OUR BOYS AND GIRLS.

Ruskin's First Lesson. Mr. Ruskin, who wrote so many famous books, said that the first lesson

"One evening," he says, "when I was yet in my nurse's arms, I wanted to touch the tea urn, which was boiling merrily. It was an early taste for bronzes, I suppose; but I was resolute about it. My mother bade me keep my fingers back; I insisted on putting them forward. My nurse would have taken me away from the urn, but my mother said, 'Let him touch it, nurse.' "So I touched it, and that was my

first lesson in the meaning of the word It was the first piece o liberty I got, and the last which for some time I asked." — Youth's Companion.

A Little Heroine.

A little Italian Catholic girl, Maria Santello, aged eight, dragged a tie from the rails to save the Chicago ex-press, on the Lehigh railroad, near Bound Brock, N. J., on Sunday, Sept.

Half a dozen men stood by, seeing the coming danger, but fearful of the ersonal risk of averting it. The child saved the train, but in her excitement, as she hung herself down through the trestle, grasped the rail instead of the ties. The train passed over the poor little hands, and the child who saved so many lives will live out her own life with her right

hand and part of her left gone.

May God take the little heroine to her reward in heaven, and put the martyr's palm in those baby hands! She risked her life for strangers and it were sad if she were to survive th grateful memory and much needed help that should follow her into the years, which humanly speaking, will be little worth living.

Brief Hints For Bright Girls.

Some one has suggested twelve things that every girl can learn be-fore she is fifteen. Not every one can learn to play or sing or paint well enough to give pleasure to her friends, but the following accomplishments are within everybody's reach, and go far toward making the true lady - one who casts brightness all around her :

Shut the door, and shut it softly. Keep your own room in tasteful or

Have an hour for rising, and rise Learn to make bread as well as cake.

Never let a button stay off twentyfour hours. Always know where your things

are.

Never let a day pass without doing something to make somebody comfort-

Never come to breakfast without s collar. Never go about with your shoes un-

buttoned.

Speak clearly enough for everybody to understand.

Never fidget or hum, so as to dis-

turb others. Never fuss or fret or fidget.

Nothing Like Trying.

When a task seems hard and you grow despondent about doing it, it is then that if you make up your mind to do that act, that the greatest result will come from its accomplishment. Pick and muster up a little courage and you'll be surprised at the good re-

sults in the end. Here is an example "It is such a stony little path between here and Mrs. Harvey's that I cannot bear to go over it," said Jem.

And Dick Harvey doesn't like it any better when he comes over here," said Frank. "I heard him say he had got ever so many stone bruises in that He was grumbling about it

Why don't you clear the way between here and your neighbor's?" asked Mr. Morris. "You would much better do that than to take time to grumble about it."

grumble about it."
"Why, we could never get all the stones out of that path," cried Jem.
"Not all in one day, nor by taking all the stones at once," said the father, but if each of the boys who cross there would take a stone on the stone of the stone o there would take a stone out of the

way every time he goes, the work would be done. Try it."

The boys did try it. There were a half dezen young lads who used the path, and each one helped to clear it by doing a little every time he went that way. By this means the stones

were cast out, and the path was cleared This is exactly the way to make it easier and pleasanter for others in the world. Let each one make it his business, as he goes through life to take some little hindrance out of the way whenever he can. Little faults should be cured, and little temptations that caused unwary feet to stumble should Small unkindnesse removed. should be confessed and careless way amended. Trifling slights should smoothed over and sharp words dropped in fits of ill-temper should be taken back, as far as may be. these things will make the path of life It is well worth while to smoother. clear the way.

Determined to Succeed,

The following is one of the tradi tions of a manufacturing firm in Glasgow, Scotiand. Thirty years ago, a barefooted raged urchin presented himself before the desk of the principal partner and asked for work as an

errand boy.

"There's a deal o' running to be dune," said Mr. Blank. jestingly broad Scotch accent. affecting a broad Scotch accent. "Your qualifications wud be a pair o

in the market, and slept under one of the stalls. Two months passed before he had saved enough money to buy the shoes. Then he presented himself before Mr. Blank one morning and held out a package. "I have the shoon, sir," he said,

quietly.
"Oh!" Mr. Blank with difficulty

recalled the circumstances. want a place. Not in those rage, my lad. You would disgrace this house."

The boy hasitated a moment and then went out without a word. Six months passed before he returned, de-cently clothed in coarse but new gar-Blank's interest aroused. For the first time he looked at the boy attentively. His thin bloodless face showed that he had stinted himself of food for months in order to buy those clothes. The manu-facturer now questioned the boy carefully, and found to his regret that he

could neither read nor write.

'It is necessary that you should do both before we could employ you in carrying home packages," he said. We have do place for you."

