

HOME CIRCLE

PRAY FOR THE DEAD. Pray for thy dead, thy parted ones, Oh, gentle, Christian heart!

Pray for the soul, the eager soul, That sees, with longing eyes, Half opened, that it may enter in

The soul that unto justice owes The heaviest, cruellest debt The soul its false friends think not of

FOR THE MOTHER. What does a girl "owe" her mother? To manifest an interest in whatever affects or amuses her.

To seek the mother's comfort and pleasure in all things before one's own says the New York Sun.

To remember that she is still a girl at heart, so far as delicate little attentions are concerned.

To give her full confidence and avoid meriting her disapproval.

To lift the many burdens from shoulders that have grown stooped, perhaps, in waiting upon her girls and in working for them.

To bear patiently with all her peculiarities and infirmities, which after all may be the result of a life of care and toil.

To defer to her opinions, even if they do seem antiquated, and not obstructively to possess the wisdom of one's college education.

To do one's best in keeping the mother youthful in appearance as well as in spirit by overseeing her costume and the little details of her toilet.

Not to shock her by turning into ridicule her religious prejudices, if they happen to be at variance with one's own advanced views.

To introduce her to one's friends and enlist her sympathies in one's projects, hopes and plans, that once again she may revive her own youth.

If she be no longer able to take her accustomed parts in the household duties, never allow her to feel she is superfluous or has lost her importance as the central factor of the home.

To remember her life is monotonous compared to one's own, and to take her to places of amusement or for an outing in the country as frequently as is convenient.

The girl who endeavors to repay in a slight measure what she owes her mother will be most popular with those who are worth considering, and, ten to one, her life will be a successful one.

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WATCH THE CHILD WHO IS NERVOUS. The nervous child is always a source of great anxiety to its parents, and more especially so when attending school.

The question of exercise is an important one. Boys seldom require any encouragement in this direction, as their natural tendency is to indulge in all sorts of outdoor play, and it is sometimes necessary to hold them in check lest they overdo. Girls do not have sufficient exercise in the open air.

The distinction between the sexes is drawn too early in life. After school hours girls are usually given work to do, under the mistaken belief that this work means future accomplishments, and much mischief to the girl's health is done.

Most mothers are justly ambitious that their girls should excel in one thing or another, but they often lose sight of the fact that a healthy body is of paramount importance.

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Decant the milk from one vessel to another, pouring from a height, until the contents are once more as smooth as fresh milk.

Now place it in a stone jar tightly corked and stand it before the fire for half a day more.

THE VALUE OF A LAUGH AND YAWN. The laugh and the yawn are nature's exercises. The reasons are that there is nothing that so penetrates to remote fiber and hidden recesses of the body as a hearty laugh.

Yawning relieves nervousness and insomnia and is a natural relaxing exercise. It is the body's plaint of over-tension and fatigue and need of repair.

IN THE CATHOLIC HOME. The crucifix and the pictures of the saints in the room are—when contemplated with the eyes of faith and in a truly Catholic spirit—a preservative against sin, and an encouragement to do good—a meditation of holy thoughts and hallowed graces, a consolation in the distress and afflictions of our earthly lives, a wholesome means of education for lovable youth—and a consecration for the entire Christian household.

Let the home's most beautiful decorations be the crucifix and the pictures of our Lady and St. Joseph the special patrons of Christian homes, and do not let other sacred pictures or statues be missing.

WHAT DO OUR BOYS READ? Catholic fathers and mothers, how often do you stop to ask yourselves this question?

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