

Children's Department.

What Shall I Wish Thee?

FRANCES RIDLEY HAVERGAL.

What shall I wish thee?
What can be found
Bringing thee sunshine
All the year round?
Where is the treasure,
Lasting and clear,
That shall insure thee
A happy New Year?

Peace in the Saviour,
Rest at His feet,
Smile of His countenance,
Radiant and sweet;
Joy in His presence,
Christ ever near,
This will insure thee
A happy New Year!

Young Man, This is for You.

1. Save a part of your weekly earnings, even if it be no more than a quarter dollar, and put your savings monthly in a savings bank.

2. Buy nothing till you can pay for it, and buy nothing that you do not need.

A young man who has grit enough to follow these rules will have taken the first step upward to success in business. He may be compelled to wear a coat a year longer, even if it be unfashionable; he may have to live in a smaller house than some of his young acquaintances; his wife may not sparkle with diamonds nor be resplendent in silk and satin, just yet; his children may not be dressed as dolls or popinjays; his table may be plain and wholesome, and the whiz of the beer or champagne may never be heard in his dwelling; he may have to get along without the earliest fruit or vegetables; he may have to abjure the club-room, the theatre and the gambling-hell; and to reverence the Sabbath day and read and follow the precepts of the Bible instead, but he will be the better off in every way for this self-discipline. Yes, he may do all these without detriment to his manhood, or health or character.

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Young man, life's discipline and life's success come from hard work and early self-denial; and hard-earned success is all the sweeter at the time when old years climb up on your shoulders and you need propping up.

How to be Welcome.

The secret of making one's self an agreeable guest, warmly welcomed when one comes and sincerely regretted when one goes, does not always lie in the possession of conversational talents or general accomplishments. This little authentic dialogue, which took place between Mr. and Mrs. Parkins the evening after their Aunt Sophronia Greene had ended a week's visit at their house, indicates a surer means of making one's self welcome:—

"How lonesome it is," said Mr. Parkins, "now that the children have gone to bed! I wonder what it really is that makes Aunt Sophronia visits so especially delightful?"

"Why I suppose it's because she never finds any fault," said Mrs. Parkins.

"Are all our other guests accustomed to find fault with things which go on about the house?"

"No, but—"

"But what? Aunt Sophronia seldom says anything particularly pertinent or entertaining. In fact, she says and does very little."

"That's true; but she is always good-natured, and yet nobody's visits give us as much pleasure as Aunt Sophronia's. There must be some other and positive reason."

Mrs. Parkins knitted on silently for a few moments, as if in a brown study, and then, dropping her work, exclaimed:—

"William, I know what it is!"

"Well?"

"Whenever Aunt Sophronia opens her mouth to speak, it is almost always to bring out, either flatly or else in some roundabout way, some good quality of one of the children."

"I guess that is so," said Mr. Parkins, raising his eye-brows as if searching his recollection.

"And did you ever hear her so much as refer, in all the times she has been here, to any one of their numerous failings?"

"Never!"

"Then we've found her out."

"Yes, we've found her out, but she can't come again any too soon!"

Housekeeping of the Future.

In cities and villages the kitchen and cooking-stove and hired girl are all to be banished from the home. Clothes-making, soap-making, starch-making, laundry work, coffee-browning, yeast-making, butter-making—all are gone. Send after them—or rather say organized industry is already taking along with these—the remaining work of cooking and cleaning. This state of things is coming as sure as fate; and when it comes the deliverance will be so great that generations yet unborn shall rise up to bless the workings of this beneficent law.

The city of the future will not build houses in squares, giving to every house an individual kitchen and prison-like back-yard. It will rather build them all around an open square, and the part now disfigured with the kitchen will be given over for a household sitting-room or nursery, opening into a great, green space, where children shall play in safety, and through which the free air of heaven shall blow into the houses surrounding it. In every square will be found a scientifically-constructed building containing a laundry and a great kitchen, supplied with every modern appliance for skilled and scientific cookery, and also for sending into every dining-room any desired quantity or variety of food. The individuality of the home and the home-table will be preserved, and the kitchen smells and waste and "hired girl" will be banished.—Mrs. Helen H. E. Starrett, in Forum.

What We Did.

This is the way we hung them up

On merry Christmas eve;
And laughed, to think of Santa Claus,
In whom we all believe!

This is the way we went to sleep,

And shut our eyes so tight,
And never, never tried to "peep,"
That happy, happy night!

This is the way we all woke up,

On merry Christmas day;
And laughed to see our stockings full,
And hung so far away!

This is the way we all stood there,

Beneath our Christmas tree,
And sung our carols, sweet and glad,
Of Christ's Nativity!

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