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—Vick's Magazine.

TEACHING THE CHILDREN THE USE OF THE MIND

Presence of mind is a quality much talked of, much honored, and little cultivated; yet, like most other good things in this world, it requires cultivation, to bring it to any degree of perfection, to bring it in very few cases it is a natural gift.

Some people are so careless, to whom it comes naturally and by instinct to do the right thing at the right time and place, but they are few in number.

Then again, some people are by nature cooler-headed than their neighbors, and do not care or otherwise become uneasy when their services are required.

But this quiet composure, though very valuable, is not given to us as a matter of course.

The latter quality not only having your wits ready for use, but in knowing how to use them, and being sufficiently calm and steady in mind to remember an turn to account that knowledge.

From the earliest possible age children should be taught self-control, and the instinct of trying to remedy any mistake or accident they may encounter.

Teach your child, if he once himself anywhere, at once to hold the two sides of the cut tightly together, to stop the bleeding, and then to cry if he is hurt, instead of an children usually do, fanning about, howling and shaking the wounded part violently, thus making it bleed and smart doubly.

Show him that if he burns or scalds himself, he can save himself much pain by covering the place with wet soap, or cold cream, or fuller's earth, or violet powder, all or any of which are pretty sure to be within reach of the nursery.

But if boys require to be taught self-control, doubly so do girls. Having, by nature, weaker nerves and a more vivid imagination, they shrink from pain, suffering and danger in a fashion utterly unintelligible to their brothers.

But the more natural this shrinking is, the more carefully should they be taught to govern it. Girls should acquire at least the rudiments of nursing, and learn the best and easiest attainable remedies for the ordinary accidents of daily life, just as certainly and as a matter of course as they are taught to sew and to read.

Especially should quietness and coolness be impressed on them. Calmness is not intemperance, though many people confound them. A girl is not headstrong and unmanageable because she can be calm and self-controlled, quietly, and if she be led a steady, firm hand to the doctor or nurse.

On the contrary, she has usually twenty times the sympathy and usefulness kindness of that delicate little damsel who has no command whatever over herself, and fills the room with shrieks, sobs and wailing, during the very moment an extra hand might be useful. It may seem harsh to say so, perhaps, but those dainty bodies, who are so utterly useless as any emergency, or as their friends plead, "so highly endowed with sensibility" (these who are not their friends' make unpleasant reference to "folly" and "hysteria"), are generally selfish and self-absorbed to a degree utterly unintelligible to their more sober sisters, who are taught to forget self, and control both mind and body by their larger-hearted sympathies, with its comprehension of suffering. But the sick-room is not the only place where presence of mind is required. Scarcely a day passes when we do not more or less require it. Thank goodness the notion that women should faint or go into hysterics for the smallest thing is pretty well exploded; still, even yet the opposite lesson might be more strongly inculcated.

Happiness a Habit

Every permanent state of mind is largely the result of habit. Just as we can perform an action so continually that it becomes second nature, so we can acquire conditions of mind which will, in time, be habits of thinking and even of feeling.

Every thoughtful parent or teacher recognizes this in the training of youth. The child constantly thwarted or scolded or ridiculed has constantly acquired within him the habit of rebelliousness or discouragement, and of course, and these grow so habitual, and a character for ill-temper or moroseness or despondency is formed. On

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the other hand, the child who is wisely treated, whose faculties are brought into action, who is encouraged to do well, who is surrounded with cheerful faces and orderly arrangements, becomes accustomed to corresponding habits of thought and feeling, a habit of contentment, of truthfulness, of honesty, and other essential qualities, not only result in habitual actions of the same nature, but in habitual feelings or states of mind that induce those actions.

So the condition of which we call happiness is likewise acquired to a considerable degree. It involves within it many things, and they are not impossible to secure, and when we have discovered them it rests with us to encourage or discourage them. Happiness is not only a privilege, but a duty, not a mere outward good that may perhaps come to us, but an inward possession which we are bound to attain.

When we remember the contagious character of happiness, the strength, courage and hope it excites by its very presence, and the power for good it exerts in every direction, we cannot doubt our obligation to attain as much of it as possible. —Philadelphia Ledger.

Home in Winter

Friends and home, it appears to us, are more fully appreciated when the chills of winter are making us seek the dreariness that at any other time. When the earth lays its royal robes of green to do the drab garb of night, the heart of man goes out in search of cheer.

