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## Woman and the Home

## Teaching Children Politeness

By Anne Guilbert Mahon

"I was telling you something, mother"! It was with a very respectful, timid manner, and with very big, aggrieved eyes that the little girl looked up into her mother's face.

Instantly the mother stopped in the

remark she was making to a caller.
"Excuse me, dear," she said to the child. "Mother did not hear you. Mother did not know you were speaking. What was it you wanted to tell me?"

Smiling shyly, but with the aggrieved look all gone, the little maid repeated her question, to which the mother paid due attention, answered graciously, then turned to her friend and continued her con-

"Do you believe in allowing children to interrupt their elders?" asked the friend, who had been taking silent note of the proceedings.

"You mean Eleanor?" The mother smiled and flushed slightly. "As a general thing, of course, I do not believe in children being allowed to interrupt grown people, and I try to teach mychildren not to do so, but in this case I consider it only a question of fair play. I treated Eleanor as I should wish anyone to treat me. It was really I who interrupted Eleanor, although I did not know it till she spoke."

treated with politeness himself, he is not going to learn it from any amount of precept. It has to become second nature. It has to be ingrained in the child, if he is to grow up to be a true gentleman."

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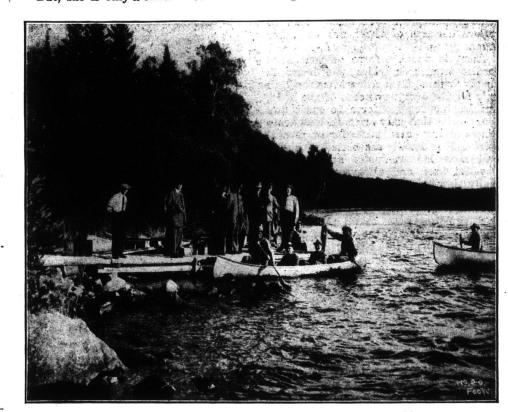
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"So many children are ill at ease, either bashful, or naughty, when older persons are calling on their mothers," she continued. "In many cases it is becaus the child feels awkward, does not know just what to do or say, and so either shows his discomfort or acts naughty. I want my children to know how to behave rightly at all times. If it happens that a child comes into the room when someone is calling on me, I always stop in the conversation and introduce the child with as much courtesy as I would an older person. I do not think that because he is a child he is entitled to no notice, or that he should grow up with no knowledge of the rules of good society. Such a course helps a child wonderfully over the awkward age. I do not believe in children being pushing and forward, of course, and I do believe in according them decent, common politeness, such as one would show to an ordinary acquaintance of adult years.

"I have always been a firm believer in fair play for children as well as grown people, and I can not expect my child to be polite to me unless I am polite to him, unless he is surrounded by an atmosphere of kindness, courtesy and thoughtfulness for others. I try to be as particular in my ras really I who interrupted Eleanor, alhough I did not know it till she spoke." 'please,' and 'thank you,' for everything, acting to them as I would wish them to



me perfectly proper for a grown person to interrupt a child," remarked the friend. "I do not think so," responded the mother quickly. "I think a child is

entitled to just as much consideration, and to be treated just as politely, as one would treat an older person. How else are we to make our children polite, if we do not show them the right way, if we do not treat them as we expect them to treat others?"

"It seems to me there are a great many impolite children now. One sees them in school and at public places. I do not know what their parents can be thinking of-and yet I know some homes where the children are always being corrected and taught politeness—yet they are the rudest little beings one could imagine," answered the friend.

The mother hesitated a moment, then said, slowly: "If people would only realize that children learn far more from example than from admonitions, it would be found so much easier to train them. In a home where the father and mother are not always careful to speak kindly and courteously to each other, where the older brothers and sisters are allowed to be rude and careless, where the children see such examples before them daily, and strive to imitate them—as children do—how can they be expected to pay attention to teachings, which are foreign to their proudly that someone may admire them; everyday surroundings? For my part, I the little boy in his proud possession of first think that unless a child sees perfect courtesy in his own home, between the members of his own family, unless he is the fittle boy in his proud possession of his trousers; the young girl in her "Easter Bonnet," the youth in his first evening clothes, are all pervaded with that same

act to me and to others, as I would be to any grown person. I do not think I have ever had to give them rules for polite conduct, yet I am proud to say that I have never been ashamed of my children when I have had them out with me. They are not perfect—I do not expect them to be but I have never had to blush for their rudeness.

"Very few mothers can say as much," remarked the friend.

"More of them could say it if they realized the importance of treating children in the way they would wish them to treat others. Only in such way will politeness and courtesy be ingrained in a child, so that when he grows to be a man he could not be other than polite and considerate of others, for those qualities would be a very part of him."

## Personal Appearance—Its Relation to Self Respect and Vanity

By Isabelle Wood Patterson

To the average human being, be it child or grown-up, man or woman, comes a feeling of content and satisfaction when

it knows itself well dressed. The tiny girl when she begins to notice her "new soo's," and holds them out