OUTTIVATING CONTENTMENT.

Much of the happiness of life is lost by acrificing the substance to the shadow, the real to the scening.

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We all desire to have the best the world can give, but we differ very much in our itendard is not the best is. The otice our standard is set by our neighbors, not by ourselves, and we were ourselves out in trying to live up to it. People of limited means aspire to many haven's now days, that never entered into the many autron of their fathers as being possible for them to attain to.

There are many booflies in exactly the position in which it is out prophet payed to be—having "neither poverty nor riches." There is cough to live on in comfort if the income is spect for confoct and not for show. This is a matter paculiarly within the province of mothers, and particularly of young methers. It is the wife, as general rule, who regulates the expenditure of the household and the manner of living. If she is satisfied, her husband is apt to acquiesce. There is a certain amount of money to be specific and she must decide what she will get with it. There are many too lies in exactly the

get with it.

It will buy all the necessaries of life and many of its comforts, including case of mind; or, it may be used to purchase expensive luxuries, whose possession will give the family a certain standing in the eyes of its neighbors, and with them the disconfort of doing without things that would lighten the daily toil and make work easier. With a moderate income she cannot have both without encountering the fret and worry that come from living beyond one's means.

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If a mother can teach her children that it If a mother can teach her children that it is what a man is, and not what he has, that entities him to respect, and helps them to live up to the noble ideal that she sets before them, she has done them a service that will benefit them all their lives. We are expressly fold that "the life is more than meat and the body than raiment"; and yet how many of us act as if what we are and what we were were the all-important points; and the inner life, that these things are and the inner life, that these things are meant to nourish and minister to, was of no importance whatever.

importance whatever.

We do not seem to realize that display is vulgar—in the real meaning of that much-abused word. To have everything in perfect keeping is a much surer evidence of refined taste than to have handsome garments for great occasions, and shabby ones for everyday wear, and the same discrepancy in the various details of our daily lives.

Dress is the great touchstone with us all, and specially with women to whom it isand rightly so—a matter of extreme interest. We like to be becomingly and well dressed, and a few—a very few—know how to combine economy and elegance. For the others, who have not this gift, it only remains for us to cultivate simplicity. It is hard not to buy pretty things for children, they look so sweet in them. The young mother may console herself by thinking that expensive materials are, as a rule, unscitable for children. Skill and velvet and plush are out of place on a child. They should wear nothing that does not suggest freshness and daintiness. A hat overloaded with feathers is as absurd on a childish head as a baby waits would be on a dowager. and rightly so-a matter of extreme interest. would be on a dowager.

Children who are brought up in a refined home where there is no attempt to make things seem other than they are; where it is frankly admitted that there are some things their parents would like which they cannot altord them, but which they can cheerfully do without because they have so many other blessings. Children who early learn to be pleased with simple pleasures; who are taught that their claim to the respect of others must rest on their own merits and not on any accidental surroundings, have learned the lesson of contentment that will make their lives better and happier than any fortune could without Children who are brought up in a refined tentment that will make their lives better and happier than any fortune could without it. The high sense of honor that scorns a mean act, the steadfast adherence to duty that would rather soffer wrong than do wrong, the truthfulness that spurns deceit, the tenderness and forbearance and courtesy that strength should show to weakness—if a mother can give these to her girls and boys she need not regret that she had not been able to give them all the luxuries, she craved for them.—[Ladies Home Journal.

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