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and houses are cold places mostly; but home no matter how poor is always home. Mrs. McClung expresses this through Pearlle, when she makes her cry, as she looks through a window at her own home, hearing the stamp of poverty. "It does look shabby, but it's home, and I love it. You bet, nobody would ever know to look at it the good times that go on inside!"

The thing that counts much in our success in keeping the home machinery going is intelligent energy. Many women are energetic and many intelligent, but the combination of the two is not as commonly found, as one might expect. A woman may be energetic, may be a hustler and forever on the go, and yet accomplish little. Most of her energy is wasted for want of directed and concentrated effort. She is lacking in a clear conception of what she is trying to do, and of the best and quickest way in which to do it. She has not considered the result she is trying to achieve. All she thinks of is that the work must be done, and she must do it some way.

The intelligent woman again is often lazy. She likes to take life easy. Likes a good time, no matter what comes. She often has her ideals, she knows how things should be done, but she lacks the push to do it.

Both these women should study their method, find out what they lack, and apply the remedy. With both the fault goes by the same name, misdirected energy. It falls short in one and over-reaches in other. One fails to let her hand save her feet, and the other fails to have her feet obey her head.

The woman who combines intelligence and energy goes about things differently. She uses her brain and employs method; she has a clear idea of what she wants to do, of the best way for her to do it and just how much she can do at one time. She plans her work and her play to save her strength as well as her time, for she knows that energy directed by intelligence wins the best results for her and her home.

We women are not all alike. We see one with a natural aptitude for pickling and preserving, another for baking and broiling, another for entertaining, another for sewing, and so on, each with a different gift, and each liking to do what she does best, but each having to do all, and many more to make home harmonious.

The wife comes to her home, unprepared so to speak. The milliner, dressmaker, stenographer, and teacher fits herself for her vocation, both in theory and practice. She must master these things or fail; but the wife, who was a year or so ago, a happy hearted care free girl, had no training for home making or motherhood. The real things of life have come to her. She may have no knowledge of child training, but she must train that little child that has come into her life.

Even though she learns to train him wisely, learns the ins and outs, the sun and the gloom, the goodness and the badness of her first born, she cannot know, from experience about the training of another child, because no two are alike. Individuality which counts for so much in man and woman, is the very thing which, in the child, upsets our carefully compiled regulations, and flings our plans, and processes to the four winds of heaven.

Nature boasts no two flowers just alike, although there is much similarity. Yet these flowers grow and flourish under uniform conditions. In the garden where we grow our human flowers, we find there must be discrimination. Every plant needs separate care. One needs more sunshine, one more space, one is delicate and needs special care from root up. One is developing too quickly, coming forward too rapidly and must be kept more in the shade. Another is too backward and wants to be placed in the warm, genial, sunshine. It is only by this nursery along of our plants in the human garden, that we can have them develop into the full blown flowers of maturity and show the beauty of soul and character that conforms with the perfume of the gardens on our lawns.

We each must find ways and means

for ourselves. Few have the gift of child-training, and few now think that women know how to train children, from instinct. Here in this department of home making we have need for a partner, not an advisor only, but an active working partner for the weeding and care of the human garden is very, very hard.

We are always busy, but let us remember one thing, that is important if we are to be true home builders, in its broadest sense. None of us will ever have leisure enough to atone for the thing done in haste, the angry word spoken when tired and nervous, the scornful glance which hurt some one far more than a blow would have done; the expressed doubt of a friend's ability, which prevented his rising to higher ground, the hint we dropped against some one's reputation; the evil story we repeated, and the hundred and one other things we do or leave undone, can never be wiped off memory's slate though we would give the whole world to atone for it.

There will be lots of stormy weather for us. There are days at a time when the skies are grey; we have lost youth's golden dreams; we have, perhaps, lost faith in mankind. Our neighbor may have done us a wrong; no one seems to care for us; the wonderful things we planned to do have never been accomplished, and our troubles are many, but just think how brightly the sun shines after a few days of rain, if our dreams have fled, we have other joys far ahead of any dream. Perhaps they were silly dreams anyway, so let them go. It is nobody's fault as much as our own if we lose faith in our friends. Every one has some good along with the bad; look for the good. Maybe the neighbor did you a wrong, but it is more than likely he did not mean to do so. If you show a forgiving spirit, he will meet you half way, and not repeat the offence. If no one cares for us it must be our own fault, for if we love our neighbor rightly, we get love in return. It may not be too late now to begin to do what we had planned to do, but if it is we can always remember that we can be happy, and so make happiness around us. Make the home folks happy, give them a good time. Remember we must take the good times as we go along if we are ever to have them. Good times do not cost money. We can soon learn to enjoy the common things of life. The best times any of us ever have is the time we spend making our home people happy.

Let us live now so that in after years, those who have been in our homes may have happy memories of that home. In memory we have one of the loveliest things of life. See that the memories are good. The reason we like to look back is because the memory brings up such beautiful pictures of mother and the home of our youth; of the beautiful places we have seen; of the good times we have had. We often hear a white haired mother say, "My best days were when my children were small." Why? Because of the many beautiful pictures hung on memory's wall. Memory must not have beautiful pictures only. The time will come when old age keeps one from his usual activities of life, and then will come from his memory box, the things stowed away and for a time forgotten. That beautiful chapter from the Bible; that story he once read; that idea for making something of interest; that piece of history; that fact of science. Yes! that memory box must be big and strong. It must hold the things of childhood days, the wonders of boyhood; the beautiful things of early manhood; and the more solid things of middle life, and yet leave lots of room for what he garners from the master minds of science, literature and art. Can we make our homes so beautiful and happy that the memories will be beautiful and worth while?

So let us live that these days, in looking back, may prove As rich with happy memories, as bright with constant love That we may call them also, when our heads are white like snow. The good days, the dear days, the days of long ago.

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