

THE EFFECTS OF CULTURE.

Or How a Young Girl Astonished Her Parents.

A few days ago the daughter of an East Lockport old man who has grown comfortably well-off in the small grocery line, was sent away to a "female college," and recently she arrived home for the holiday vacation. The old man was in attendance at the depot when the train arrived, with the old horse in the delivery wagon to convey his daughter and her trunk to the house. When the train stopped, a bewitching array of dry goods and a wide-brimmed hat dashed from the car and flung itself into the elderly party's arms.

"Why, you superlative pa!" she exclaimed, "I'm so utterly glad to see you." The old man was somewhat unnerved by the greeting, but he recognized the seal-skin cloak in his grip as the identical piece of property he had paid for with the grey mare and he sort of squat it up in his arms and planted a kiss where it would do the most good with a report that sounded above the noises of the depot. In a brief space of time the trunk and the attendant baggage were loaded into the wagon, which was soon bumping over the huddles toward home.

"Pa, dear," said the young Miss, surveying the team with a critical eye, "do you consider this quite excessively beyond?" "Hey!" returned the old man, with a puzzled air; "quite excessively beyond what?" "Oh, no, pa, you don't understand me," the daughter explained. "I mean this wagon and horse. Do you think they are soulful?—do you think they could be studied apart in the light of a symphony, or even a single poem, and appear as intensely utter to one on returning home as one could express?"

The old man twisted uneasily in his seat and muttered something about he believed it was used for an express before he bought it to deliver pork in, but the conversation appeared to be travelling in such a lonesome direction that he pitched the horse a resounding crack on the rotunda, and the severe jolting over the frozen ground prevented further remarks.

"Oh there is that lovely and consummate ma!" screamed the returned collegiate, as they drew up to the door, and presently she was lost in the embrace of a motherly woman in spectacles.

"Well, Maria, said the old man at the supper table, as he nipped a piece of butter off the lump with his own knife, "an' how'd you like your school?" "Well, there, pa, now you're shou—I mean I consider it too far beyond," replied the daughter. "It is unquenchably ineffable. The girls are so sumptuously stunning—I mean grand—so intense. And then the parties, the balls, the rides—oh, the past weeks have been one of sublime harmony."

"I s'pose so—I s'pose so," nervously assented the old man, as he reached for his third cup, "half full—but how about your books—readin', writin', grammar, rule o' three—how about them?" "Pa! don't!" exclaimed the daughter reproachfully; "the rule of three! grammar!"

"It is French and music and painting, and the divine art that have made my school life the best—I mean has rendered one unbroken flow of rhythmic bliss—incomparably and exquisitely all but."

The groceryman and his wife looked hopefully at each other across the table. After a lonesome pause the old lady said "How do you like the biscuits Maria?" "They are too utter for anything," gushed the accomplished young lady, "and the plum preserve is simply a poem in itself."

The old man rose abruptly from the table, and went out of the room, rubbing his head in a dazed and benumbed manner and the conversation was dissolved. That night he and his wife sat alone by the stove until a late hour, and at the breakfast table the next morning he rapped smartly on his plate with the handle of his knife and remarked: "Maria, me an' your mother have been talkin' the thing over an' we've come to the conclusion that this boardin' school business is too utterly all but too much nonsense. Me and her consider that we haven't lived sixty odd consummate years for the purpose of raisin' a curiosity, and there's going to be a stop put to this unquenchable foolishness. Now, arter you've finished that poem of fried sausage an' that symphony of twisted dough-nut, you take an' dust up off that fancy gown an' help your mother to wash dishes. I want it distinctly understood that there ain't going to be no more rhythmic foolishness in this house so long as your superlative pa, an' your lovely an' consummate ma's runnin' the ranche. You hear me, Maria?"

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A Noble Son.

Dama was the chief jeweller of Ascalon, and eminently distinguished for his exemplary life and many virtues. On a certain occasion a committee of the elders of a Jewish congregation called upon him for the purpose of purchasing precious stones with which to ornament the ephod of the high priest. Diamonds were the stones they sought, and having thus informed the jeweller, they offered him what they considered a fair price for the gems. Dama told them he could not at that time attend to them, and bade them call again later in the day. The elders did not wish to be thus put off, and moreover they suspected that this was only a ruse on the part of the jeweller to increase the price of the stones. They persisted in the demands for immediate attention. Diamonds such as only Dama possessed were necessary to complete the ephod, and they offered double and treble the price they had at first proposed. But Dama was immovable, and they finally went away crestfallen and disappointed, not to say wrathful. Later in the day the elders came again and Dama placed before them the diamonds they desired, and when they had made their selection they tendered to him the highest price which they had last offered. "No," said the jeweller, "your first offer was all that the stones are worth and that only will I take."