There is no place where he can find the solace he needs so fully as at the hearthstone of a happy home. The degree of comfort realized is, of course, dependent upon what the home is made to be. Cheerful surroundings lead a charming influence, yet they cannot do all that is required to fill one with contentment, for a good general happiness is something more than a mere "parade."

The labor of the whole family should be so systematic that usually when laid aside comes the cares of the day may be laid aside and the evening devoted to things of an entirely educational nature. The man who has ten or fifteen hours out of the twenty-four in any vocation, and then takes the burden of his cares to his fireside and frets over them there until sleep hushes his murmuring, is an abject slave to himself and a continuous discordant organ in the domestic choir.

This habit of ever-ready, ever-folding, the part of the household, is no less criminal and injudicious. It is not the hard laboring man or woman who accumulates most wealth; it is the thinking people; and to have a clear brain and healthy muscle, there must be frequent cessations from their active life, and the nerves allowed to relax for the renewal of vigor.

The home in winter time should be a home of rest, the happiest of the year, where heart and soul look to heart, more directly for sympathy and peace. The fields have lost their beauty, the trees are bare, and fruit, and the birds have gone away; that which for months animated the heart is lost to us.

Children's love for home will change with the seasons just according to what the home is. If cold and desolate at the heart, they will welcome the coming stranger that they may shake off the fetters that bind them.

It is a mistake to keep a cook stove filled to the top of its lid. This is Biddy's cry and every good cook never forgets when was asked. A small fire is more readily managed, easier to brighten if a stick is to be broiled and easier to cool off when through with it, to say nothing of the saving of coal. If a quick fire is wanted, it should be relit clear and then allow a little time to come up before fresh coal is put on.

Don't let the cold of your run on. You think it is a light thing. But it may run into catarrh. Or into pneumonia. Or into consumption.

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In many sections the yield of wheat has been thirty bushels to the acre. The average yield of wheat in Manitoba, according to the figures, on an average of 422,424 acres, the yield will be 18,093,064 bushels, leaving 10,000,000 bushels available for export.

The barley crop averages thirty-five bushels on an average of 24,740 acres, or 842,675 bushels. The oat crop will reach 3,000,000 bushels, and a thousand acres of flax have been harvested, giving a net yield of 180,000 bushels. The potato crop is 2,350,000 bushels, giving 1,000,000 bushels for export.

Malching strawberries late in autumn, or just before freezing weather sets in, is very useful. If done in the right way, says the Country Gentleman. With regard to the best kind of mulch, it says: "The safest protection consists of evergreen branches, which may be applied with greater thickness than straw. If evergreens cannot be had, the straw or other material should be so piled up as to admit some air and light. The difference between covering and exposure may be very distinctly observed early in spring, if portions of the bed or plantation have been treated in both ways. As soon as the covering is removed, the plants will present a fresh and green appearance, in contrast with the faded and injured leaves of those which were exposed."

Winter Precautions

In England a fine flavor is imparted to the flesh of fattening turkeys by feeding them in confinement with cooked food in which chopped sweet herbs, like parsley, have been mixed. In this country some fine duck raised give their birds better tops to favor the meat; this imparts the fine flavor which is so much admired in the wild ducks from the Dutch and Chesapeake, where they feed on wild celery, Raspberry and blackberry bushes should be laid down on the ground and covered

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with soil. They do very much better when so treated, and in some cases, if they receive no protection, they are so winter killed as to yield no fruit. Rose bushes generally bear profitably in winter, by banking them up with earth. If they are so covered, they will not be injured by a severe frost. It is better to do this by a mixture of soil and manure, and to do it in winter, and it pays to give the matter attention.

Hens will not be likely to lay well if kept in cold, dark places. They need sun and fresh air. Their quarters can be made, the better they will do. They must also have something to make eggs out of in order to lay well. A mixture of corn and wheat or twice a day is suitable. A mixture of corn-meal, mixed with some water, is beneficial. Once a day they should be fed a little meat and fresh bone powdered. Beef-heads from the slaughter-house are well adapted for this purpose, and may be well pounded with an old axe every day, and the best left to rot that they can from it. Fresh putrefaction should be kept by them at all times. A cabbage head suspended from a string fastened overhead, within easy pecking reach of the hens, is a convenient way of supplying them with a little vegetable food every day. Powdered oyster shells, a supply of gravel and wood shavings for dust, but not some of the accessories to a well regulated hen-house. By thus selecting the stock and caring for it, the hens will be likely to lay well.

