

**PRINCES AT SCHOOL.**

King Edward VII, even from his earliest years, was thoroughly taught the words of the constitution of England. Daily he was taxed to the utmost by this branch of his education, until he grew to dislike it most heartily. One day he openly rebelled and said to his tutor:

"I hate this study, sir! It's too frightfully dry!"

"O," replied the shocked tutor, "but it is very important that you should know all about the constitution of the country, over which you will some day have to rule, most imperative."

"Yes, sir," quietly replied the prince, "the English constitution is most important, I know, but how about my constitution?"

An amusing anecdote is also related of the present little Prince Edward of Wales.

He seems to be no fonder of his studies than his grandfather, the king, was. The little prince dislikes his arithmetic, and, in fact, mathematics in general.

His punishment for dereliction of duty is being put in the corner.

Some time ago when he saw his governess taking out the book and slate to prepare for the day's lessons in the particular branch which he specially disliked, he said, very deliberately:

"I don't believe I care to do 'rithmetic to-day. I'll go into the corner again, if you don't mind."

Away he marched like a soldier, leaving an astonished teacher wondering what course best to pursue.—*Exchange.*

**CULTIVATE THE VOICE.**

Don't neglect the cultivation of the voice. The charm of a beautiful voice lingers in the mind forever. It stirs the heart.

Don't neglect daily breathing exercises. Only the one who knows how to breathe properly is going to get the most out of her voice. Deep breathing clears the voice and gives it fullness and softness.

Don't breathe through the mouth, but through the nose; and inhale as deeply as possible.

Don't always try to speak in a "sweet, low voice." Cultivate variety. Let the tones be gay, warm and vivacious.

Don't think you can have a good speaking or singing voice unless you stand erect, with a free, light buoyant carriage of the body, with the weight carried well on the balls of the feet.

Don't, when sitting, settle down in a collapsed attitude, with all the weight resting on the small of the back. Hold the chest high, take long breaths, and expand the lungs.

Don't let a sleepy, dreamy, unsocial temper control you, so that you speak in a dull, thick tone at the back of the throat, which is the most trying of all voices to understand.

Don't take life too seriously, if you want a melodious voice. Relax the strained muscles of the face and neck and look and be happy and contented. Think of pleasant things.

Don't tire the voice. If the throat is sore, keep the tongue quiet. Common-sense is as important a quality in training the voice as it is in everything else.

**Watch Your Mood When Letter Writing.**

Much depends upon the mood in which one sits down to write a letter. It is a good rule never to write unless you feel like writing. If it is a blue day with you, you could sit down and order a dozen lead pencils, and the stationer be none the wiser, but beware of writing to a friend in such a mood.

If you were talking to him, he would know by your expression, by the tone of your voice, that you were not yourself, and would make allowances. But in a letter he sees only the coolness, and not the reason for it. Again, it is not well to write when under great excitement. At such times you say more than you mean.

If you spoke these things, your friend, seeing your agitation, would understand that what you said was not your sober judgment. But when it is written in cold black and white, and read by some one a hundred miles away, it has quite a different effect. We have all, I suppose, written letters at such times. Wait for calmer moments—your friends deserve your golden hours.—*The Churchman.*

**A BRAVE, SENSIBLE GIRL.**

A pretty-faced, fashionably-attired young woman entered the office of the clerk in the courthouse Saturday afternoon, stopped, agitated, at the railing, and inquired:

"What happens to a person who destroys a marriage license?"

"Why, unless the knot has been already tied, it would prevent the parties named from being married, unless they secured another one," answered the clerk, with a smile.

"But there's no punishment for tearing one up, is there?" continued the young woman, a note of alarm still in her voice.

"No, I don't think it's a crime. Did you destroy yours?"

"Yes, I did," and her eyes flashed. "I thought maybe I had done something against the law, and I wanted to be sure."

"I'll never marry that man—never so long as I live. He came over here and got a license Thursday and brought it to me. Then he went out and got dreadfully intoxicated and began to fire off a pistol through the whole neighborhood. We were to have been married yesterday, so you see I found him out just in time. Why, I never knew before that he ever touched a drop. So when he came and asked me to come with him to be married, I just tore the license up right before him and walked away."  
*Elyria Reporter.*

**TO MAKE A HAPPY HOME.**

Learn to govern yourselves and to be gentle and patient.

Guard your tempers, especially in seasons of ill-health, irritation and trouble, and soften them by prayer and a sense of your shortcomings and errors.

Remember that, valuable as is the gift of speech, silence is often more valuable.

Do not expect too much from others, but remember that all have an evil nature, whose development we must expect, and that we must forbear and forgive, as we often desire forbearance and forgiveness ourselves.

Never retort an angry word. It is the second word that makes the quarrel.

Learn to say kind and pleasant things whenever the opportunity offers.

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**A DAINTY DISH.**

In Arabia and Persia, says the *May-flower*, grasshoppers are regularly sold in the shops as food. The Digger Indians of California roast grasshoppers, pound them to flour, and mix them with acorn meal and berries, and make the mixture into cakes. In South Africa, the Bushmen use them in nearly the same way. They obtain their supply of the insects by kindling fires in the path of flying swarms of grasshoppers. This burns their wings and they fall to the ground and are swept up. Some people in America have tested grasshoppers as food and have declared them good.

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