"Why then," exclaimed the chief of the elders, "did you not close with the offer this morning?" "Because," answered Dama, "my father has the key to the chest in which the diamonds were deposited, and he was at that time asleep. He is aged and infirm, and that hour's sleep was of more worth to him than was your increased price to me. My father has not so many comforts that I can knowingly deprive him of a single one of them."

The high priest, when he had heard the story, came to the jeweller's house, and laid his hands upon Dama's head, and said: "Blessed be thou by him who hath said, 'Honor thy father and thy mother,' and in the time to come may thy children honor thee as thou hast honored the author of thy being."

The People Who do not Kill Themselves. "Too much silverware at the start is a dangerous thing for a young couple," says a modern philosopher, "for it calls for other things to correspond, and will keep the young man on a strain to keep up appearances. I knew a pair of brass and silver to ruin a man thirty years ago, and he never recovered from it, for they called for a fender and the fender called for a rug and the rug called for a carpet and the carpet for curtains and cornice, and so on and so forth and fifth and sixth until he got in debt and tried to sell his house to pay out, and couldn't sell it, but the sheriff came along and sold it just as easy. Extravagance and trying to keep up with the neighbors is the great domestic trouble in this country. It brings on financial distress, and that causes speculation and embezzlement and bankroruptcy, and that ends in whiskey and suicide. There is no security in this life but honest industry and living within one's means. Folks who do that don't kill themselves."

A man may be supposed to save money and lay it by for sickness or other purposes, but he cannot do this unless his wife lets him or helps him. A prudent, frugal, thrifty woman is a crown of glory to her husband. She helps him in all his good resolutions; she may, by quiet and gentle encouragement, bring out his better qualities; and by her example she may implant in him noble principles, which are the seeds of the highest practical virtues.

Boy! did you ever think that this great world, all its wealth and woe, with all its mines and mountains, its oceans, seas, and rivers, steamboats and ships, railroads, steam printing presses and magnetic telegraphs, will soon be given over to the hands of the boys of the present age? Believe it, and look abroad upon the inheritance, and get ready to enter upon your duties.

Artemus Ward and the "Michigan Regiment."

In a Louisville, Ky., hotel, one day, Artemus Ward was introduced to a colonel who had commanded a Mississippi regiment in the war. Artemus, in his way that was "childlike and bland," said:—"What Michigan regiment did you command, Colonel?" Then it was that the Colonel spun like a top and swore like a sailor, until pacified sufficiently to hear an explanation. Artemus, with surprise, observed "that he was always getting things mixed about the war." It is always unfortunate to get things mixed, but never more so, than when one is sick. Then it is that the right thing in the right place is wanted more than at another time in life, or under any other circumstances. It is a pleasure for us to note in this connection, the experience of our esteemed fellow citizen, Colonel Samuel H. Taylor, who, as is well known, does not get things mixed. In a recent communication he writes:—"I do hereby certify that I suffered very much from rheumatism and neuralgia during the fall of 1879, and tried many remedies with little if any good results. I had heard of St. Jacobs Oil, and concluded to try it; more as an experiment than with any hope of good results. I can with great pleasure commend it to others, for the reason that I know it cured me." Such an emphatic endorsement coming from one of the very foremost lawyers of our state, well and widely known, carries with it a degree of importance and suggestiveness, which cannot be overestimated.—(Washington (Ind.) Gazette.)

Catching Cold.—Remedies.

While it is easy to take cold in mid-summer, colds are usually more prevalent when low temperature prevails, though less in clear, cold, steady winter, than during the variable spring and autumn. Catching cold is usually the result of inequality of temperature in two parts of the body, especially adjacent parts, which disturbs the uniform circulation of the blood. At the place where this disturbance occurs, congestion arises, that is, a rush of blood from one direction faster than it is carried off by the chilled blood vessels in the other direction, and this produces serious results if not speedily remedied. This diseased condition may extend over the whole body, affecting most severely any organ already weak.

