

Children in Church.

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Discharged. BY ARTHUR WARD. Jack Wilson shouted, 'I'm sorry to disappoint you, Sands, but I can't play Sundays.'

He generally bore it pretty patiently, though he often wanted to retaliate. Once, as an especially large ball of paper was about to strike him in the face, he caught it, and thinking he knew who threw it, he sent it back with a good force.

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grasped the handle of the window-brush and lifted the pail, from under the water-spigot to do his first job of cleaning for the First National Bank of Silver City.—Good Cheer.

The Toad Family.

The Toad family are not a very interesting family, and are fearfully set in their ways. The Toad family that I knew lived out under the stone steps, in a crack.

There was not more than three in this family—or, at least, only three that I could discover. I took them to be Mother Toad, Father Toad, and their only child, dear little hoppy Toad.

I never saw very much of them because they only came out at night, when the little boy and I used to climb the stone steps to go in to tea. Then we used to find them sitting at their front door (the above-mentioned crack in the steps), and looking as comfortable and fat as if they had had tea themselves.

But there was an old cat of Angora descent, whose friendship was accepted within the Toad circle. It was just by chance that they came to know each other; but they did become friends.

Every evening Puss used to sit by the steps, and watch for the Toad family, and every evening the Toad family came out to Mrs. Puss and let themselves be batted and tossed and tumbled about by her deft paws until, to say the least, their digestions must have been impaired.

We used to watch these proceedings with great interest, and laugh to see the performances of Puss and the Toad family. And I can't help wondering what Puss would have done if she had been able to squeeze into the Toads' hole.

I have not quite decided in my own mind whether the Toads enjoyed being batted about quite as much as Puss did playing with them.

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That sour milk and soda make a more delicious devil's food cake than the sweet milk and baking powder.

That the success of whipped cream depends upon the fact that the dish, the beater, and the cream are thoroughly chilled in advance.

That jelly keeps much better if hot paraffine is poured over each tumbler than when covered with paper.

That, although 'hunger is the best sauce,' a daintily garnished dish is the next best.

That cream sauce is very much improved by a thorough beating.

That potato salad is much more savory if mixed with the salad dressing while hot.

That white grapes, asparagus tips, and English walnuts, with whipped cream dressing, make a novel and dainty salad.

That there is more need of common sense in culinary science than is ordinarily supposed, for we cannot become a strong people mentally unless our physical beings are well nourished.—Mrs. Elbert W. Rockwood, in 'What to Eat.'

'Oh, yes, I know,' cried Bessie eagerly. 'We had that in our geography the other day.'

'Very well, then, said Uncle Joe, 'I will then tell you more about this old arithmetic. These Egyptians knew how to add and multiply both whole numbers and fractions. They did not subtract and divide just as we do; but they reached results nevertheless. Let me see, do you read in the Second Reader yet?'

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How Frank Won.

A prize of one hundred dollars, to be used for educational purposes, was offered in a school for boys. Among the contestants was a boy of seventeen named Frank Harlow. He did not succeed in winning the prize, and, a day or two later, one of his schoolmates, named Harry Murks, said to him, 'Didn't get the prize, did you, Frank?'

'No, I did not,' replied Frank, cheerfully.

'Feel kind o' cut up over it, don't you?'

'No; not particularly.'

'Well, I'd hate to make as hard a fight as you made to win that prize, and then fail.'

'I don't think that I have failed, Harry.'

'Well, I'd like to know why you haven't failed! Didn't George Dayton win the prize?'

'Yes, I know he won the money; but I won just as much as George in that which comes from hard study. But you know, Harry, if you'll excuse me for saying it, your failure has been most marked.'

'My failure! Why, what do you mean? I didn't go in for the prize at all. I made no attempt to win it.'

'I know it,' replied Frank, and then he added, 'They fail, and they alone, who have not striven.'

'Oh! I see what you mean,' said Harry, rather soberly. 'I suppose that there is something in that.'

'There is a good deal in it,' replied Frank. 'It is so true that not one of the eighteen boys who competed for the prize may be said to have failed. All of us won the prize that comes from honest effort, and it was a pretty big prize for most of us. I thought at first that I would not compete for the prize, for I felt quite confident that some of the other boys were so much further advanced than I was that I had very little chance of winning in the contest. But one day I came across this verse:

'Straight from the Mighty Bow this truth is driven: They fail, and they alone, who have not striven.'

'That's a fact,' I said to myself, and I went straight to work and did my very best.'

'You stood next to George Dayton at the examination, too,' said Harry. 'No, Frank you did not fail after all.'

Harry was right. How could Frank fail to be a winner, after the honest effort he had put forth?

An Egyptian Problem.

'I wish I'd been born in the days when they didn't know anything about arithmetic,' sighed Bessie, who was so certain that she could learn nothing of figures that she would not even try to understand them.

'Then you would have lived a long time ago,' replied Uncle Joe, looking up from her paper, as the petulant child threw his school-book upon the table. 'In fact,' he continued, 'you would have been dead before Moses was born; for arithmetic is nothing new, dear child, but very old. They have lately discovered in Egypt a very old copy-book for arithmetic, which was probably written 3,600 years ago. Of course it was not made of paper, for they knew nothing of it in those days; but it was made of the papyrus plant. This was a plant that grew in Egypt, and was used by its inhabitants for writing. The stem of the plant was about an inch thick, and was cut into slices lengthwise. These slices were then gummed together and pressed, when they could be written upon. It is from this that we get our word 'paper.'

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It is well to have easy rules about breakfast. It is customary to give one's guest the option of having tea or coffee, rolls and fruit sent to their rooms or of joining the family.

No hostess apologizes for any guest. All are on the same social plane while under her roof, and should receive equal consideration.

It is a disputed point whether host or guest should suggest retiring for the night. It relieves visitors of embarrassment to know the ways of the household, and a readiness to comply with them is a mark of politeness.

It shows no lack of cordiality to refrain from urging friends to extend their visit. They probably have other pleasant plans, and a hostess may be asking a great favor when she fancies that she is conferring one.

Experienced entertainers recommend that the men should generally spend their mornings together and women enjoy each others society. All meet at luncheon.

Hosts and guests meet in the drawing or living room before the meals. Not less than five, not more than fifteen, minutes should be allowed for all to assemble.

Every guest should be made to feel that his or her presence has added to the pleasure of the entertainment, and conferred a personal gratification upon the hosts.

A prompt expression of gratification in remembering the visit, at once, upon returning home, is an evidence of good breeding.

A guest should hold sacred anything that may be learned of the family life or the peculiarities of any member of the household where hospitality has been accepted.

Visitors should fall in readily with any plan proposed for their pleasure, showing a disposition to be easily amused and interested, but must not seem dependent for amusement.—Mrs. Burton Kingsland, in the September Ladies' Home Journal.

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