

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS.

What Makes a Boy Popular. It is but natural that all boys wish to be popular, and thus wield as large an influence over their companions as possible.

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Mary and Her Little Lamb. Many of our readers are familiar with the story of the fondness of "Mary for her little lamb, that followed her to school one day," but all of them may not know that there really was such a Mary and such a lamb.

A Noble Example. An exchange relates an excellent example of true politeness. It may well put to shame the so-called "company manners," which are too often purely selfish.

Two Parrot Stories. Parrots appear to have other faculties as nearly human as their wonderful faculty of speech. Our Dumb Animals repeats a story of a very wise bird that once, in a moment of thoughtlessness, said to the faithful animal that guarded the house from burglars and incendiaries "sic him," with the result that after losing half his feathers before escaping to his perch, he on second consideration remarked to himself, "Poll, you talk too much."

Harper's Round Table tells about a parrot that was owned by a ticket-seller in a theatre, and that was quick at learning to repeat the phrases he

heard. Thus, among other things, he was soon able to exclaim: "One at a time, gentlemen! one at a time, please!" for this sentence was constantly in the mouth of his master.

CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN.

What the Bicycle Said. When I was a boy I used to lie on the grass and look up at the clouds and imagine that a great battle was going on up there: the clouds being the forts.

I think a great deal of my bicycle. We have had many good times together. We have come to confide in each other. As we have rolled along together my bicycle has dropped many bits of wisdom on the philosophy of life.

"Someone else cleaned me another time. He took off my chain and put in oil and rubbed it with a dry rag. He also took a brush and went over me carefully. That was something like it."

And I went back to my study soliloquizing: "Yes, it is good to see a clean face, hair well combed and finger nails nicely trimmed, but that is surface cleaning. Then a clean tongue and pure mind—they are far more important—the gear needs rubbing and oiling. But my bicycle is right. A fellow isn't thoroughly cleaned until his bearings are overhauled. He cannot be said to be cleaned at all, as long as mud and dust and rust cover the bearings. Yes, a 'Clean Heart.'"

Multitudes and Manliness.

Thousands of young men are trying to learn manliness by listening to "what they say." They are enemies to trust manhood. The most prevalent and the very worst evil of the time—for it is the father of drunkenness, gambling, impurity, extravagance and the other common sins—is the tendency to go with the crowd.

There is manliness in solitariness. To run with the rabble is a mark of weakness. Isaiah showed a deal of understanding of human nature when he wrote, "All we like sheep have gone astray," for that is exactly the way we have gone astray—in blind reasoning following of some wicked old ball-weather, which started the flock over the fence into forbidden pastures.

Behind every sermon to the lips on abstinence there ought to be a sermon to the backbone on strength. Before a boy is warned against immodest

dances or low theatres he ought to be warned against the loss of his innocence, his self-respect, his independence. It is to worse to lose one's manliness than to lose one's companions.

There is strength only in individuality. The world will never follow the man who follows the world. Heed not the crowd and the crowd will heed you. The angels of God stand with him who dares to stand alone against the multitude. Go with the crowd and you will make no progress. Follow conscience and Christ and you will be led out of the crowd into a solitary way, but a way of self-respect, strength, delight and divinity.

Borrower and Lender.

It was the sage Polonius who said:—"Neither a borrower nor a lender be. For loan oft loses both itself and friend. And borrowing dulls the edge of husbandry."

This witty old diplomatist knew the world, and was, therefore, well qualified to give advice concerning material things to his son, Laertes. He may have been vain, for we are none of us perfect, but he was wise in the ways of men. Consequently his counsel is well worth heeding, and as it was put to his mouth by no less a person than Shakespeare, it bears the mint mark of common sense, for the dramatist seldom erred in his characterizations, though he sometimes made mistakes as to time and locality.

"Neither a lender nor a borrower be"—I take it that this refers to obtaining loans of comparatively small sums, or contracting small debts, which is a kind of borrowing. Of course in business one must often borrow and lend, but transactions of the kind indicated are safeguarded by notes with proper security, so there is little danger of loss. For small loans or debts a person furnishes no security but his honor, and if he has not that to give he is soon found out and shunned by reputable people. It is for this reason, if no other, that young men should always strive to pay as they go. They should shun the danger of becoming beats, for the young fellow who is not honorable in money matters, though they may appear to be trivial, almost imperceptibly drifts into the class whose impunctuality is chronic.

