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Not long ago I met a young lady in poverty whom I had previously known in wealth, and this was, in substance, the story she told me: "Father died suddenly and the professional skill through which he had coined money for us died with him. I am not weeping because we are poor. I am broken-hearted because none of us saw that he was dying. Was it not pitiful that he should think it best not to tell any of us that he was sick? And I, his petted daughter, though I knew was taking opium to soothe his great pain, was so absorbed by my lovers, my games, and my dresses, that I just hoped it would all come right. If I could only remember that even once I had pitied his suffering or felt anxious about his life, I might bear his loss better! My dear, dear father ! Oh, how terrible

it is to love when it is too late!"

The story is common enough. Many a father, year after year, goes in and out of his home carrying the burden and doing the labour of life, while those whom he tenderly loves hold with but careless hands all of honour and gold he wins by toil and pain. Then some day his head and hands can work no more! And the hearts that had not learned the great lesson of unselfish love while love was their teacher, must now begin their sad duty when love has left them alone forever. It is now their place to carry the daily heavy cross that he bore, and under its burden to say with bitter tears, "Would to God that the dear one dead were here once more? Never again would we grieve and cross him! Never again be blind to his manifest weariness and sufferings! Oh, for the sound of his voice in our sorrowful house!"

German children in the mountains of Silesia devoutedly believe that beetles are both deaf and blind.

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Samoan Society.

Mrs. Robert Louis Stevenson has related many interesting things about her Samoa home and her life there. She says that housekeeping becomes rather difficult when you have to send half across the Pacific for a bottle of bluing, and a bag of flour. In regard to the servant problem she says:

The servant problem? No, we don't have that. The reason is that we don't have any servants. We have families. If you want a cook, you let your wants be known and you are besieged with applicants. When you see one that you really like, you say:

"Now, if you'll be a good boy, and do so and so," and then you tell him what you expect of him, "I'll let you be in my family, and will allow you so much a month for spending money."

If you called the money you give your" 'family" for spending money "wages," they would leave you in a body. They are excellent help, but you cannot call them servants or treat them like servants.

The leader of society there is always a young and beautiful girl. She is chosen from among the village girls, and is given the title of the "Beautiful Maid."

Then there's a man-he's called the "Magnificent One." He is always young and handsome and strong, and well up in the latest things in dances and the very newest fad in war-songs, and is dressed up in a dress peculiar to himself; and all the men have to bow when they have to pass before him.

My daughter went to a picnic one day when we first went to Samoa. She noticed a young man sitting on a sort of dais, and every one that went near him stooped and crawled. She thought, "Well, this must be some mighty prince or potentate." She went up closer to have a good look at the exalted being, and lo! it was our cook.

One of our family was chosen for the "Beautiful Maid,' and she had to leave us and go and be a society leader. I don't think she cares about it.

My cook, who has gone to be a "Magnificent One," doesn't like it He says he gets nothing to eat but bananas and breadfruit,

and has no bed to sleep on but a mat, with a piece of wood for a pillow. And then he has to stay up so late in society, leading dances and such things, that he doesn't get sleep enough and I fancy he'd rather be a little less swell and a littie more comfortable.

When You Write a Letter.

The wise adult will leave the tinted paper and odd styles in big envelopes and small to the young girl and the collegian and choose the always correct heavy cream paper, with a monogram or crest modestly emblazoned thereon.

It is not permissible to have the monogram put on the envelope. It is sufficient to have it at the head of the letter sheet.

The use of ruled paper is entirely relegated to school children and the untutored classes. With the present straggly styles of penmanship lines would be more of a hindrance than a help.

An excessively heavy black border is no longer the thing on mourning stationery, a narrower one having taken its place. A black monogram or crest may be stamped on the white paper.

The mistress of a handsome country home will always provide a quantity of stationery for the use of her guests, embellished with the fac-simile of her own handwriting of the name of the house. The guests are supposed as a matter of courtesy to conduct their correspondence on this paper.

Sealing wax is always in good form, although in these days of hurry few women, even of leisure, take time to place the dainty wax circlet on the envelope flap.

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