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troubled conscience—mere apologies for letters, which chill the mother heart. There are plenty of wealthy men in this country who owe everything to the mothers who made all sorts of sacrifices and education. When this country who owe everything to the mothers who made all sorts of sacrifices for their rearing and education. When they became prosperous, these men neglected their devot's mothers, but came to their senses at their funerals. Then they spent more money on expensive caskets, flowers and emblems of mourning than they had spent on their poor, loving, self-sacrificing mothers for many years while alive. Men who, perhaps, never thought of carrying flowers to their mothers in life, pile them high on their opfins. There is nothing which pains a mother so much as ingratitude from the children for whom she has risked her life, and to whose cere and training she has given her best years.

I know men who owe their success in life to their mothers, who have become prosperous and influential, because of the splendid training of the self-sacrificing mother, the education secured for them at an inestivable cost-to her, and yet they seldom think of taking her flowers, confectionery, little delicacies, or taking her to a place of amusement, or glying her to a place of amusement, or glying her a vacation, or bestowing upon her any of the little attentions and favors so dear to a woman's heart. They seem to think she is past the age for these things, that she no longer cares for them, that about all ane expects is enough to cat and drink, and the simplest kind of raiment.

These men do not know the feminine

raiment.

These men do not know the feminine heart which never changes in these respect, except to grow more appreciative of the little attentions, the little considerations and thoughtful acts which meant so much to them in their younger.

meant so much to them in their younger days.

Not long ago I heard a mother, whose sufferings and sacrifices for her children during a long and terrible struggle with poverty should have given her a monument, say, that she guessed she'd better go to the old ladies' home and end her days there. What a picture that was! An old lady with white hair and a sweet, beautiful face; with a wonderful light in hereye, calm, serene and patient, yet dignified, whose children, all of whom are married and successful, made her feel as if she were a burden. She had no home of her own, not a single piece of furniture, or any of the things which are so dear to the feminine heart. Think of

this old woman, who, in order to bring up and educate and fit for successful careers, half a dozen ungrate, selfish children, had made sacrifices that were simply heartrending, receiving, in her old age, only a stingy monthly allowanc-from her prosperous sons. Taey live in luxurious homes, but have rever offered to provide a home for the poor, old rheumatic, broken-down mother who for so many years slaved for them. They put their own homes, stocks and other property in their wives names, and while they pay the rent of their mother's meagerly furnished rooms and provide for her actual needs, they apparently never think what joy it would give her to own her own home, and to possess some pretty furnishings and a few pictures.

I have never known a man who was ashamed of his mother to make a real man. Such men are invariably selfish and

mean.

Think of the humiliation and suffering of the slave mother, who has given all the best of her life to a large family, battling with poverty in her efforts to dignify her little home, and to give her children an education, when she realizes that she is losing ground intellectually, yet has no time or strength for reading, or self-culture, no opportunity for broadening her mental outlook by travelling or mingling with the world. But this is nothing compared to the angulah she endures, when, after the flower of her youth is gone and there is nothing left of her but the ashes of a former superb womanhood, she awakes to the consciousness that her children are ashamed of her ignorance and desire to keep her in the background.

But no matter how callous or un-

But no matter how callons or un-grateful a son may be, no matter how low he may sink in vice or crime, he is always sure of his mother's love, always sure of one who will follow him even to his grave, if she is alive and can get there; of one who will cling to him when all others have fled.

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One of the saddest sights I have ever seen was that of a poor, old, brokendown mother whose life had been poured into her children, making a long journey to the penitentiary to visit her boy, who had 'bren abandoned by everybody but herseit. Poor old mother!





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