The lad's face grew paler, but, without a word of complaint, he disap He now went fifteen miles into the country and found work in stables near to a night school. At the end of the year he again presented himself before Mr. Blank. "I can read and write," he said,

"I gave him the place," the em

ployer said, years afterward, "with the conviction that, in process of time he would take mine, if he made up his mind to do it. Men rise slowly in Scotch business houses, but he is our chief foreman."-Western Record.

The Handy Boy.

Not every "handy "boy makes heady use of his hands, as did the lad whose story is told by his grown up self in the Cleveland Plain-Dealer. "When I was fourteen years old," he says, "it became necessary for me to go out in the world and earn my share in the family expenses. I looked

about with small success for a week or two, and then I saw a card hanging in a store window, 'Boy Wanted. "I pulled down my hair, brushed the front of my jacket and walked in.
"'Do you want a boy?' I asked of

the clerk. " 'Back office,' he sa'd.

"I walked back to the little den with a high partition around it, and pushing open a door, which I noticed was slightly ajar, cap in hand, I

stepped in. It was a chilly day in November, and before I spoke to the proprietor who was bending over a desk, I turned as I pushed it shut, and then I found that it wouldn't latch. It had shrunk so that the socket which should have caught the latch was a trifle too high I was a boy of some mechanical genius, and I noticed what the trouble wa

immediately. "Where did you learn to close doors?' said the man at the desk.

" I turned round quickly. " 'At home, sir !

" ' Well, what do you want? " 'I came to see about the 'boy

wanted,' I answered. " 'Oh !' said the man, with a grunt He seemed rather gruff, but somehow his crisp speech didn't discourage me.

he added : 'I'm busy. " I looked at the door. "'If you don't mind,' said I, 'and if

that door while I'm waiting "Eh?' he said, quickly.

"I had been sharpening my skate that morning, and the short file I used was still in my pocket. In a few min-utes I had filed down the brass socket so that the latch fitted nicely. I closed the door two or three time see that it was right. When I put my file back in my pocket and turned round, the man at the desk was star-

ing at me. Any parents?' he asked.

"'Mother,' I answered.
"'Have her come with you at 2 o'olock,' he said, and turned back to his writing.

" At twenty-five I was a partner in the house, and at thirty five I had a half interest. I always attributed the foundation of my good fortune to the only recommendation I then had in my ossession—the file."

He knew how and when to use his

tools. That kind of a boy opens doors

for himself everywhere.

Generous and Helpful. People that have suffered from ingratitude and other meannesses are ap to think that the whole world is selfishly mean. A correspondent of the New York luminary that "shines for all" does not agree with these pessimists. Says he: "I have seen too much of human life not to believe that ineffable meanness is exceptional, and that the natural disposition of man is to be generous and helpful to those overtaken by misfortune, great or small. How else are we to interpret the uprising of our real selves in the face of such crises as that of the Chicage fire, the famine

in India and the Galveston cyclone? One does not need to go to the animal kingdom to show that fraternity, goodwill and kindness are normal and that meanness is degeneracy. I will give a few instances of what I believe to be characteristic of the typical New

Yorker. Once I saw a policeman make a rush for a line of sidewalk venders. One unfortunate foreigner with a tray of plated collar bottons, in his haste to escape. stumbled and fell, cutting a painful gash in his knee and scatter. The boy, with a grave nod, disapwide area in the street. The poor fellow, despite the pain of his wound, party, if a lady with her escort stops to man. There is no royal road to successful acknowledgment. When he is with a merchant, or banker, or professional party, if a lady with her escort stops to man. There is no royal road to successful ing his entire stock of bottons over a

seemed to realize the imminence of a greater misfortune in the loss of his entire stock in trade, and began frantically to grope for them, declaring in his distress that he had paid out \$10 for his goods. Immediately a score of passersby were aiding in the search. passing teams swerved from their course to avoid smashing the tiny derelicts, and, although I watched narrowly, I do not think a button was purloined; office boys, American Dis-trict Telegraph messengers and citizens of voting age all brought their

consoled That is what a long residence among New Yorkers has taught me to be their normal attitude toward their fellows in

distress.

finds to the emptied tray, and the

bleeding street merchant limped away

On another occasion, absorbed in a brown study, I laid down a five-dollar note at the ticket window of the City Hall elevated station and walked with my ticket without waiting for change. After riding to Harlem I change came to the end of my journeyings through the columns of the Sun and realized the omission. Taking the return train to City Hall I began to state my case to the ticket seller, but before I had half finished, out came a small manila envelope marked \$4 95, with the hour and minute when it had been left. This is typical of New York's integrity of character and business methods, and is typical of the great city, because typical of its people as units of the whole.

