

A BEAUTIFUL FAMILY.

We were struck lately by the orderly behavior of a large family of children, particularly at the table. We spoke of it to their father; and he pointed to a paper pinned to the wall, on which were written some excellent rules. We begged a copy for the benefit of our readers. Here it is:—

1. Shut every door after you, and without slamming it.
2. Don't make a practice of shouting, jumping, or running in the house.
3. Never call to persons upstairs or in the next room; if you wish to speak to them, go quietly to where they are.
4. Always speak kindly and politely to everybody, if you would have them do the same to you.
5. When told to do or not to do a thing, by either parent, never ask why you should or should not do it.
6. Tell of your own faults and misdoings, not of those of your brothers and sisters.
7. Carefully clean the mud or snow off your boots before entering the house.
8. Be prompt at every meal hour.
9. Never sit down at the table or in the sitting-room with dirty hands or tumbled hair.
10. Never interrupt any conversation, but wait patiently your turn to speak.
11. Never reserve your good manners for company, but be equally polite at home and abroad.
12. Let your first, last and best confidence be your mother. — *British Jac. alb.*

THE BOY WITH A CIGARETTE.

"The boy who buys cigarettes is sure to injure himself. Such smoking, even in so-called moderation, will do three things for him.

1. It will run his pulse up to one hundred or more a minute.
2. It will reduce his weight below the healthy standard.
3. It will reduce his strength and gen-

eral vitality, as will appear in his pale complexion and his diminished appetite.

If this is true of boys smoking under the least injurious conditions, how much truer is it in the more frequent case where bad tobacco and excessive smoking combine in their attack upon the delicate tissues of the growing lad.

Cigarette smoking is one of the worst of habits, physically, that a boy can form. It injures the heart and the digestion, and it tends to check the growth. It gives a lad false and silly notions, and it does not bring him into good company. — *Dr. Coan.*

SAVED BY KINDNESS.

A southern lady of large fortune would never see a human being suffer without attempting relief. Riding in the country one day, she saw a young man drunk. His face was covered with flies, and the hot sun beat upon him. She stopped her carriage, and looked at the prostrate form before her. The young man was well dressed, and evidently accustomed to good society. She dipped her handkerchief in a stream near by, wiped his face, covered it with her handkerchief, and drove back to town.

A week afterward, a stranger called and wanted to speak with her.

"I am ashamed to say," he said, "I am the young man you cared for.

"Your name was on the handkerchief you put over my face.

"I thank you for your kindness.

"I have signed a pledge, with my hand on my mother's Bible, God being my helper, that I will never taste another drop."

That vow he never broke, and he became one of the most eminent men of the nation. — *Sc!*

Ah, how sweet it is for me
Jesus' little lamb to be!
In His bosom safe He folds me,
With His strong arm He upholds me;
If He leads me every day,
Never shall I go astray.