

Our Boys And Girls.

BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE.

If you've a gray-haired mother In a dear home far away, Sit down and write the letter You put off day by day.

If you've a tender message Or a loving word to say, Don't wait till you forget it, But whisper it to-day.

We live but in the present, The future is unknown; To-morrow is a mystery, To-day is all our own.

The tender words unspoken, The letters never sent, The long forgotten messages, The wealth of love unspent.

We hope that all our young readers thoroughly enjoyed their long summer vacation; and that they have returned to school with the firm resolve to learn as much as possible by studying with renewed ardor.

- 10. Be generous. Meanness makes enemies and breeds distrust. 11. Spend less than you earn. Do not run in debt. Watch the little leaks and you can live on your salary. 12. Make all the money you can, honestly, do all the good you can with it while you live; be your own executor.

A HERO.

A few years ago a fire broke out in a charming little Swiss village. In a few hours the quaint frame houses were entirely destroyed.

One poor man was in greater trouble than his neighbors even. His home and cows were gone, and so also was his son, a bright boy of six or seven years. He wept and refused to hear any words of comfort.

Just as daybreak came, however, he heard a well-known sound, and, looking up, he saw his favorite cow leading the herd and coming directly after them was his bright-eyed little boy.

"Oh, my son, my son!" he cried, "are you really alive?" "Why, yes, father. When I saw the fire, I ran to get our cows away to the pasture lands."

"You are a hero, my boy!" the father exclaimed. But the boy said: "Oh, no! A hero is one who does some wonderful deed. I led the cows away because they were in danger, and I knew it was the right thing to do."

"Ah!" cried the father. "He who does the right thing at the right time is a hero."

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NATURALISTS' OBSERVATIONS.

COLLIES FOR THE BATTLE-FIELD.—For the last five years a society founded under the auspices of Her Bungartz, the animal painter, has been training Scotch shepherd dogs to assist the relief parties in discovering the whereabouts of wounded in battle, and last week the general in command of the ambulance manoeuvres in connection with the 8th German Army Corps near Coblenz allowed four of these sagacious creatures to take part in the exercises. Their value was abundantly proved, for they tracked down in a few minutes a score of men so concealed that the bearers could never have discovered them in daylight.

HOW TO HAVE A "GOOD" MOTHER.

"Johnny's mamma never scolds and never frets, and is always just as good as she can be," said little Frank. "I wish my mamma was like that."

"What kind of a boy is Johnny?" asked his aunt, to whom he was talking.

"Oh, he is a good, kind little boy. Nora says he is the best boy to mind she ever saw. Nora used to work at his house, you know. Why, auntie, he likes to have other folks have a good time himself."

"Perhaps that is the secret of his mamma's never scolding," said Frank's aunt. "Good boys make happy, good mothers."

HOW TO OBTAIN SUCCESS.

Our boys should always have the ambition to better their condition in life, and with the increased advantages of education that are open to the boys of to-day, such a thing is possible to every one who is not afraid of hard work. The greater number of men in different walks of life who to-day are looked upon as examples of success, were once poor boys and owe their fame solely to their own exertions. Want of education is a greater barrier to success than a lack of wealth. The biographies of many eminent men chronicle their obscure origin and birth. Columbus was the son of a weaver, Homer was the son of a small farmer. Demosthenes was the son of a cutler; Franklin was the son of a soap-maker; Virgil was the son of a potter; Horace was the son of a shop-keeper; Milton was the son of a money scrivener, and Shakespeare was the son of a wool stapler; Robert Burns was a plowman; John Jacob Astor once sold apples on the streets of New York; and Daniel Webster when young, worked on a farm. In our own Dominion, the majority of those who are eminent in the various professions or who are the leaders of political life, were once country boys.

However, the boy who would aspire to future fame and fortune would do well to study the careers of these self-made men, and he will find that their success was not achieved in a day; but on the contrary, after years of continual industry in their respective calling. Our boys, therefore, should begin while at school to fit themselves for the great task of winning success in life. Let them remember the following rules which an exchange gives to boys who would get on in life, and if they follow them they will be on the right path to success:

- 1. Be honest. Dishonesty seldom makes one rich, and when it does, riches are a curse. There is no such thing as dishonest success. 2. Work. The world is not going to pay for nothing. Ninety per cent. of what men call genius is only a talent for hard work. 3. Enter into that business or trade you like best, and for which nature seems to have fitted you provided it is honorable. 4. Be independent. Do not lean on others to do your thinking or to conquer difficulties. 5. Be conscientious in the discharge of every duty. Do your work thoroughly. No boy can rise who slights his work. 6. Don't try to begin at the top. Begin at the bottom and you will have a chance to rise, and will be surer of reaching the top sometime. 7. Trust to nothing but God and hard work. Inscribe on your banner, "Luck is a fool; pluck is a hero." 8. Be punctual. Keep your appointment. Be there a minute before time, even if you have to lose dinner to do it. 9. Be polite. Every smile, every gentle bow is money in your pocket.

MISSES LEDA AND ANNIE SMITH.

Two Sisters Were Sick, Weak and Disheartened—Now They Are Happy, Strong and Well—Each Writes a Letter to Other Women.

In nearly every family there are weak, pale, sickly daughters. Usually the mother has female trouble, too. Such a family cannot be happy. Sickness of women casts a spell of gloom over the entire household. It seems so strange that this suffering should go on. Why in the world is it that women refuse to cure themselves when they can do it beyond the shadow of a doubt? Who can tell why there is so much leucorrhoea, falling of the womb, nervousness, sleeplessness, headache, despondency, loss of flesh and appetite? Why are there so many pallid faces and wasted bodies? It is easy to get the health back. Here are two sisters, Misses Leda and Annie Smith, living at 38 Elmhurst street, Providence, R. I. They used to be sick. Read how each has got well again:—

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A CLEVER HORSE.—"You see that little horse over there," said Major Tom Williams, standing on the edge of the sidewalk viewing a small black pony. "That horse has more of the traditional horse sense than his size would show for." He continued, "Watch him." The Major whistled a few times, and the little horse, which was nibbling from a bale of hay on the sidewalk, raised his head and crossed the street. He brought the cart to which he was attached to a standstill just in front of the Major.

"You see," said Major Williams, "that horse has an eye for distance. I couldn't have driven him better than that. That horse, too, is a natural scavenger. He will pick up anything he sees on the street, if he wants to eat it. I never hitch when I get out of the team, and he goes the length of the block picking up banana peels, eating hay, corn, or anything he takes a fancy to. When I want him, I only need to whistle." At this point a large white dog brushed against the Major with a friendly wag of the tail. "You never saw that dog kiss the pony, did you? Well, watch him." Major Williams climbed into his cart, and calling the dog, said, "Kiss him." Without a moment's hesitation the dog sprang to the head of the horse, and, jumping several feet of the ground, "kissed" the pony several times.—Liverpool Catholic Times.

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