

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS.

Ruskin's First Lesson. Mr. Ruskin, who wrote so many famous books, said that the first lesson he learned was to be obedient.

A Little Heroine. A little Italian Catholic girl, Maria Santello, aged eight, dragged a tie from the rails to save the Chicago express, on the Lehigh railroad, near Bound Brook, N. J., on Sunday, Sept. 9.

Half a dozen men stood by, seeing the coming danger, but fearful of the personal 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.

Brief Hints For Bright Girls. Some one has suggested twelve things that every girl can learn before 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.

Keep your own room in tasteful order. Have an hour for rising, and rise. Learn to make bread as well as cake. Never let a button stay off twenty-four hours. Always know where your things are.

Never let a day pass without doing something to make somebody comfortable. Never come to breakfast without a collar. Never go about with your shoes unbuttoned. Speak clearly enough for everybody to understand.

Nothing Like Trying. When a task seems hard and you grow dependent 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.

Generous and helpful. People that have suffered from ingratitude and other meannesses are apt 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.

Determined to Succeed. The following is one of the traditions of a manufacturing firm in Glasgow, Scotland. Thirty years ago, a barefooted ragged urchin presented himself before the desk of the principal partner and asked for work as an errand boy.

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.

It is necessary that you should do both before we could employ you in carrying home packages," he said. "We have no place for you."

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.

Back office, he said. 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.

At home, sir! Well, what do you want? I came to see about the 'boy wanted,' I answered.

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Public conveyances. 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.

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

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; as office boys, American District Telegraph messengers and citizens of voting age all brought their finds to the emptied tray, and the bleeding street merchant limped away consoled.

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 benumbed sparrow fluttering on the toy 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.

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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.

Hold on to your salad days! fervor for boat racing and encourage your truest instinct for horticulture. If one is ever infirm or invalid, the capacity for self-entertainment relieves those about him of a world of responsibility. A propensity for solitaire has often a value beyond rubies.

The Young Man's Manners. Society asks little of a young man except to behave well. If he is 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—always providing that he is really a gentleman.

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There is no royal road to success 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 reckoned to be of higher order.

speaking 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.

Men in plenty are to be found who forgive wrong, insult and even personal violence, but few who ever forgive ridicule, says a writer in 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 contemptible 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 coatsleeves.

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