody lost a five dollar gold piece?" he called in a loud voice. Instantly the solemn looking man at the other end of the car strode forward "Yes I have lost a five-dollar

gold piece," he said eagerly holding out his hand.

"Well said the young man, giving him the coin, 'I'm sorry for you. Here's five cents toward making good your loss.'—Woman's Home Companion.

HE STOOD WELL.

There may be more than one just cause for pride in the soul of the small boy at the close of his first day at school.

"How did you get on with spelling?" Bob's mother asked him. "You look so pleased. I'm sure you did well."

No'm I couldn't spell much of anything," admitted Bob. "An' I could not remember the 'rithmetic very well, nor the 'jigger'."

The mother's face wore a look of disappointment, but Bob had reserved the choice morsel which was sure to raise a sensible parent to heights of appreciative joy.

"But that's no matter, mother," he said, bestowing a bear's hug upon her: "the boys all like me, and I've got the biggest feet in the class!"—Youth's Companion.

"Now, be careful how you drive, cabby, and go slowly over the stones, for I hate to be shaken. And mind you pull up at the right house, and look out for those dreadful railway-vans."

"Never fear, sir, I'll do my best. And which 'ospital would you wish to be taken to, sir, in case of an accident?"—London Tit-Bits.

The parlor sofa holds the twain, Miranda and her love-sick swain, Beardshe.

But hark! a step upon the stair, And papa finds them sitting there, He and she. —Puck.

Household.**GREAT DANGER IN NAGGING AT CHILDREN**

The greatest defect in home discipline is continual nagging.

Children who are exposed to a constant hailstorm of fault-finding, grow hardened to it by repetition, and it makes no healthful impression on their minds. Resentment is aroused by reproof given in public. A sensitive child hates ridicule, and loathes comment that is upbraidingly bestowed before the family or the family friends. A most brilliant and beautiful woman says that her childhood was unspakably wretched because her mother and her elder sisters never omitted an opportunity to criticise her when she made a mistake or transgressed a rule of etiquette.

WHAT DOES COUNT.

She was a large girl who had long limbs and an awkward carriage at twelve, and her mother would say, "I am so mortified at Elizabeth's clumsiness. We keep her out of sight as much as we can, but she is so big that it is hard work." It was always "Sit up straight, Elizabeth," or "Go back and see if you cannot enter the room more quietly," until poor Elizabeth wished that the ground would open and swallow her up.

If you find that the habit of criticism is creeping over you, that you are ready to blame than to praise, to reprove than to reward, call a halt.

Remind yourself that fruit and flowers ripen in the sunshine, and that affliction has before now been winter-killed. Not the things in a home, but the people in it make the home a place of charm and repose.

WHAT DOES NOT COUNT.

Mothers need to discriminate. Harshness and severity should never be meted out to the child who is the victim of an accident. With the utmost admiration the perfect poise and unbroken calm of a sweet woman whose little girl had the misfortune to knock over a very costly vase, which had for her mother precious associations connected with her wedding journey in the Far East, were greatly admired. The vase stood on a table where it had been placed after having been shown to guests, who had gazed on it almost with envy.

In came little Barbara, her doll in her arms, her foot caught on a rug, slipped along the polished floor. She threw out a hand to save herself from falling, and lo! the vase lay in fragments at her feet. "Never mind, Barbara," said the mother gently, "you did not mean to do it. I am so glad you are not hurt, and even Dolly hasn't a scratch."

The object lesson in self control was worth going far to see, and its effect would ever be lost on the character formation of the little daughter.

A father's part in the upbringing of children is not less influential and not less direct than that of the mother.

A father, whom his children honor, whose integrity and rectitude are unimpaired, whose goodness is their shield, and who stands to them almost in the place of Divine Providence, is for children their best ideal of the heavenly Father.

During the very earliest years, children are most closely under the moulding hand of mothers, but from an age that reaches back into the dim adumbration of infancy they receive some impressions from their father.

The man's province is to provide for his home, to be its breadwinner and its defender, and therefore working hard and long, he often has little opportunity to be much with his children. Sunday is the father's day. The children make acquaintance with him then.