Thus a cold may come from damp or chilled feet; from even a slight draft of air blowing through a crack upon one side or portion of the body and cooling it; from standing near a fire or stove, and heating one side while the other side remains comparatively cold; from warmer clothing one part of the body than another; from lightly dressing the arms and lower limbs, or leaving them naked; from standing over a hot register; from the chilling evaporation of water or moisture from a portion only of one's clothing; in general, from any cause producing inequality of temperature.

The causes of a cold, named, indicate how to avoid one. Maintaining general vigor by nourishing, well digested food gives one power to resist an attack. When to be especially exposed, a little tonic, as a grain or two of quinine, taken in advance, may be useful. Stimulants, like alcoholic liquors, are but a temporary aid; the reaction after the first stimulating effect, leaves one more subject to take cold than if the stimulant had been omitted. Simple remedies will usually remove a cold, if taken promptly, before the congestion has produced serious disorganization. When struck with a sense of chilliness, 15 to 30 drops of aromatic spirits of ammonia, in half a tumbler of water, will often start a uniform circulation all through the body, as this quickly enters the whole blood and its stimulating. Soaking the feet in warm water, gradually adding warmer water as long as it can be borne, draws off the blood from all the rest of the body, and often relieves congestion in any local part. Smart friction upon any part of the whole surface, or a uniform surface sweating, produces like results. But in these cases special care must be taken to prevent after-chilling of the feet, or any other part. After the feet heating, wipe dry quickly and cover them warmly.

The best remedy I have found for a recent cold is a moderate movement of the bowels with castor oil, or castic, or other mild cathartic, such as magnesia. This produces a flow of fluid, drawn from the blood to the alimentary canal, and thus reduces the pressure upon any one congested part, just as drawing off part of the water from a flooded pond relieves pressure from a weakened dam or embankment. This to be followed by keeping the body warm and comfortable, and toning it up with good food, or a simple tonic like quinine. "Feeding a cold" prior to taking a cathartic, is the worst possible treatment. It is only adding material to increase the congestion.—(American Agriculturist.)

Much of the happiness of life depends on our outward demeanor. We all have experienced the charm of gentle and courteous conduct; we have drawn irresistibly toward those who are obliging, affable and sympathetic in their demeanor. The friendly grasp, the warm welcome, the cheery tone, the encouraging word, the respectful manner, bear no small share in creating the joy of life, while the austere tone, the stern rebuke, the sharp and acrid remark, the cold and indifferent manner, the curt and disrespectful air, the supercilious and scornful bearing, are responsible for more human distress, despair and woe than their transient natures might seem to warrant.

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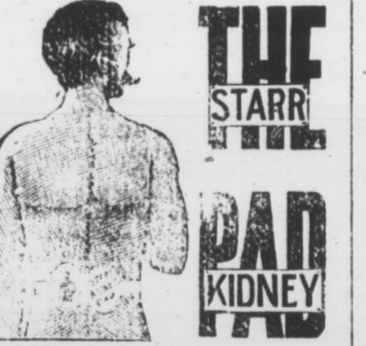
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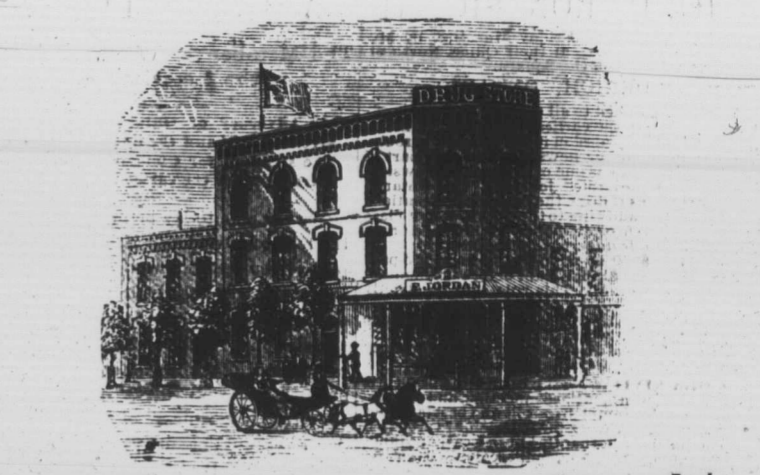
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