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when the others are ready should forfeit his drive or pleasure. By no means give in and take him.

I am full of sympathy for the over-sensitive child. One should be very careful not to inflict hurts that would be lasting in their effect on a very shy child, or make the child unhappy by unkind remarks. He should be encouraged to play with other children, but should not be forced into company. A very shy child requires a great deal of encouragement. A child of this disposition is preferable to a bold and forward child. They are so like an exquisite delicate flower, and should be handled with great care.

One of the most disgusting and unpleasant habits, is that of greediness. We have all seen children who stuff themselves, pockets and all, with any good thing. From such children I would withhold or take their good food away, explaining as I did it just why I was doing so and tell them what refined people think of greediness. Most children want to be nice and do the correct thing, and in a case like this their pride might be appealed to. The child who takes things that do not belong to him must be carefully watched and every method used and measure taken to break the habit before it becomes fixed, and he is branded a thief. Most children are willing to reason a thing out with us if we are willing to take the time to explain things. They want to be good. He will understand that what is his, he can have and what he longs to other people they want and can have and he has no right to touch. If he has already taken something that belongs to another he should be made to return it. Spare him as much humiliation as possible, but it should be so unpleasant that he does not care to repeat the action.

E. B.

A GENERAL DISCORD

Three or four years after I began housekeeping, I made the discovery which hundreds of women had made before me—that I was a slave to my housework. Day after day I put the house in order, only to find it necessary to repeat the dreary round, week after week. Like other women, I wanted time for other things besides keeping house; and, like other women, I began to observe ways of securing some degree of freedom.

My observation, however, did not disclose their secrets, so one day I asked a friend for hers, point blank.

"How do you manage to get your work done so easily?" I asked. "You seem to have more time than the rest of us. What is your mysterious labor reducer?"

"I haven't any," she replied; "but I do find it helps a great deal to stop the hoarding up of useless junk such as used to make my life miserable."

"You know there are six of us, not counting the hired man; and before my ironclad rule went into effect, each one had the firmly fixed idea of saving all sorts of things. The belief was that some day these things might be needed. As a result, our house was full of things that were almost never used. Each time I cleaned house I had to handle all this stuff; and every day when I swept I had to dust much of it, or rearrange it, or move it out of the way."

"Then three years ago, when I wasn't very well, and it seemed impossible to get any help, I began to plan to lighten the work. I finally got every member of the family to consent to my disposing of all the useless things in the house, on the plea that it would make my work easier. There were a good many questions and objections, but we couldn't get help, so I insisted on having my way. And housekeeping has been easier and simpler since my plan went into effect.—May McGuire Telford in The Delineator.

A monthful of food wasted at the table may mean one less monthful for some hungry citizen of the world.

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