

THE INFLUENCE OF WOMEN.—If we wish to know the political and moral condition of a State, we must ask what rank women hold in it. Their influence embraces the whole of life. A wife, a mother—two magical words—comprising the sweetest sources of man's felicity. Theirs is the reign of beauty, of love, of reason. Always a reign! A man takes counsel with his wife; he obeys his mother; he obeys her long after she has ceased to live, and the ideas which he has received from her become principles even stronger than his passions.—*Aime Martin.*

CIVILITY ALWAYS "PAYS."—One would naturally suppose that where there is an article that is pleasant and very agreeable, and costs but little, a great deal of it would be used. "Civility" costs nothing, and yet how little of it is in use! We are reminded of this by the following anecdote:—When old Zachariah Fox, the great merchant of Liverpool, was asked by what means he contrived to realize so large a fortune as he possessed, his reply was, "Friend, by one article alone, and in which thou mayest deal, too, if thou pleasest—it is civility."

A SECRET.—A wag says:—"If you want to increase the size and prominence of your eyes, just keep an account of the money you spend that might be saved, and add it up at the end of the year."

SUCCESS in any business requires a thorough knowledge of the means and material under employ. Place the levers of a locomotive in the hands of one who had never before seen this powerful machine, and instead of being able to drive it with the speed of the wind and the precision of mathematics, he would be sadly puzzled to know what first to do with his important charge. What could a ploughman do if required to superintend a cotton factory? or a blacksmith the machinery of a wholesale merchant? What could a shopkeeper accomplish if placed in charge of a thrashing-machine, a horse-reaper, or a subsoil plough? We should all doubt the sanity of the man who would send for a lawyer to set a fractured limb, although he might point out to the nicety of a hair, the rights, privileges, and liabilities of John Doe and Richard Roe. The idea that men succeed by a sort of lucky guessing, instead of a thorough mastery of facts and principles, is quite too prevalent.

DUTY AND BEAUTY.

Straight is the line of duty,
Curved is the line of beauty;
Walk by the first and thou shalt see
The other ever follow thee.

TIMELY HINTS AS APPLIED TO CHILDREN.

When you consent, consent cordially.
When you refuse, refuse finally.
When you punish, punish good-naturedly.
Commend often;—never scold!

A SINGLE stroke of an axe is of little consequence, yet by the continual application of that small power, properly directed, what amazing effects are produced! The sturdy oak and lofty pine do not simply own its power, but whole forests lie before it, and the wilderness becomes a garden.

REASON loses the race, if it sits in meditation on the fence while competition rushes by.

SOME men so dislike the dust kicked up by the generation to which they belong, that, being unable to pass, they lag behind.

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