

THE HOME

HOW MOTHERS CREATE THE LOAFERS.

The boy who is allowed to reach twelve years of age without doing a bit of honest work other than mere school work, won't as a rule do much good in life. A mother cannot begin too early in teaching the lesson that work is one of the chief ends of life. Yet countless mothers are shocked at the very idea. These mothers are bringing up their boys in idle and lazy habits, and most undoubtedly such training tells in after life.

It may be asked: What does one mean by work? Anything that calls for muscular application, coupled with a trifle of mental effort—kneading or spoon cleaning, or book blacking, and a hundred other small things. I have actually seen a delicate tired looking mother remove the boots from the feet of a burly, healthy, strong twelve year old boy who had just come in after romping about in the mud. After removing the boots she carefully scanned the mud off wiped the leather with a cloth, and set them aside to dry before she polished them. Meantime the boy played on the floor with half a dozen marbles!

That mother was teaching a fearful lesson in more ways than one. She was teaching the boy to be lazy and idle; she was training him to lean on others rather than depend on himself; and she was killing his respect for womanhood by allowing him to understand that all the dirty work of a home should fall on a woman's shoulders.

It may be asked: What sort of strong boy will stand by and see all this happen without offering to lend a hand? If you ask that you do not know boys. A boy will naturally shrink if permitted to do so; very few boys of their own initiative will tackle work unless set to do it. The desire and inclination to work are not born; they have to be taught just as is the A. B. C. I take it that the successful men of the world are those whose mothers taught them how to work, and the failures in life are those whose mothers blacked their boots for them as children.

Teach a boy that to work should be his greatest object. You thus create him for the battle of life, and send him out into the world well armed to join that fray in which the weaker invariably go to the wall.

It is not harsh to set a boy to perform little tasks after school hours—let him understand that he must fill a useful place in the world, and by his own exertions do all he can to further the happiness and comfort of those around him. Make him carry coals or wood for an hour in the garden—never let him be actually idle for a moment. Let him be actually busy, and you create the loafer. Don't imagine you will kill the precious ones—boys can stand a lot of that form of killing.

ABOUT CORNS AND BUNIONS

Corns and bunions are produced as the result of wearing shoes that do not fit properly, that are either too large or too small. From pressure or irritation on the skin becomes hardened, and callous places occur. When these layers of skin are more condensed they form a corn; that is, a callous spot with a hard centre that acts like a foreign body to irritate and inflame the spot. The callous places are found most often on the bottom of the foot, while the corns occur on the toes. In bathing the feet one should take care to remove all of this layer possible by rubbing it off with the fingers and scraping it off. Great relief can be found when these places occur on

the soles of the feet by strapping the foot with adhesive plaster, being sure that it is put on smoothly and without wrinkling. The respiration and moisture thus occasioned soften the callous spots so that they will disappear. Cutting corns is in most rare cases a sensible practice. The skin will be corns thickened in the end, and the corn will have to be treated often by the chiropodist. With an instrument having a blunt point, such as the nail cleaner or the scissors, sufficiently sharp to introduce under the skin at the circumference of the corn or calloused place, raise it just enough for the thumb and forefinger to get hold of it, and then peel it carefully off. The entire corn may be thus removed after the feet have been soaked in hot water for a time. The little kernel should also be removed. Then paint the surface with collodion, to which ten drops of Camomile tincture has been added to the ounce or ten grains of salicylic acid. A little piece of kid glove, cut to fit, with a hole in the centre the size of the corn, is a good corn protector. To avoid soft corns, keep the skin between the toes perfectly dry.

Bunions are the result of wearing shoes with high heels and those the inside line of which, instead of being straight, curves outward, forcing the toes of the foot out. The big toe joint thus takes the pressure of the boot and becomes enlarged, inflamed and very painful. To correct this the big toe must be turned toward the middle line again. Sometimes a piece of cotton placed between the tips of the big toe and the next one will accomplish this. An instrument has been devised for this purpose, and may be worn at night. It acts as a lever upon the big toe to bring the joint back into its natural position.

