

## Ladies' Department.

## HOW TO SAVE BOYS.

Women who have sons to rear, and dread the demoralizing influences of bad associates, ought to understand the nature of young manhood. It is excessively restless. It is disturbed by vague ambitions, by thirst for action, by longings for excitement, by irrepressible desire to touch life in manifold ways. If you, mothers, rear your sons to that their homes are associated with the expression of natural instincts, you will be sure to throw them into the society that in some measure can supply the needs of their hearts. They will not go to the public houses at first for the love of liquor—very few like the taste of liquor; they go for the animated and hilarious companionship they find there, which they discover does so much to repress the disturbing restlessness in their breasts. See to it, then, that their homes compete with public places in attractiveness. Open your blinds by day, and light bright fires by night. Illuminate your rooms. Hang pictures upon the wall. Put books and newspapers upon your tables. Have music and entertaining games. Banish demons of dullness and apathy that have so long ruled your household, and bring in mirth and good cheer. Invent occupations for your sons. Stimulate their ambitions in worthy directions. While you make their home their delight, fill them with a higher purpose than mere pleasure. Whether they shall pass boyhood and enter upon manhood with refined taste and noble ambitions depends on you. Believe it possible that, with exertion and right means, a mother may have more control over the destiny of her boys than any other influence whatever.—*Appleton's Journal*.

## SUFFRAGE NOTES.

The fourteenth annual Convention of the American Woman's Suffrage Association was opened in New York on the 9th inst., and was well attended. Among those who delivered addresses was Mrs. Elizabeth B. Chace, of Rhode Island, President of the Association, who is a motherly looking woman. "In this eighty-third year of the nineteenth century," said Mrs. Chace, "we are confronted by the spectacle of a great nation, calling itself a republic, proclaiming loudly its theory and practice of self-government, and its regards for the rights of man, wherein one half of the people are denied the rights which in its declaration are pronounced inalienable. The women of this land are held amenable to laws they have no voice in making, and are compelled to submit to the decisions of office-holders they have no choice in electing. When accused of crime, or when contesting the rights of property they are denied trial by a jury of their peers, and when taxed for the support of the Government they have no control over the appropriations of the money thus collected. Women are the only class of intelligent native-born citizens of this great country, outside of prisons, and poor-houses, and tribes of Indians, who have been deprived of the rights of citizenship within the last half century. There is so much in public affairs which requires the application and exercise of the qualities peculiar to women that they are not, and never can be, properly administered until women take part in their management. There is a wider meaning in suffrage than that of women's rights to the ballot. It means elevation and advancement, not only for women but for all humanity. It means the same moral standard for both sexes, and higher, better, finer living for all the wide world over."—*Globe*.

"Every year gives me greater faith in it, greater hope of its success and a more earnest wish to use what influence I possess for its advancement."—*Louisa May Alcott*.

There are some minds among politicians to whom the notion of a woman voting in the election of members of Parliament appears as wildly incredible and opposed to immemorial experience as the telephone appeared to those who first heard of its powers; but there cannot be the smallest doubt that when the franchise for women shall have become an accomplished fact it will quietly take its place among the agencies at work in the political and social world, and in an extremely short time be accepted as part of the common order of things which men will have ceased to regard as in any way exceptional.—*Women's Suffrage Journal*.

A meeting has been held at Liege, Belgium, to advocate universal suffrage. A resolution was adopted favouring the holding of a great public demonstration in Brussels in January next.

## Our Gasket.

## JEWELS.

People seldom improve when they have no other model but themselves to copy after.

We cannot right every wrong, but we can indeed wrong every right.

The weakest spot of any man is where he thinks himself the strongest.

Write down the advice of him who loves you, though you like it not at present.

Each day comes to us as a new leaf in the book of life, and we can write what we will on its pure white pages.

One of the most fatal temptations to the weak is a slight deviation from the truth for the sake of apparent good.

Be loving and you will never want for guiding.

It is an excellent rule to be observed in all disputes, that men should give soft words and hard arguments; that they should not so much strive to vex as to convince an opponent.

Earl Stanhope says: I claim, as a citizen, a right to legislate wherever my social rights are invaded by the social acts of others. If anything invades my social rights certainly the traffic in strong drink does. It destroys my primary right of security by constantly creating and stimulating social disorder.

Whenever you commend, add your reasons for doing so; it is this which distinguishes the approbation of a man of sense from the flattery of sycophants and admiration of fools.

## BITS OF TINSEL.

## VOICES OF THE NIGHT.

When bedtime comes, and curtains fall,  
And round I go the doors to lock,  
Ere lamps go out, my wife doth call—  
"Remember, dear, to wind the clock!"

When boots are off, and for the day  
All irksome cares seem put to rout,  
I hear wife's voice from dreamland say—  
"Be sure you put the kitten out!"

When stretched between the sheets I lie,  
And heavy lids have ceased to wink,  
From trundle-bed there comes a cry—  
"I want a dwink! I want a dwink!"

The dentists will take the stump during the present campaign as usual.

Church music is not difficult to a choir.

There is always room for one more in the hay field.

Advice to wives: Man is very much like an egg; keep him in hot water and he is bound to become hardened.

Little Girl: "Oh! Pa, dear, I've dreamed such a nice dream, that you gave me a piece of cake. Give it me, and it won't make me ill." Papa: "Go back to bed, dear, and dream you have eaten it. It will save the cake and a powder too."

A little girl at Newport, seeing the willow phantoms for the first time, exclaimed,— "Why, mamma, everybody rides out in their clothes-baskets here."

A man's awkward shape ain't no argument agin his 'preciation ob de finer pints ob life. A ole black bear ain't putty, but he's powerful son' ob honey.

Uncle: "Now what would you say if I gave you a shilling apiece?" Master Jack: "I'd rather you gave mine to sis, uncle, and tell her to buy me a shilling cannon, as pa said the first money I got should go for that window I broke!"

Copy of notice on the beach at a fashionable French watering-place—"In the case of ladies in danger of drowning, they should be seized by the clothing, and not by the hair, which generally comes off."

"My dear," said a fond wife, "when we were engaged I always slept with your last letter under my pillow." "And I," murmured her husband, "I often went to sleep over your letters."