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The Home as a School of Good Manners.

Not long ago, I visited a home where such exceptionally good breeding prevailed and such fine manners were practised by all the members of the family, that it made a great impression upon me.

This home is the most remarkable school of good manners, refinement, and culture generally, I have ever been in. The parents are bringing up their children to practise their best manners on all occasions. They do not know what company manners mean.

The boys have been taught to treat their sisters with as much deference as though they were stranger guests. The politeness, courtesy, and consideration which the members of this family show toward one another are most refreshing and beautiful. Coarseness, gruffness, lack of delicacy find no place there.

Both boys and girls have been trained from infancy to make themselves interesting and to entertain and try to make others happy.

The entire family made it a rule to dress before dinner in the evening, just as they would if special company were expected.

Their table manners are especially marked. At table every one is supposed to be at his best, not to bring any grudge, or a long or sad face to it, but to contribute his best thought, his wittiest sayings, to the conversation. Every member of the family is expected to do his best to make the meal a really happy occasion.

There is a sort of rivalry to see who can be the most entertaining, or contribute the spiciest bits of conversation. There is no indication of dyspepsia in this family, because every one is trained to laugh and be happy generally, and laughter is a fatal enemy of indigestion.

The etiquette of the table is also strictly observed. Every member of the family tries to do just the proper thing and always to be mindful of others' rights.

Kindness seems to be practised for the joy of it, not for the sake of creating a good impression on friends or acquaintances. There is in this home an air of peculiar refinement which is very charming. The children are early taught to greet callers and guests cordially, heartily, in real Southern, hospitable fashion, and to make them feel that they are very welcome. They are taught to make every one feel comfortable and at home, so that there will be no sense of restraint.

As a result of this training the children have formed a habit of good behavior and are considered an acquisition to any gathering. They are not embarrassed by the awkward slips and breaks which are so mortifying to those who only wear their company manners on special occasions.

A stranger would almost think this home was a school of good breeding, and it is a real treat to visit these people. It is true that parents in this family have the advantage of generations of the breeding and Southern hospitality back of them, which gives the children a great natural advantage. There is an atmosphere of civility and cordiality in this household which is really refreshing.

Many parents seem to expect that their children will pick up their good manners outside of the home, in school, or while visiting. This is a fatal mistake. Every home should be the school of good manners and good breeding. The children should be taught that there is nothing more important than the development of an interesting personality, an attractive presence, and an ability to entertain with grace and ease.

They should be taught that the great object of life is to develop a superb personality, a noble manhood.

There is no art like that of a beautiful behavior, a fine manner, no wealth greater than that of a pleasing personality.

The Joy of a Well-done Job.

"The man," says Elbert Hubbard, "who not only does his work superbly well but adds to it a touch of personality through great zeal, patience and persistence, making it peculiar, unique, individual, distinct and unforgettable, is an artist. And this applies to each and every field of human endeavor—managing a hotel, a bank, or a factory; writing, speaking, modeling, or painting. It is that last indefinable touch that counts; the last three seconds he kneels off the record that proves the man a genius."

Applaud together from the question whether the doing his work in a superb way makes a man an artist or a genius, it is certain that there is nothing else quite like the satisfaction that comes to one from the consciousness of doing the very best thing possible to him.

Neither wealth nor position can give the glow of satisfaction, the electric thrill and uplift which come from a superbly done job.

There is a fitness in doing a thing superlatively well, because we seem to be made for expressing excellence. It seems to harmonize with the very principles of our being. It is a perpetual tonic, improves the health, the happiness, the efficiency. There is no happiness like that which comes from doing our level best every day, always, everywhere; no satisfaction like that which comes from stamping the mark of excellence upon everything which goes through our hands.—Success.

Being a Good Fellow.

Any social pleasure or indulgence which affects a young man's health will affect his success. Good health is the foundation of all possible success in life. Affect one and you will affect the other. We are not discussing the question from a religious or moral standpoint. The question is whether it is wise to be a "good fellow" by drinking intoxicating liquors, whether it is expedient to run the risk, the exhilaration of which can do a man in health no good, but may do him harm. The chances are that it will, and no young man can afford to take a single risk or chance in the morning of his life. He needs the unhampered vigor of all his powers—all his health, all his intellect, all his manners.

