

Books as Friends.

"He that loveth a book," says Isaac Barrow, "will never want a faithful friend, a wholesome counsellor, a cheerful companion, an effectual comforter. By study, by reading, by thinking, one may innocently divert and pleasantly entertain himself, as in all weathers, so in all fortunes."

"Books," says Jeremy Collier, "are a guide in youth and an entertainment for age. They support us under solitude, and keep us from being a burthen to ourselves. They help us to forget the crossness of men and things; compose our cares and our passions; and lay our disappointments asleep. When we are weary of the living, we may repair to the dead, who have nothing of peevishness, pride, or design in their conversation."

"History," says Fuller, "maketh a young man to be old without either wrinkles or gray hair, privileging him with the experiences of age without either the infirmities or inconveniences thereof."

Books are now so cheap as to be within the reach of almost everyone. This was not always so. It is quite a recent blessing. Mr. Ireland, to whose charming little "Book Lovers' Encyclopedia," in common with every lover of reading, I am greatly indebted, tells us that when a boy he was so delighted with White's "Natural History of Selborne," that in order to possess a copy of his own he actually copied out the whole work.

Mary Lamb gives a pathetic description of a studious boy lingering at a bookstall:

"I saw a boy with eager eye
Open a book upon a stall,
And read as he'd devour it all;
Which when the stall-man did espy,
Soon to the boy I heard him call.
'You, sir, you never buy a book,
Therefore in one you shall not look.'
The boy passed slowly on, and with
a sigh,
He wished he never had been taught to
read,
Then of the old churl's books he should
have had no need."

The Home Beautiful.

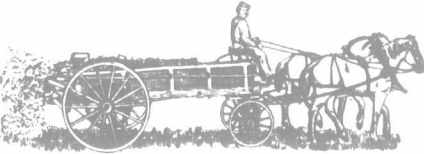
"Yes, Mary's parlor is pretty bad," said her cousin, feelingly. "What with the cheap oil-paintings, and the 'throws' over the chair-backs, and the statuette, and the onyx table, and all. But then, don't you remember Aunt Jane's parlor? Aunt Jane thought it wicked to spend money on anything but the necessities of life. She had chairs and tables, and a dark carpet 'that wouldn't show dirt,' and not a picture nor an ornament. I never saw a flower in Aunt Jane's house—except at her funeral. Mary grew up in that grim, bare place, and her own house is the reaction. She was starved of the beauties of home in her youth, and she craves pretty things, and has never learned how to choose them."

Good taste is usually formed in children early, or not at all; and it is a most precious possession. A photograph of a fine picture, hung in a public-school room, is good for every child there. But it would be better yet to have such a photograph in every home. Flowers on dining-table are not useless luxury; they are a refining factor in a child's life. As to cost, indeed, it is the busy things that are expensive, not the beautiful ones.

A home in which beauty is sought for is every child's right; and as the true, the good, and the beautiful belong together, the home beautiful helps toward the true home and the good one.

"What is an orphan?" asked the teacher of the class in definitions. No body seemed to know. "Well, I'm an orphan," said the teacher, seeking an illustration that would not reveal too much. At this a hand popped up, and the owner of it exclaimed: "An orphan is a woman that wants to get married and can't."—[Life.

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The name of Arkell has become a household word among fanciers of the stately Oxford Down sheep; for the success that has followed this breed, considerable credit is due to Peter Arkell & Sons, Teeswater, Ont., which firm are careful in their selections and true to the line in culling out. The consequence is they have a flock that stands among the best in point of size and quality. Many of their breeding ewes are direct from imported stock, while the best imported rams are being used upon them each year. They have fitted and sold several show flocks this season, and are still in shape to supply No. 1 stuff to anyone wanting such. Let them know your Oxford wants and they will endeavor to please you. The rams now in use were imported from the famous Reading flock, which rams have proved themselves to be excellent stock-getters. Summer Hill Stock Farm lies about three miles from Teeswater (C. P. R.) in Bruce County.

SEVEN THOUSAND RESCUED BOYS.

The plan followed by the State of Ohio in remaking naughty boys, has had excellent results, according to Eugene Wood's article, "A School for Boys," in the October number of Everybody's Magazine.

"Statistics show," says Mr. Wood, "that out of the 11,000 boys who have been in the Lancaster, Ohio, school since it was started, between sixty-five and seventy per cent. have made useful, honorable men out of themselves. How many of them would have done so anyhow it is impossible to tell; but the chances are that they would all have gone irrevocably to the bad, else they wouldn't have been committed. They aren't sent to Lancaster for making faces at the teacher."

"Of these 7,000 or so rescued boys some have done extremely well. One man I know of is now a millionaire of very great importance in the world. He is proud of the fact that he was a boy there. He takes his friends to the place to show it off to them, and tell what it did for him. 'The turning-point in my life,' he says. There are others in very high positions in the State of Ohio and other States, men of affairs, trusted men, that say the same thing."

SECURE A HOME.—The agricultural world is to-day turning its eyes on the wonderful valley of the Saskatchewan. It is the last West; the only opportunity you will ever have to secure a home with all the advantages of railways, schools and churches within reasonable distance. If you are interested in this, kindly write to J. P. Clinton & Co., Edmonton, Alta.

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Dr. William Osler recently prescribed this quaint cure for the gout: "First pick a handkerchief from the pocket of a spinster who never wished to wed; second, wash the handkerchief in an honest miller's pond; third, dry it on the hedge of a person who never was covetous; fourth, send it to the shop of a physician who never killed a patient; fifth, mark it with a lawyer's ink who never cheated a client, and, sixth, apply it, hot, to the gout-tormented part. A speedy cure must follow."

A few days ago a witty but not over-industrious Celt was one of the street gang at Newburyport, and a few minutes before noon he threw his shovel into the gutter, sat down on the curbstone, and proceeded to fill and light his pipe. Just as he extracted the first puff of smoke, Superintendent of Streets Pritchard came around the corner, and seeing Pat, roared out: "Here! What are you throwing down your shovel for at this time of day?"

"To cool it, sir," said Pat, whereupon the superintendent dodged around the corner to get his face together.—[Ex.

"Hold on!" shouted the corpulent matron in the big skyscraper. "I want you to take me and my six children to the top floor."

"Sorry, lady," chuckled the elevator boy, "but I can't do it."

"Can't do it? Why not?"

"Because I am too young to raise a family."

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