GO OUT MORE.

The doctors inform us that nervous debility is increasing among us to an alarming extent, accompanied by low spirits and morbid irritability. The disease chiefly attacks those women who remain too much indoors.

Sometimes this keeping in the house is hardly a matter of indolent habit, often, of course, it seems to be necessary on account of the necessity of family duties, and not infrequently it is induced or encouraged by a dread more or less ill-founded, of exposure to the weather.

A distressing symptom of the malady is a chronic state of evil foreboding. The victim of nervous debility, herself, her ailments, her wants, her loneliness, or she is ever anticipating trouble for her husband or her children. Living so much within herself it is easy for her to fall into the way of brooding over trouble, be the same real or imaginary.

The condition of worry not only works injury to her health, but reacts upon her disposition, till she becomes perhaps, what is known among men as a "nervous woman," and then, as a matter of course, her mind is made uncomfortable, and matters go from bad to worse.

Much of this trouble would be avoided if the woman would only move out of doors. The inhabitants of northern Europe suffer much less from nervous than those who live farther north, because the climate allows them to live more in the open air. Nervous debility is unfortunately increasing among us; and it is well therefore, for every one to know that the best relief is not to be found in drugs, but in sunlight, pure air, and innocent diversion.

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As a bee visits ten flowers on the average in collecting a single load some 2,500,000 flowers are visited in one day by the bees of a single hive. An additional large number of visits is required for the collection of pollen. These figures indicate why many trees and plants bear small crops in the absence of bees.

The bee is charged with various imaginary crimes. Its sting is formidable, but chiefly to the imprudent. It is accused of ravaging fruit, but its tongue is formed exclusively for the extraction of sweet juices, and its mandibles are unable to pierce the skin of a fruit.

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Annapolis Royal, N. S., March 4.—What might have been a fatal accident occurred at Hillsbur, this county, early this afternoon, and at the hour of writing, the life of Edward Shaw is hanging in the balance. Shaw had been logging in the woods and was returning home with his sled drawn by two horses. On the sled were several large logs and a loaded shotgun which accidentally discharged, the shot hitting the horses who at once attempted to break loose from the harness. The sled was overturned by the horses and Shaw was pinned under the load of logs. Suffering from the shot wounds the infuriated animals ran away and dragged the sled and logs for a distance of over two miles. Shaw was unable to release himself and was literally used as a sweep over the frozen ground. His clothes were torn to atoms and the skin fairly peeled from his body. After racing for nearly two miles and half the horses fell through the ice on a small lake near Hillsbur. The logs and sled kept the animals from sinking and in this way Shaw was saved from a watery grave.

About five o'clock he was rescued in an exhausted condition and taken to his home. Medical aid has been summoned. It is feared that his injuries are very serious, both legs are crushed and several ribs are broken, but the full extent will not be known until the doctors arrive and make an examination.

One of the horses had injured itself so badly in the ice that it was necessary to shoot it.

THE "MARCHE MILITAIRE."

Dr. Ham's Musical Composition Created a Striking Scene in Quebec. Although the "March Militaire," by Dr. Albert Ham, played recently by the Toronto Symphony Orchestra at the National Choral convention, was composed a year and a half ago for the Quebec Tercentenary, it was not previously familiar to Canadians who were much impressed by its dignity and melodic qualities. It comes out which in one section of Canada is familiar to every living child, but which in Toronto was quite unrecognized. It is "Le Drapeau de Carillon," a French-Canadian popular song which is the delight of the music-loving habitant. Every school boy knows of the battle of Ticonderoga, the single great victory won by the French defenders of Canada in the warfare which finally resulted in the placing of Canada under the British crown. The fort at Ticonderoga, which Montcalm with a small force defended against an overwhelming superior army under the blundering Abercrombie, was known as Fort Carillon, and "Le Drapeau de Carillon" commemorates this last heroic victory of the French-Canadians as an independent people. It is necessarily popular in sentiment and the music has genuine melodic qualities which would make it so in an event.