He talks to them, tells them stories, goes with them to walk and carries the baby on his shoulder.

A home in which both father and mother unite in training their children is the one retreat on earth which gathers to itself the light of Heaven.

For a luncheon dish, 'Parker House potatoes' will be appreciated. Add to a pint of hot mashed potatoes a beaten egg and a tablespoonful of flour. Roll out with a bread roller, and cut into large circles. On each piece lay a little minced veal or lamb, and turn over the other half of the potato, pinching the edges together, exactly like a Parker House roll. Lay on a buttered pan and bake brown. Serve with a brown gravy, or with a meat sauce made from other fragments of yesterday's roast veal or lamb.

Ham Croquettes.—One cupful of finely chopped, cooked ham, two cupfuls of mashed potatoes, yolks of three eggs, one tablespoonful butter, a dash of cayenne. Mix with the mashed potatoes the butter, two egg yolks and the cayenne; beat until smooth; turn out to cool. Put the ham in a small frying pan, with the remaining yolk, and stir over the fire for about

one minute; turn out to cool. When cool take a large tablespoonful of the potato and form it into a cup-shaped mold, into which put some of the ham and then inclose it with potato. Dip this into beaten egg, then into cracker crumbs and fry in boiling fat.

Apple Patties.—Line small pans with rich paste. Put a spoonful of stewed, sifted and sweetened apple into each and bake in a quick oven. Put a spoonful of meringue on each and set in a cool oven to color a little.

Short Cake.—One pint flour, one-half teaspoon salt, one-half teaspoon soda sifted into the flour with one teaspoon cream tartar, one-quarter cup butter, one egg, one scant cup milk. Mix dry ingredients in order given. Beat the egg and mix with the milk, then stir into the dry mixture. Melt the butter and add this last. The dough should be soft enough to spread. Bake in hot oven twenty to thirty minutes. Divide and fill with strawberries, raspberries, pineapple or any other fruit in season.

Orange Cake.—One cup sugar, one-half cup butter beaten to a cream, 2 eggs well beaten, one-half cup milk, 1 teaspoon cream tartar and one-half teaspoon of soda. In 1½ cups flour sift both cream tartar and soda, rind of 1 orange grated.

Frosting.—Juice of 1 large or 2 small oranges, mixed stiff with confectioner's sugar.

PROBLEMS OF DRESS.

Though one may be a very good seamstress the perfect knowledge of becoming colors may be lacking. Youth is always attractive, no matter how garbed, but even youth cannot afford to gratify taste in colorings regardless of individuality. The red-haired girl will not choose the shades of baby blue, if she is wise, because the contrast will only intensify the red in the hair. The genuine blonde, however, and the fair brunette will find such shades exceedingly becoming. Again, the yellow browns will be positively fatal to both the pure blonde and the blonde ardent. These should select the rich, deep browns, while the true brunette will be a beauty in golden brown.

Dull cadet and navy blues will become either type and green is the especial color of the greenling toward the chestnut blonde. Purple and mauves she can also wear with good effect, but, of course, all shades of red and pink must be strictly avoided. The genuine and semi-blondes may choose from the pinks, blues, mauves, dark browns, greys, dark greens, pale yellows, creams, very dark reds, whites, blacks and old rose.

The brunette may wear all the foregoing shades except mauve, with the addition of orange and every shade of red. Green, too, should be tabooed, if the wearer-to-be is at all yellow or colorless, as green has a tendency to increase this. Black, too, will have the same effect, and should not be worn unless relieved about the face.—The Delinquent for April.

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A DOUBTFUL COMPLIMENT.

A clergyman was about to leave his church one evening when he encountered an old woman examining the carving on the front.

Finding her desirous of seeing the beauties of the church he volunteered to show her over, and the flustered old lady, much gratified at this unexpected offer of a personally-conducted tour, shyly accepted it.

By and by they came to a handsome tablet on the right side of the pulpit. "This," explained the good man, "is a memorial tablet erected to the memory of the late vicar."

"There, now! Ain't it beautiful!" exclaimed the admiring old lady, still flustered and anxious to please. "And I'm sure, sir, I hope it won't be long afore we see one erected to you on t'other side."

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