

her duty. Nor was she content with that form of ministration which measures itself. It was her delight to give herself to her mother in every way that was possible. And in that unmeasured service there came an unexpected joy, an enthusiasm that lifted it above drudgery, and in response to which every beautiful trait in her mother's character displayed itself.

The mother loved flowers, and the daughter moved her flowers to the mother's room, and kept them blooming in the window. After a time the window became a floral bower, and in the centre sat a queenly old lady in white, looking down upon the street.

It was beautiful to see her there, and to witness her interest in the activities which she could not share. She looked down with a smile on the clerks hurrying by to business, and the young men came to look up at the window and lift their hats. She always waved her fan to children, and these, even though they did not know her name, knew and loved the window.

Back in the house, and out of sight, the daughter devoted herself to her daily cares, rejoicing in her mother's comfort of heart and body, and the years—for this continued for years—sped fast.

A little while ago the chair became empty, and since then the bell has often been rung by unknown people who say, "I beg your pardon, but where is the dear old lady who sat among the flowers?"

Each day the daughter is learning that to scores of people her mother's life, and her own had been a daily benediction. "It has come to me to say to them," said she, "not to think of the vision of my mother as if it had gone, but as if she still looks down and smiles upon us from a higher window, and among flowers that do not wither. To me, at least, it seems so; and in the light of that smile I shall live henceforth."

Home Occupation.

Parents should never permit idleness to become habitual with their children. The home is not doing its duty unless it inculcates the idea that usefulness is the highest type of manliness and womanliness.

By all means let the home and the child have resources for enjoyment within themselves. Even in their infantile play children should be kept thinking, inventing new games for themselves. They should learn that eternal companionship is not the highest happiness. It is wrong so to rear a girl that she is restless of her own society, and afraid to sit still for a moment and commune with her own soul.

The little ones should never be permitted to play that they are quarreling or punishing each other; or that they are sick. Such games lower the moral tone. There is no inspiration in imaginary misery. Let them play games which enhance their self-respect. For the end and aim of culture, whether of the home or of the school, is to enable one to think aright, to work intelligently and with a joy in the doing, to find good companionship within himself, and to give him the right to find in his own character something of worth.

The most princely inheritance which the home can bequeath to the child is the certainty that, however aged and world-blinded he may become, whenever he comes back into the home and into the presence of his mother, the scales will fall from his eyes, and he will clearly discern the true from the false; and that which is worth being and striving for will stand forth in all its alluring beauty and dignity.—Westminster Teacher.

The greatest missionary need is not men nor money, but spiritual power.

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When our children are acting foolishly, let us not forget that probably they are acting naturally.

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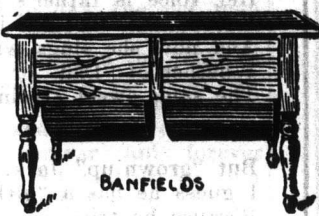
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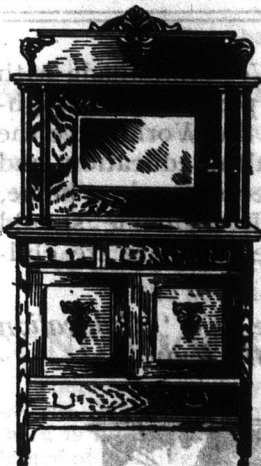
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