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will not think them good fellows. Have the courage to be a good fellow of the kind that is not steeped in alcohol. When men wonder at you for not drinking say: "There goes a man who once thought drink would not hurt him. I am honest enough to believe that what hurt him may hurt me. I shall need all my feeble ability to compete with such geniuses as you; therefore I propose to keep intact my brain and the mucous membrane that lines it." Employers prefer the abstaining kind. Alcohol is becoming more and more each year a positive detriment to a man's usefulness.

The friendships of strong drink are mock friendships. The men whose friendships are worth having are the men who have principles themselves and respect them in others, especially when they find them in a young man.—Rev. John J. Wheeler.

A Hint to Young Men.

When some one mentioned, on one occasion, to Chief Justice Chase that lately a young man of his acquaintance had grown cynical because he was engaged and could not afford to marry, Judge Chase remarked:

"Any young man who can support himself, can support a wife—that is, if he is wise enough to select the right sort of person." The chief justice himself had married when he was young, poor and unknown, and his success began with his marriage. His observation has the sanction of hundreds of successful men. The financial reason should not delay marriage very long if the right wife is selected.

Kindness.

If we would but reflect what effect one kind word or act produces: how it casts a ray of cheering sunshine into a despairing heart; how it lifts the soul into the depths of gloom; how it magically transforms a tear into a smile, how many unkind words we won't suppress. There is nothing so sweet, nothing that brings a truer sense of satisfaction than to help those in distress or gloom.

We are all children of our loving Father Who loved us so much that He even died for us; should we not love each other and treat each other as brothers of one divinely governed family? Kindness is the angel of God, who tries to counteract the angel of despair and temptation, Satan's demon. Smile and make others smile.—Selected.

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS.

Holy Communion.

If you desire to be a pious Christian virgin, receive Holy Communion often. In the other sacraments we receive great spiritual gifts. But here we receive Jesus Christ Himself, the fountain of all graces. He comes to us in order to give us Himself and His heavenly riches. He desires to become the food of our souls. He wishes to come to us as often as we are willing to admit Him, and as often as we prepare for Him a pure heart. He brings to us the price of His divine Blood and makes us partake of all His merits. What an amount of heavenly graces we can secure through Holy Communion!

But how great and sad is the blindness and perversity of man! God forbids him under pain of death to eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, and still he eats thereof. The same God invites him cordially, yet even commands him under pain of death to eat of the Bread of Eternal Life, and man refuses to do so even though this food would bring him such great blessings and graces.

Christian maidens, understand now what is for your eternal welfare, and receive Holy Communion often. At all times it was the urgent desire of the Church that her children should go to Holy Communion frequently. The Council of Trent at its thirteenth session addresses the faithful in these truly tender words: "The holy synod exhorts, prays and entreats by the infinite mercy of God, that all being mindful of the great love of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, Who gave His own soul as price for our redemption and His own flesh for food, believe so firmly these

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Sacred Mysteries of His body and blood, and honor them with such devotion, piety and love as to be judged worthy to receive this supernatural Bread often, in order that it may become for them truly the life of the soul, and the salvation of their spirit, and that they may be strengthened by it in order to arrive at their heavenly home after the tedious journey of life, to see there, without a veil, that Bread of Angels, which they now receive hidden under the consecrated forms."

Daily experience proves that the young woman who approaches the Holy Table of the Lord frequently, distinguishes herself by obedience, modesty and purity of heart. The divine Saviour whom she receives into her heart, encourages and strengthens her. He becomes her surest guide, and teacher, her best friend and father, who keeps her from sin and leads her to virtues and perfection.

Acquire the pious habit, Christian maiden, of going to confession and to Holy Communion at least once a month. If you go oftener, perhaps every two weeks, or every week, it will be all the more pleasing to your Divine Saviour, and of great profit to yourself, provided, however, that you receive worthily, that your daily life corresponds with this beautiful practice, and that you perform all your duties faithfully.

Always appear at the Holy Table with humility and reverence, because the infinitely great and holy God, the Master of the universe, comes into your poor little heart; but go also with a great desire and with a child-like confidence, because the Divine Saviour, the Good Shepherd of our souls, the Good Samaritan of sinners, wishes to come to you, with all His goodness and mercy. He wishes to come to you that He may help you, in order to strengthen you when in temptation; in order to comfort you in trials and sufferings of this life. He certainly deserves your whole and entire confidence.