When Dr. Ham's march was first played it was the occasion of a strange demonstration which rather puzzled visitors to the Tercentenary. It was played during the first week of the celebration at a musical festival held in the Quebec Amphitheatre under the direction of Mr. Joseph Verina, the veteran musician of that city. The audience was a vast one composed partly of the French-speaking and partly of the English-speaking residents of Quebec. Some rivalry of sentiment had arisen owing to the conflicting celebrations of the present the achievements of the French-Canadian people and the military functions which were a regular part of the Tercentenary. When the refrain of "Le Drapeau de Carillon" cropped out it was the occasion of a mighty demonstration of the French section of the audience that regaled the achievements of the music. Cheers and plaudits rent the air. Even the audience quieted down and the composer proceeded. Toward its close Dr. Ham introduced, very cleverly, a theme from "The Maple Leaf," the English part of the audience picked up the cue and a rival demonstration rent the air. When it was all over both parts joined in a grand finale and it was easily the most popular number of the evening.

Secretary of Riel's Council.

The other day there arrived at Winnipeg on the coast, where he intends to interview members of the Dominion Government on the subject of preserving some of the old landmarks of the Prairie Provinces. Mr. H. A. Jaxon, who was secretary of Riel's rebel council at Batouche during the uprising of 1885, Jaxon, or Jackson, as people were accustomed to see the name in 1885, was, according to today's beliefs, a rebel leader of the rebellion, very highly respected by Riel and made much of. It is scarcely to be wondered at, consequently, that Jaxon is to-day a very frank advocate of Riel's claims as a patriot and a martyr. The writer had the good luck to be introduced to Jaxon the other day by the Hon. Senator Davis of Prince Albert and as he had been through the campaign in 1888, enjoyed thoroughly to hear the rebel leader's views on the subject. Jaxon's fair address, today believes that his race would not have had justice had Riel not come to their assistance in the northwestern provinces, and in the Hudson Bay Co. were at the bottom of the whole trouble. The Government delayed too long in sending the Mounted Police to Pitt, Carleton, Prince Albert, and northern points, and when they did send detachments they sent such small detachments that they were not much more than an incentive to attack. It was like waving a red flag before a mad bull. The half-breeds had much more respect for the Mounted Police than for most of the civilian officials.

Couldn't Be Right There.

A man came east for a visit. He found one day that he was not far from an asylum, where a cousin he had not seen for some years was engaged as a carpenter, and decided to stay off there for a day, and visit his relatives.

He was made welcome, and after dinner he was told that the superintendent would take him through the asylum at two o'clock, as he was much interested in the institution, so was in the office promptly on time to keep his appointment.

But although there were people living in and out all the time, he one spoke to him, at least he began to wonder if he had made a mistake or the time, if his watch was wrong, or if the clock on the wall was not correct. So he stopped the next person who entered and said: "Will you please tell me, is that clock right?" The girl laughed and answered: "What you're givin' us? Go on back to your cell. What would it be comin' here if it was right?"

The New Zealand Lins.

The greatest interest is being taken in New Zealand in an effort which is being made to establish a line of steamships from Montreal and St. John's and Halifax to various New Zealand ports, including Auckland. This is the result of the visit paid to the Dominion by Canadian delegates to the Chambers of Commerce Congress at Sydney. At present all goods coming into the country from Canada are taken via New York, and are there subject to heavy duties, which are naturally detrimental to the trade between the two Dominions.

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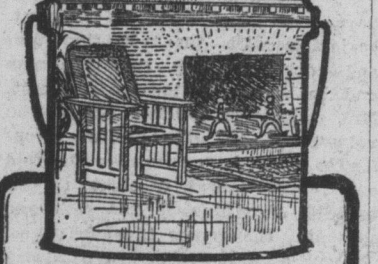
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