

Beautiful Things.

Beautiful faces are those that wear—
It matters little if dark or fair—
Whole-souled honesty painted there.

Beautiful eyes are those that show,
Like crystal panes where heart-fires glow,
Beautiful thoughts that burn below.

Beautiful lips are those whose words
Leap from the heart like songs of birds,
Yet whose utterance prudence girds.

Beautiful hands are those that do
Work that is earnest, brave and true,
Moment by moment the long day through.

Beautiful feet are those that go
On kindly ministries to and fro—
Down lowliest ways, if God wills it so.

Beautiful shoulders are those that bear
Ceaseless burdens of homely care
With patient grace and daily prayer.

Beautiful lives are those that bless—
Kindly rivers of happiness,
Whose hidden fountains but few may guess.
—*Little's Living Age.*

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total stranger! He will forget the name, and if he don't he will have no time to look up Mr. Bristol. The stage only stops to change horses. Ten to one he will keep it. Surely I am a fool! A hundred times I said this of my action, and wondered at its precipitancy. It seemed as if for an instant another will had control of my hand and my purse. So you received it after all, and just when you needed it, too," and he went away in deep meditation. Of course such singular interpositions are rare, but do not some such occur in every life, enough to startle us out of our materialism, with the conviction, "Thou God seest me?"

Give Children Something to do.

An important point in managing children is to always have ready something for the little hands to do at those times which come quite often on rainy and other days when, tired of play, they listlessly gaze through the window or wander aimlessly about, not knowing what to do with themselves. Children at such times are a great trial to the busy and often nervous people of the house, and are quite likely to be scolded, though such a course is so unwise and unjust that it can lead only to the worst results in the child's future. Calm and reproving words, kindly spoken, are necessary with all bright children and are usually very effective, but words uttered in a sharp, scolding tone must in most cases work an injury to the child's disposition. It is all the more sad, because the matter could be so easily managed by a very little attention on the mother's part.

How often we hear mothers or older sisters say to some little child who is full of desire to do right if it only knew how, "Do get something to do; how lazy you are; I never saw such a good-for-nothing child. I am sure I don't know what is to become of you," and a great deal more of such talk, which, alas, most people have heard too often. The child at such times is not in fault. It is the mother's duty to see that suitable work is always ready, and she should require the child to do a moderate task for which she should not be afraid to give a due measure of praise after it is done. Always be careful to see that the child is not kept to long at one task as such a course would be worse than idleness.

It is worthy of note that the work given to a child has a great influence in molding the mind and taste. A child kept always at knitting stockings or cutting carpet rags will be very practical, perhaps too much so. A wise mother will have a variety of work, both useful and ornamental. Some parents think it useless to teach boys to sew or knit. It is not, however, for there are many times in a boy's life when such knowledge may be useful. I have often observed that many college boys could mend their own clothes while they were quite well up in their classes. I think the subjects should be thoughtfully considered by parents, seeing to it that time should never hang on their children's hands for want of something to do.—*American Agriculturist.*

What the Tobacco Money Came To.

There was once a lad of twelve who learned to chew tobacco. He had a terrible time of it at first. All the old tobacco chewers can tell you how deadly sick it made them. But he determined to conquer. Others had and he could, too. What a pity he did not put out the same energy and resolutions on some noble, and manly purpose—something that God would look down upon with his blessing. Well, he did persevere so well that he learned to enjoy what at first was so nauseating. Then he quickly learned to smoke, and as he was a boy who did nothing by halves, he had a cigar in his mouth most of his waking hours. He grew up to be a young man, and was hopefully converted, uniting with a church in New York. Then his eyes began to be opened on the subject of chewing tobacco, which was certainly opposed to the command, "Let all things be done decently and in order." He saw and felt this, and with a mighty effort he tore himself from the degrading habit. His cigar he still clung to, until one day a dear Christian brother said to him very seriously:

"Brother H—, it does not look well to see a member of the church smoking."

There was a power in the young man's words, and he tossed the cigar into the gutter. He made a resolution which he prayed God to help him keep. Thirty-five years have passed and the vow has not been broken.

Now he began to see what a sum he had wasted on this sinful indulgence. So every week he laid aside the same amount for the savings-bank, and as he had enough for himself and family without it, he allowed the principal and interest to remain untouched. Some years rolled on, and his little children were growing up in the pent-up walls of their city home; but they

were not contented there. Every year they paid a visit to grandfather's cheery farm house, tumbling about in the green grass and picking rich fruits from the orchard. O how they longed for such a home! And when father came home from his voyages they would climb about his knee and beg him to get them such a home in the country. These frequent appeals set father a thinking and looking about him. By and by the very place to suit was offered for sale. A snug little homestead, surrounded by shade and fruit trees, two acres of fine land attached to it, a beautiful view of Long Island Sound, the school and church within walking distance, and all to be had for \$6,500. The cigar-money in the savings-bank was counted over, and was found sufficient. The place was theirs, and the happy mother and little ones took possession with the shortest possible delay. And all this would have blown away in smoke had not the husband and father, years before, turned right-about face and given up his tobacco.—*Selected.*

The Age to Marry.

We do not advise girls to put off marriage until they are three hundred and eighty years of age, which was, I believe, the age of the daughter of Enoch, when she entered the state of holy matrimony; but we think they do not consult their best interest when they allow thoughts of love and marriage to occupy their minds in their salad days, when they are green in judgment. This precociousness works mischief in many ways. It prevents the enjoyment of happy years of maidenhood, when the mind and heart are free to expand under healthful influences; it prevents elevating and improving study; it occupies the mind with fancies, desires, and castle building, which are not only futile but injurious; it predisposes for sensible views of life; it tends to the formation of a shallow and frivolous character; and it not unfrequently leads to foolish entanglements and hasty attachments, which cause much anxiety and distress. Sometimes it leads to marriage before either husband or wife know what they are doing, and before the girl is fit either physically, mentally, or domestically for the cares of married life.—*From "The Five Talents of Woman," published by the Scribners.*

Keep Still.