When you have received your Saviour, use your time after Holy Communion well. At least you should give Him a quarter of an hour. In these precious moments He is in our hearts, as on a throne of grace. Do not allow yourself to get too much distracted during the day, but with short aspirations, turn frequently to your Saviour, Who has shown you so much love and mercy in the morning.—Sacred Heart Review.

A Lover of His Mother.

Of all the love affairs in the world none can surpass the true love of a big boy for his mother. It is a pure love and noble, honorable in the highest degree to both.

I do not mean merely a dutiful affection. I mean love which makes a boy gallant and courteous to his mother, saying to everybody plainly that he is fairly in love with her. Next to the love of a husband, nothing so crowns a woman's life as honor as this second love, this devotion of a son to her. And I never yet knew a boy to "turn out" had who began by falling in love with his mother.

Any man may fall in love with a fresh-faced girl, and the man who is gallant with the girl, may cruelly neglect the worn and weary wife. But the boy who is a lover to his mother, in her middle age, is a true knight who will love his wife as much in the sea-wearied autumn as he did in the daisied springtime.

A Gentleman.

Let no boy think he can make a gentleman by the clothes he wears, by the horse he rides, the stick he carries, the dog that trots after him, the house he lives in, or the money he spends. Not one of all these do it—and yet every boy may be a gentleman. He may wear an old hat, cheap clothes, live in a poor house, and spend but little money. But how? By being true, manly and honorable. By keeping himself neat and respectable. By being civil and courteous, and finally, and above all, by fearing God and keeping His commandments.

WIT AND HUMOR.

NOT FOR HIM.

"Mean thing!" exclaimed Mrs. New-livered, "it's just brutal of you to call it 'this stuff.' You said you'd be glad if I baked my own bread."

"Yes, dear," replied the great brute, "but I didn't say I wanted you to bake mine."—Philadelphia Catholic Standard and Times.

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Thirty men, red-eyed and disheveled, lined up before a judge of the San Francisco police court. It was the regular morning company of "drunks and disorderlies." Some wore old and hardened, others hung their heads in shame. Just as the momentary disorder attending the bringing in of the prisoners quieted down a strange thing happened. A strong, clear voice from below began singing:

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THE BOYS' LOGIC.

Mother: "You had boy! Didn't I tell you not to play out in the rain? Your clothes are completely ruined. Come in the house this minute!"

Willie: "But ma, if my clo'es is ruined I might as well keep on playin', 'cause I can't make 'em no ruinered."—Catholic Standard and Times.

FLOATED BACK.

Br. Birch: "I have my doubts about this idea that the more you give away the more you have."

Mr. Phamleigh: "No question at all about it. I gave away my daughter two months ago, and now she's returned with her husband."—Kansas City Independent.

HE WAS USED TO IT.

A clergyman who was travelling stopped at a hotel much frequented by wags and jokers. At table, the guests used all their rallery of wit upon him without eliciting a remark. He ate his dinner quietly, apparently without observing the gibes and sneers of his neighbors.

One of them at last in despair of his forbearance, said to him: "Well I wonder at your patience. Have you not heard all that has been said of you?"

"Oh, yes, but I am used to it. Do you know who I am?"

"No, sir."

"Then I will tell you. I am chaplain of a lunatic asylum, such remarks have no effect upon me because I am used to them."

VOLTAIRE AND THE BURGOMASTER.

Voltaire was one day dining with the King of Prussia in his castle at Cleves. During the repast the French atheist, as was his wont, lost no opportunity of scoffing at religion and its votaries. The guests listened at first in silence, but at last one of them, a stout burgomaster, filled with righteous indignation at hearing all he heard, most sacred things turned into ridicule, could restrain himself no longer.

"As for me," Voltaire was saying in a sneering tone, "I would sell my place in heaven for a Prussian thaler."

"Monsieur de Voltaire," observed the burgomaster, "in Prussia we never buy costly goods without feeling sure of the owner's right to them. If you can prove your right to a place in heaven I will buy it for the sum of ten thousand thalers."

"Bravo, burgomaster!" cried Frederick the Second, who although he shared many of Voltaire's opinions, could not help enjoying his discomfiture. For once the quick-witted atheist had no reply.

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