Those who wish to protect their plants, and can secure evergreen boughs, will find them the best covering that can be obtained for the purpose. They shade, and thus prevent the freezing and thawing of the land, and at the same time they are elastic, and never press down so closely as to destroy the plants. In cases where the land set with strawberries was not sufficient to dress when the plants were put in, some prior to use horse manure in the fall, which serves a double purpose of protecting and fertilizing the ground. A better way is to protect with boughs, or coarse hay or sedge, and give the plants a good dressing of the next spring with wood ashes.

Could Not Reach the Brake

There is an old story of a California stage-driver who dreamed of a jockey riding the constant race under previous conditions. In his dream he started from the top of the mountain with a crack of his whip and a shout to his horses, and the stage rolled grandly along the gently declining road. Soon the descent became steeper, and the horses were dashing along on the full gallop, but the driver, confident in his power to check them when the necessity should come, still cracked his whip and urged them onward. The stage was now going at a fearful rate, and the passenger became affrighted; but the driver only grasped his lines more firmly, and pulled them upon him. At last he could no longer disregard the danger from the headlong speed at which he was driving, and reached forward to place his foot upon the brake, when he found it was beyond his reach. To loosen his hold upon his frightened horses, and to make another and more determined effort to reach the brake, but the brake was still beyond his reach. Faster and faster went the stage down the steep road, and more and more frantic became the efforts of the driver to stop it; but the brake was still beyond his reach. In his desperation he made a sudden turn in the narrow road. Upon one side was the solid wall of the mountain height, upon the other a fearful precipice. To pass that at the speed at which he was going would be to court instant death. Once more the driver gathered all his energies together for one last frenzied effort to check the speed of the flying stage, but, alas, it was of no use. He could not reach the brake.

Who has not known men who were on the down grade of intemperance? Whose destinies were freighted with the lives of near and dear friends, whom they were bearing down, down to lives of misery and disgrace, but who could not reach the brake—who saw wealth, honor, love, happiness being left behind them in their flying descent, but who could not reach the brake?

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"Strong drink is sure to tell on a man. It tells on his body. Joseph Cook, in one of his lectures, says Forbes Winslow, the celebrated English physician, for the same reason, says that a man who has drunk whisky should be put in a hospital, and that the liquid would burn with his blood. The fine flame which Forbes Winslow kindled shows the safety of alcohol for a country. For instance, he kept burning as a pillar of fire before tempted men. There is a famous saying of Hyri, that he could tell in the dark

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whether he was dissecting a drunkard's brain or the brain of a temperate man for the former would be hard under the scalpel? A patient will come to a physician: "Doctor, I have some kind of stimulant in my blood, a doctor examines it, it is pure, and the doctor says: 'Be careful, you are taking up a stick of wood from a wood-box and tossing it into the fire.' Now it is warm. But is the stick benefited?" The sick man watched the wood first sent out little puffs of smoke and then burst into a flame, a new temptation of course not. It is burning itself. You are literally burning up the delicate tissue of your stomach and brain. He who takes alcohol to warm himself is like the man who sets his face on fire and warms his fingers by it as a means. Some think there is something in alcohol, but there is just as much truth in the saying that it is the lash of the whip with which a horse is urged to his high speed.

Strong drink tells on the purse. It justifies the saying of the working man's proverb, that "strong drink is the wages of sin." A gentleman stepped once into a Methodist meeting house. A large able-bodied man was sitting in the back seat. By his side sat a little girl. Testimonies to the power of the Gospel were called for. The man rose, but was overcome with emotion that he could not speak. There was awkward silence, when the child, standing upon the seat, uttered the following words in a clear flute-like voice: "O, we didn't have as much bread as we wanted, but now we have got a whole barrel of it at our own house, and ma and me have all the shoes we want since papa stopped drinking."

"Strong drink tells on the soul. It turns the milk of human kindness into gall. It changes a man into a brute. The drunkard sacrifices his insatiable appetite for the happiness of those who are dearest to him. He is not content to go down to the abyss alone, but must drag down with him innocent ones, and blight the only lives which they have to live. If you are the slave of such a habit as this, look to Christ who alone can save you.

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