

## HOW TO SPOIL CHILDREN.

RULES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THOSE WHO WISH TO DO IT SYSTEMATICALLY.

Progress is the great idol which we worship, and why should we not apply it to the training of the young? Although the spoiling of children is common, it is not yet done systematically enough to earn a place among the fine arts. It is about time that progress should be made. To help those who are striving to reach this goal in a very haphazard manner, the following rules have been thought out and formulated, and we respectfully submit them:

1. It is best to begin at the beginning, and therefore from the time that the infant begins to take notice of things give him whatever he cries for. This will teach him not to be self-willed.

2. When he gets a little older, encourage him to shake his fist at visitors. This will teach him respect for elders.

3. When he does or says anything that is smart but improper, laugh. That will discourage him from repeating the offence and will give him a correct idea of right and wrong.

4. Tell your friends how cute he is, and repeat in his presence all the naughty things he has said. It will show him how wrong it is to talk so.

5. When the boy can no longer be called a child begin then to "beat the devil out of him" that you yourself put in him. Assure him "that you cannot make his mind you," inform your acquaintances in his presence "that he is a bad boy," correct him when you are in a passion, taunt him with his infirmities, ridicule his dullness, cast up to him his failures at school, punish him severely to-day for what you allowed to pass unnoticed yesterday and the day before. This is a long rule, but it is sure to make the boy patient and respectful.

6. The father and the mother should not agree about the manner of correcting the child. The father should pay no heed to the mother's wishes or entreaties in the matter, and the mother must not listen to or follow the father's advice. She must teach the boy to consider his father as too exacting; she must threaten to tell the father of the boy's faults and never do so; she must screen him whenever he deserves correction. This will help the lad to love and respect his parents.

7. Be sure and show partiality to some one among the children. Nothing so promotes harmony in a family as for a parent to have "pets" who are perfection, while the other children are always the ones to be blamed.

8. Always allow the older children to domineer over the younger ones; do not train them to give examples of kindness and patience.

9. Of course you must allow the children to read whatsoever they please. This will spoil them, but that is the object of these rules.

10. Finally permit them to associate with whomsoever they please, and never question them on this point, and above all, never curtail the right they as-

sume to roam the streets, especially at night. The saints alone are abroad at night, as every body knows.

11. These rules are comprehensive, and some of them are short; but all are valuable. Parents who have hitherto spoiled their children unsystematically can do so now according to fixed rules. If, however, in the end their hearts are broken, and their children become a cross to them and to others, they will have only themselves to blame.—Ex.

## THE ALLIANCE QUESTION.

Worcester Recorder.

Hysterical screaming at all ideas of alliance with England is just as much to be deprecated as ill-founded and absurd laudation of the Anglo-Saxon race. If cooperation with England for any definite purpose would be to the advantage of the United States, it would be as fatuous to refuse that cooperation as it would be to accord it in case it was exclusively for England's benefit. The action of the United States in entering into any arrangement with England must rest solely on the reasons existing for such action in any particular case. There is no responsible statesman or publicist on either side of the Atlantic who advocates a hard and fast alliance which shall bind either party to its own disadvantage. Mutual and reciprocal benefit must be the bond as well as the basis of alliance between the two nations, and as there can be no cooperation without such advantage, so there can be no reasonable antagonism to such cooperation.

The papers and orators who excitedly declare that England would make a cat's-paw of this country for her own purposes by establishing friendly cooperation, pay a very poor compliment to the genius and perspicacity of the American people. Our country is long out of its swaddling clothes, and it can hold its own with any nation of the world in the domain of diplomacy as well as in the field of battle. It is in no more danger of being fooled by foreign statesmen than it is of being conquered by foreign arms.

As an abstract proposition, alliance between this and any other country is desirable because it would be possible only when it inured to our national advantage, and as in the present phase of the question it is only an abstract proposition, there can be no patriotic or intelligent opposition to it.

If the desire for cooperation with this country shall take definite form on the part of Great Britain, it will run a gauntlet of public scrutiny that will effectually safeguard all the interests of the United States. In the meantime hysterical and indiscriminate denunciation of the whole idea of such cooperation, is a cheap appeal to prejudice and an insult to the intelligence of the American people.

As to the attitude of the Irish race in America towards this question, it can be said that there is no mental reservation in their loyalty as American citizens. Whilst they have good reason for bitter memories of English oppression of their fatherland, yet they will deal with

this as with all other problems affecting the welfare and the glory of the republic, not as aliens, but as American citizens.

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Interviewed by the Patriot's Special Correspondents.

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From the Charlottetown Patriot.

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