If a person has not the ready cash to purchase a thing he should do without it. This self-denial will do him no harm. On the contrary, it will help to strengthen his character and will make a man of him in more ways than one. I know young fellows who are constantly owing for cigarettes, candies and the like, and sometimes even for liquor that steals away their brains. Now all these things are not necessities. It may be that the sweets mentioned are not for themselves, but they can rest assured that no decent girl would accept them if she knew they probably never would be paid for. With regard to the cigarettes, it may be said that nothing is more disgusting than to see a hobbledoey constantly pulling these miserable apologies for a pipe or a cigar.

I know whereof I speak when I say that many young chaps run into debt for these things and never settle for them. Several dealers in small wares of my acquaintance have shown me bills contracted by youthful customers which they never expect to see paid. They have even exhibited to me accounts for newspapers running up to four or five dollars, on which they never hope to realize. Now the reading of a reputable daily or weekly journal is not to be discouraged, but surely there is no necessity for running in debt for it, and every young man who is at work should be able to pay cash for his newspaper. If he is out of a job the public libraries will supply him with all the reading matter he desires. There is not much profit on newspapers, anyway, and the dealer has usually to pay cash for them, and, therefore, it is contemptible to skin him out of his money. The fellow who begins in the despicable way we have referred to frequently degenerates into the bum who asks the stranger on the street for five or ten cents. There are also mean-spirited fellows who never meet their laundry bills, if they can help it. They go from one place to another, leaving a trail of debts behind them. They are so lost to all manly feeling that they let others advance the few dimes that their washing costs each week until it amounts to a comparatively large sum. Then they disappear to turn up in another locality where they are unknown. They pay their first bill in a new place, but never a second one. What they do with the money that comes into their hands is a mystery to some, but not to me. They never give it to their creditors if they can help it in any way.

Now these fellows in time get marked. For a while they escape observation because they are constantly shifting from one neighborhood to another, but the world is not so large in these days of rapid transit as it used to be, and they soon become known as Jeremy Diddlers. This is a designation that I hope none of my boys will ever earn. It is a hateful one that suggests the porchouse or the prison in the end. No man who acquires it, unless he reform, can come to good. He has no place in the ranks of honest working men, who never assume obligations that they do not meet promptly, unless unforeseen misfortune comes upon them. I have no desire to reflect upon the worthy poor, who may sometimes contract bills because they have been plunged into misery. No, I want to score those young men who, with

health and strength, throw their earnings away in illegitimate pleasures, leaving their creditors to whistle for their just dues.

It is a pitiful ambition to wish to shine in bar-rooms or even more disreputable resorts as generous and wholehearted. Money in such places disappears as rapidly as the morning dew before the rays of the sun, and leaves the victim of wild folly a miserable object, upon whom pity is thrown away, for he does not profit by experience and is ready to repeat his sins against God and man as soon as his pockets are filled again. Meanwhile those whom he owes have to pinch themselves in order to do justice to others who have trusted them in but half of a dissipated wretch, who runs into debt and borrows money right and left from anyone who is fool enough to let him 50 cents.

My dear boys, never fall into the habits I have lashed. They are in every sense demoralizing. Always have plenty in your purse to meet ordinary expenditures and avoid even harmless luxuries until you are rich enough to indulge in them. Depend upon it, you will be happier if you resolve to be neither a borrower nor a lender, in the sense that I have indicated.—Benedict Bell, in Sacred Heart Review.

The Marquis of Worcester, a devout Catholic, was the first inventor of an actual steam engine. He received a patent for it in Parliament in 1663, which was 109 years before Watt took out his patent.

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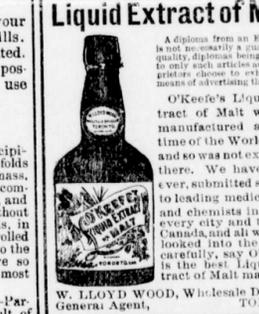
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