

### DOING ANOTHER'S DUTY.

Unconscious self-betrayal is the most powerful of witnesses in determining social rank. The true lady shows her training in every word and gesture, but the pretender is often found napping. A little girl, shopping with her mother one day, was sitting contentedly on a counter stool, and watching the people as they came and went.

Presently she saw a lady elegantly dressed, who stopped at their counter and handed a water-proof and umbrella to the young girl in charge.

"Take care of these things till I call for them," she said, in an autocratic tone, and sailed away.

The bright eyes of the child followed her. The little face wore a look of distress.

"Why, mamma," she whispered, "she didn't even say 'please.'"

Sooner than she had expected, the lady returned.

"I will take my things," she said. There was some little delay in finding them.

"I hope you haven't lost or misplaced them," she said to the young girl, in a severe tone.

Neither misfortune had happened; the articles were found, and taking them without a word, the lady walked away. This was more than the child could bear. Leaning over so that her face came close to that of the clerk, she said graciously, "Thank you!"

### UNTIDY GIRLS.

Many girls who are in the evening genuine ornaments to the parlor, tastefully dressed and "neat as a new pin," are little better than slatterns when performing domestic duties.

I have no patience with this untidiness. It has always seemed to me as of Cinderella herself might have kept out of the ashes even if she was obliged to stay in the kitchen and work.

To look well while about housework is worth while. A neat calico dress, short enough to clear the floor, smoothly-brushed hair, a clean collar, and a plentiful supply of aprons, are within the reach of any woman, and I maintain that she will do her work better, and feel like doing it if so prepared for it. The moral influence of dress is undoubted.—Selected.



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### GOOD MANNERS.

Good manners are among the greatest charms a person can possess, and everybody should cultivate them, especially young people. They are something money cannot purchase, for there is only one way of obtaining them, and that is by habitual practice. Hardly anything is of more consequence than good manners and politeness in a boy or girl. They render those who possess them favorites with their relations or friends, and prepossess strangers towards them. Politeness costs nothing and at the same time is of the greatest value.

### WATER! WATER!

A young New Zealand girl lay dying. Her poor father, still a heathen, heard her calling for "Water! water!" He thought she meant some of the sparkling river running close by, and he ran to get it. But when he brought it in a calabash, with tears streaming down his tattooed face, his daughter said, "Oh, father dear, I mean that water of which Jesus spoke—the living water springing up into eternal life." She had heard the message of salvation from the missionary, and had believed in Him who said to the woman of Samaria:—"Whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life."

### JACK'S TEXT BOOK.

"He's the decenter little chap I've ever seen," said Mrs. Ray, who kept the Sailors' Boarding House. "As quiet and mannerly as a grown man, while most of the other boys keep up such a fussing that I'm clear worn out."

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Jack, the little sailor, had been staying for a short time at her house before sailing on his second long voyage.

"I'll pack your box for you, my boy," said the kind-hearted woman, when he was going. "I'd like to help such a well-behaved boy as you."

"Ah," said she, as she lifted the cover of the trunk, "is this yours?" She held up a Bible in her hand.

"Yes, ma'am," said Jack; "my mother gave it to me, and I promised to read it. She said it would always tell me the right thing to do."

"H'm," said Mrs. Ray; "was it this that taught you to bear it when Jim Pond abused you and tried to quarrel with you?"

"Yes, ma'am; it tells me that a soft answer turns away wrath."

Mrs. Ray silently went on with her packing. She had thought little of the Bible, and knew as little of what its pages contained. But the thoughtful face, good manners and kindly disposition of the little sailor had drawn her attention.

"If it's the book makes him so different from the others, it must be a book worth looking into," she said to herself.

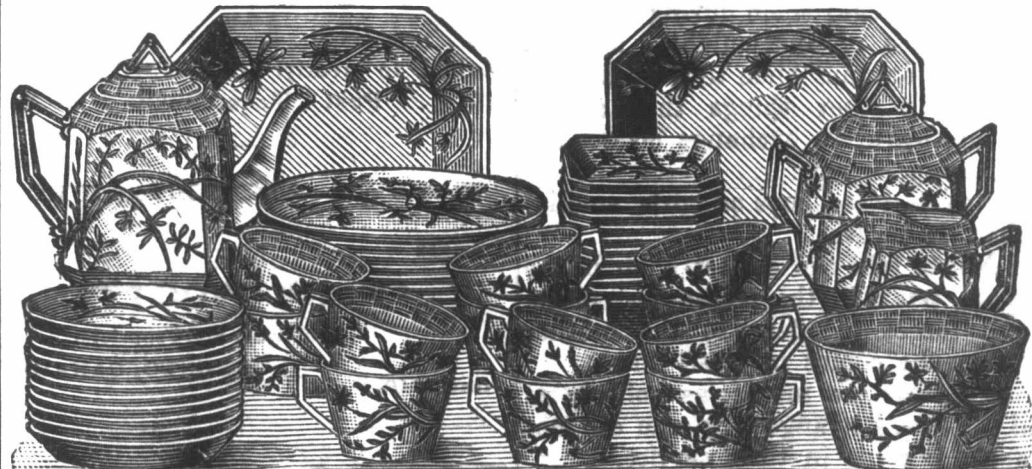
"Keep it up, Jack," she said, as she wished him good-bye; "and I'm going to try it myself. If it's good for boys, it must be good for old folks, too."

Jack had never thought of being an example; but he surely must have felt glad and thankful in having led any one to read the pages which point the way to eternal life.

### HAVE YOU A MOTHER?

Have you a mother? If so, honour and love her. If she is aged, do all in your power to cheer her declining years. Her hair may have bleached, her eyes may have dimmed, her brow may contain deep and unsightly furrows, her cheeks may be sunken; but you should never forget the holy love and tender care she has had for you. In years gone by she has kissed away from your cheek the troubled tear; she has soothed and petted you when

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