Now as to its kindness of heart. One morning when the snow was so deep that the early traveler hurried along in the car tracks and the cold so severe that the sparrows perished by thousands, a citizen picked up a be-numbed sparrow fluttering on the icy rail and carried it to the Tremont elevated station. Before entering his train he asked one of the uniformed employes if he would warm it up and, later in the day, when it could fly, let it go? "Sure," said he, in a hearty, whole souled way; and the last glimpse of the citizen was the sight of the warm-hearted railroader breathing on the bird in his closed hands, and then stowing it away in his bosom to warm it back to life and strength.

CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN.

The Duty of Keeping Up. What provision have you made for old age?" asked Carlyle of the man who couldn't play whist—a question in truth worthy of general consideration. If, when we are young and recep tive, we don't cultivate the resources and the amusability latent within us, when we are too old or disabled to take up new interests, we'll have many a dreary quarter of an hour on our

hands In favorable seasons let us lay in good stock of tastes and accomplishments against the rainy days that we can't. Our "minds to us should king doms be"-rich, far reaching king doms, fertile enough for every whole some human interest. Let us be indifferent or supercilious toward nothing that is legitimate or serves good ends. Let us keep our enthusiasm green and our faculties in good working order, calling a halt at the first advance of ennui or blaseness, nor be over critical

of the exploits of ourselves or of others. The power of being interested in things dies without exercise. Happi-ness is much a matter of habit.

Hold on to your salad days' fervor for host racing and encourage your tiniest instinct for horticulture If one is ever infirm or invalid, the

capacity for self-entertainment relieves se about him of a world of responsibility. A propensity for solitaire has often a value beyond rubies. There's diplomacy in being equal to backgammon or cribbage, and the solution of a whole evening's problem in euchre. Cling close to your love of sweet

sounds, nor outgrow your own little plunkings, because you are not the genius you deemed yourself in your youth. Scribble, sing, hoe, walk, paint, bicycle, collect and keep up with the zeal of the moment.

And let us turn our minds to it all in the days of youth, lest the evil days come when we shall say we have no pleasure in them.

The Young Man's Manners.

Society asks little of a young man except to behave well. If he be manly in looks, if he has a good manner, is civil to his elders, if he has any little gift of entertaining—any "parlor tricks"—if he sends a few flowers occasionally, looks pleasant and is polite, his way will be smooth to success ways providing that he is really

He never joins her on a thoroughfare unless the friendshship be an established one and only with her permission-nor will he stand and con-

verse with her.
It is provincial to walk "sandwiched between two women, to stare, or look

after any one who has passed. In public conveyances a man does not pay a woman's fare unless he is her escort, except in an emergency, when

he must ask if he may. Introductions are rarely made in public places or conveyances.

A man precedes a woman when en tering a theatre or public place. He

may precede her up a public staircase, but in a private house in ascending and descending he follows. and descending he follows.

In picture galleries, elevators in public buildings, hotel and theatre corridors, they being thoroughfares, a man retains his hat. In a hotel he re-

moves it if women are present. If a lady bows to a man in a restaurant he rises slightly from his seat in

speak to his friends he rises and remains standing until she passes on. He also rises if a man is introduced to

him when with a stag party.

If a bachelor show some little hospitality it advances him much in favor. If he has attractive rooms, or has any thing to show, he may give an after noon tea or a chafing-dish supper Simplicity is in order. A bachelor's entertainment is usually regarded in the light of a frolic and his efforts in

dulgently considered.

A bacheor may live where he likes without loss of social position if he be longs to one good club, which he may only use for the address on his cards and note - paper.—Ladies' Home Journal.

Laughing at Yourself.

Men in plenty are to be found who forgive wrong, insult and even personal violence, but few who ever for give ridicule, says a writer in the the Boston Herald. To be made a laughing-stock to others, somehow, cuts deeper to the quick than to be convicted of lying and stealing, just as picking a pocket or robbing a hen roost seems to set one in a more con temptible light than robbing a bank Men are mightily given to taking themselves seriously, and want to have others take them so. They pride themselves on their dignity, and, if convicted at all, prefer to be convicted on the evidence of blood stains, instead of chicken feathers, on their coat

sleeves. Thence it is that the way a man stands ridicule is so searching a test of character. Not without reason has it been said: "Ridicule is the final test of truth," for the truth that has gone through the fire of this martyrdom and come out so triumphant as to turn the laugh on the laughers themselves as he real fools ts thenceforth impregnable. Therefore, one of the first sons a sensible parent will insist on with his children will be that of cour age to laugh at themselves and to join merrily with the laughter of others at

Nothing so takes the nonsense out of a child as timely ridicule; nothing makes him so brave and sensible a seeing the justice of it and joining in with the laugh against himself. that sweareth to his own hurt and changes not "may be a very heroic character, but the boy who has made a fool of himself and, without concei or silly vanity, can see the fool's cap put on his own head and laugh at him self in the mirror of his own bureau is yet a greater hero. Legion is the number of children who have gone to the bad through the fear of being laughed at for doing right.

Persistence.