We find in one of Dr. Burton's Yale lectures the following advice given to young ministers:

Keep still. When trouble is brewing, keep still. When slander is getting on its legs, keep still. When your feelings are hurt, keep still, till you recover from your excitement at any rate. Things look different through an unagitated eye. In a commotion once I wrote a letter, and sent it, and I wished I had not. In my later years I had an other commotion and wrote a long letter; but life had rubbed a little sense into me, and I kept that letter in my pocket against the day that I could look it over without agitation and without tears. I was glad I did. Less and less it seemed necessary to send it. I was not sure it would do any hurt, but in my doubtfulness I leaned to reticence, and eventually it was destroyed. Time works wonders. Wait till you can speak calmly, and then you need not speak, may be. Silence is the most massive thing conceivable sometimes. In its very grandeur is strength. It is like a regiment ordered to stand still in the mid-fury of battle. To plunge in were twice as easy. The tongue has unsettled more ministers than small salaries ever did, or lack of ability.

Finish What You Begin.

My old great-grandmother Knox had a way of making her children finish their work. If they began a thing they had to complete it. If they undertook to build a cob-house, they must not leave it till it was done; and nothing of the work or play to which they set their hands would she allow them to abandon incomplete. I sometimes wish I had been trained in this way. How much of life is wasted in unfinished work! Many a man uses up his time in splendid beginnings. The labor devoted to commence ten things and leave them useless would finish five of them and make them profitable and useful. Finish your work. Life is brief; time is short. Stop beginning forty things, and go back and finish four.—*Christian Observer.*

A distinguished author says, "I resolved when I was a child never to use a word which I could not pronounce before my mother." He kept his resolution, and became a pure minded, noble, honoured gentleman. His rule and example are worthy of imitation.

Girls First.

The best husbands I ever met came out of a family where the mother, a most heroic and self-denying woman, laid down the absolute law, "Girls first," not in any authority, but first to be thought of as to protection and tenderness. Consequently, the chivalrous care which these lads were taught to show their own sisters naturally extended itself to all women. They grew up true gentlemen—gentlemen, generous, unexacting, courteous of speech and kind of heart. In them was the protecting strength of manhood, which scorned to use its strength except for protection; the proud honesty of manhood which infinitely prefers being lovingly and openly resisted to being "twisted round one's finger," as men are twisted, and mean women will always be found ready to do it, but, which, I think, all honest man and brave women would not merely dislike, but utterly despise.—*Miss Muloch.*

True Words.

Abraham Lincoln, himself born a laborer, a true friend of all who work with their hands, at the most critical time in the history of the United States said: "No, there is no such relation between capital and labor as assumed, nor is there any such thing as a free man being fixed for life in the condition of a hired laborer. Both these assumptions are false, and all inferences from them are groundless. Many independent men everywhere in these States a few years back in their lives were hired laborers. The prudent peniless beginner in the world labors for wages awhile, saves a surplus with which to buy tools or land for himself, then labors on his own account another while, and at length hires another new beginner to help him. This is the just and generous and prosperous system which opens the way to all, gives hope to all, and consequent energy and progress and improvement of condition to all."

Proverbs.

A white glove often conceals a dirty hand. The remedy for injuries is not to remember them. Be a friend to yourself, and others will. Go into the country to hear the news of the town. Be not a baker, if your head is made of butter. Call me cousin, but cozine me not. Faint praise is disparagement. Ask thy purse what thou shouldst buy. Zeal without knowledge is like fire without light. Youth and white paper soon take an impression. Vows made in storm are forgotten incantations. The church is out of temper, when charity is cold and zeal is hot. The sting of reproach is the truth of it. Envy shoots at others and wounds herself. A goose-quill is more dangerous than a lion's claw. Beware of a silent dog and a wet rat.

Comfort in a Cloud.

A friend of mine told me of a visit he had paid to a poor woman, overwhelmed with trouble, in her little room; but she always seemed cheerful. She knew the Rock. Why, said he, Mary, you must have very dark days; they must overcome you with clouds sometimes. Yes, said she, but then I often find there's comfort in a cloud. Comfort in a cloud! Yes, she said, when I am very low and dark I go to the window, and if I see a heavy cloud, I think of those precious words, A cloud received Him out of their sight; and I look up and sure enough, and then I think—well, that may be the cloud that hides him, and so you see there is comfort in a cloud.

God's Business Stands First.

Your business—you cannot neglect that. Call to mind the story of the rich English merchant to whom Elizabeth gave some commission of importance, and he murmured to undertake it, saying: "Please your majesty, if I obey your behest, what will become of these affairs of mine?" And his monarch answered: "Leave those things to me; when you are employed in my service, I will take charge of your business." So will it be with you. Do but surrender yourself to Christ, and he, of his own free will, takes in hand all your affairs.—*Spurgeon.*

Love Lightens Labour.

One morning I found little Dora busy at the ironing table, smoothing the towels and stockings. "Isn't it hard work for the little arms?" I asked. A look of sunshine came into her face as she glanced toward her mother, who was rocking the baby.

"It isn't work when I do it for mother," she said, softly. How true it is that love makes labor sweet. So if we love the blessed Saviour, we shall not find it hard to work for Him. It is love that makes His yoke easy and His burden light.

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