The quality which counts for more than intelligence or talent in the accomplishment of a purpose is persist ence. The aims of young men are various, but whatever their aim may be it may be described in the one word, Success, and success cannot be chieved except by persistent labor.

It is perhaps for this reason that people who are accounted dull sometimes outstrip those who are credited with high intelligence or talent. It is the old story of the tortoise and the been made bright, active and strong hare applied to humanity. The persistent plodder reaches the end of his have been brought back almost from not necessarily persistent; but the de Levis, Que. Miss Marceaux says: bright, intelligent man is almost al. "It gives me the greatest pleasure to ways of a highly nervous temperament, speak of the benefit I have experienced impatient and inconstant. boy picks up knowledge without an effort and parts with it as readily. In the course of his school days he may stand high in his class without obtaining that useful training of the mental faculties which enables one to make sustained efforts. Thus it is that in the real world which lies beyond the schoolhouse the bright student frequent ly fails to realize the expectations of his teachers, while some unnoticed pupil carries off the honors in the struggle

The winner, whether talented or dull, always possesses the needed qual ity, Persistence. Whatever his aim be he keeps it constantly before his mind, permitting no diversions. man may require ten years to reach a point which his talented comrade could attain in two, but if the latter should abandon his purpose at the end of six months or a year and so continue vacillating, now with this purpose, now with another, the dullard arrive first

at his destination.

Whether it is wise to confine one's self to a specialty, to become the slave to a single purpose, may be questioned but there can be no doubt that this is the surest way of winning success volatile man of talent can scarcely realize the volume of work that may be accomplished by daily and persistent labor in the course of a few years nor has he any conception of the educational or training value of such per sistent application. In the days of ap prentices long years of service pre pared boys to do their tasks mechanicolly, almost without thought. The skilled mechanic does not need to look at his tools while he is working. Per sistent practice has made him an auto maton. He hits his chisel squarely on the head or flies flat and true while He hits his chisel squarely or turning to converse with a friend. N amount of talent will enable him to do To acquire such skill he must

practice persistently for years. The same principle holds good in callings that are not mechanical. is persistent study and practice rather than talent that makes the successful (LONDON)

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cess in any calling. Talent, quick intelligence, the ability to learn new lessons without study, are qualities much to be desired, but they cannot altogether take the place of persistence, which in the long run serves as a useful substitute for abilities generally reckened to be of higher order.

GROWING GIRLS

Should Be Bright, Cheerful, Active and Strong.

A GREAT RESPONSIBILITY RESTS UPON MOTHERS AT THIS PERIOD AS IT IN-VOLVES THEIR DAUGHTER'S FUTURE HAPPINESS (R MISERY - SOME USEFUL HINTS.

Rosy cheeks, bright eyes, an elastic step, and a good appetite, are the birthright of every girl. These are the conditions that bespeak perfect health. But unfortunately this is not the condition of thousands of growing girls. On every side may be seen girls with pale or sallow complexion. languid, stoop shouldered, and listless. Doctors will tell them that they are anaemic, or in other words that their blood is poor, thin and watery. If further questioned they will tell them that this condition leads to decline, consumption and the grave. What is needed is a medicine that will make new, rich blood, strengthen the nerves and thus restore the vigor, brightness and hopefulness of youth. For this purpose no other discovery in the annals of medicine can equal Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, and thousands of once hopeless girls have journey before his arrival who is fleeter the grave by the use of this medicine of foot but inconstant. The dullard is is Miss M. C. Marceaux, of St. Lambert The dul- from the use of Dr. lard has a hard time mastering his Pills. For some years I resided in ons, but he holds on to that which Wisconsin with a relative, where I de he has learned, and in the course of voted my time studying English and ime may become learned. The bright music, intending to make the teaching of the latter my profession. I was

never very strong, and my studies fatigued me much. When about fourfatigued me much. teen I became very pale, suffered from severe headaches, and weakness. consulted a doctor, and acting on his advice, returned to Canada. The fatigue of the journey, however, made me worse, and finally I got so weak to Canada that I could not walk without help. I was extremely pale, my eye-lids were swollen, I had continuous headaches, and was so nervous that the least noise would set my heart beating violently. I almost loathed food and my weight was reduced to ninety-five pounds. Neither doctor's medicine nor anything else that I had taken up to that time seemed of the slightest benefit. I was confined to bed for nearly a year and I thought that nothing but death could end my sufferings. Happily an acend my sufferings. Happil quaintance of my father's brought me a box of Dr. Williams Pills, and urged me to try them. I did so, and I thought they helped me ome, and my father got more. I had used a few boxes all my friends could see they were helping me, and by the time I had taken nine boxes was enjoying better health than I had ever had in my life before, and had gained fifteen pounds in weight. tell you this out of gratitude other young girls who may be weak and sickly may know the way to regain their health."

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