

## Joe's Way.

The boys were waiting in the road for Joe to come and play. "We'd like to know what keeps you so," impatiently cried they. "We've waited nearly half an hour; do hurry Joe," they cried. "I'll be there—when my work is done; not till then," he replied.

"Come on, come on; the work can wait," they urged, "it'll be by-and-by." "It might, of course, but I don't think it will," was his reply. "When I've a task to do, I like to do it right away; work first, my father says, then fun; and what he says, I say."

Hurray for Joe! Such talk as that is what I like to hear; but many boys will not agree with Joe and me, I fear. Play first, and then, and all the time, would suit most boys, I know; but that, I'm very glad to say, is not the way with Joe.

When you've a task to do, my boys, don't put it off, and say, "You'll do it when you've had your fun," but do it right away. This "putting off" soon forms, my lads, a habit to deplore; who promptly does his work enjoys his pleasure all the more!

—Golden Days.

## How Can I be a Scholar!

Joseph sat down to study his arithmetic lesson. It was a hard lesson, and he knew it was. He wrote the figures of the first example on his slate, and then—drew a ship. That was not studying, was it? He rubbed the ship out and read the example. "Don't know what to do first," muttered Joseph. With that he put his hand in his pocket, took his knife and a small piece of willow, and began making a whistle. This was not studying, was it? The operation did not throw any light at all upon his lesson. Perhaps Joseph thought so, for before the whistle was finished he put it back in his pocket, took up his pencil and read over the example again. Joseph rubbed his head. "Oh, this is awful hard," he said. "I can't do it I know." But how is a boy to know until he tries?

What should a small fly do at that moment but come that way and light on Joseph's hand. He watched it comb its head, and away it flew; yes, away went Joseph after it. That was not studying, was it? Do you suppose an arithmetic lesson, or indeed any lesson, could ever be learned in that way? And yet some boys study so. They attend to everything else but their lesson. How do we find them rank in their classes? Joseph was at the foot of his, and rarely got any higher. He came home from school one day quite wretched. "Mother," said he, "arithmetic does nothing but bother me. I hate it. I don't believe there is anything in it. It is just as dark to my mind as the first day I studied it. Can't I give it up, mother?"

"Arithmetic knows a great deal, and will willingly tell you all it knows upon one condition," said the mother. "I am at the foot of the class, and always shall be," continued Joseph.

"Of course," said his mother, "for you can be whatever you like." "I can be whatever I like!" he cried. "Can I make myself?"

"Yes," said his mother, "it rests with you to be a scholar or a dunce." "How can I be a scholar?" he asked.

There is just one condition, Joseph, one price to pay, one road to take, and that is, paying attention," said his mother. Paying attention seems to be a very simple thing, but it is a great secret of success in any undertaking. It makes a good scholar and a good boy. It makes a faithful servant and an able general. There can be no usefulness or excellence without it. In all your studies, boys, remember it is paying attention and nothing else, that conquers a hard lesson, and makes study a delight.—Child's Paper.

## A Code of Manners for Boys.

The following from the *Christian Intelligencer* is an excellent epitome of boys' etiquette. Until a boy reaches the age of propriety when he sits up late and rises early to read manuals of social customs, this will help him to solve most of his puzzles:

In the street.—Hat lifted when saying "Good-bye," or "How do you do?" Also when offering a lady a seat, or acknowledging a favour.

Keep step with any one you walk with. Always precede a lady upstairs, but ask if you shall precede her in going through a crowd or public place.

At the street door.—Hat off the moment you step into a private hall or office.

Let a lady pass first always, unless she asks you to precede her.

In the parlour.—Stand till every lady in the room, also older people, are seated.

Rise if a lady enters the room after you are seated, and stand till she takes a seat.

Look people straight in the face when they are speaking to you. Let ladies pass through a door first, standing aside for them.

In the dining room.—Take your seat after ladies and elders.

Never play with your knife, ring or spoon.

Do not take your napkin up in a bunch in your hands.

Eat as fast or as slow as others, and finish the course when they do.

Do not ask to be excused before the others, unless the reason is imperative.

Rise when the ladies leave the room, and stand till they are out.

If all go together, the gentlemen stand by the door till the ladies pass.

## Lucy's New Shoes.

One day Lucy's papa brought her home a pair of beautiful new shoes, with patent leather tips that shone so brightly Lucy could almost see her face in them.

Lucy was very proud of them. She put them on and tip-toed all around the room. While she was admiring them in this way, her mamma said, "Lucy, if you go out to play put on your old shoes."

"Yes'm," replied Lucy, and she really meant to; but her brother Harry called her to come to the brook with him to sail his boat. She forgot about her shoes till something dreadful happened!

When they reached the brook Harry wanted to cross to the other side, where it was shady. He found some stones, which he placed in the water for Lucy and him to step on. Harry skipped over, and Lucy was following, when slip went one of the stones, and splash went Lucy into the water.

"O Harry, I've ruined my new shoes!" And coming out of the water, she sat upon the bank and cried.

"It's all my fault," said Harry; "I ought to have helped you across."

"No, it's my fault," said Lucy; "I ought to have remembered what mamma told me."

Lucy went to the house and told her mamma her trouble. Her mamma didn't scold her, but she said, "I'm very sorry my little girl's memory is so poor. She has spoiled her new shoes in consequence. But I'm glad she has come straight to mamma with her trouble. Now, it's no use to cry over what is done; your crying won't make your shoes new again. Put on your old ones and go back to Harry and sail your boat."

Lucy put her arms around her mamma's neck, and said, "You're the dearest mamma in the world!" And I think she was very sweet.

## Don't Skip the Hard Names when You Read.

Eddy was a fairly bright scholar. He could read very well for a boy of his age. He liked to read stories about birds and beasts. But he had one fault. One day his mamma talked to him about it. He would read very fast till he came to a hard word. Then he would stop, and if he could not tell at once what it was, he would skip it and go on.

"Don't skip the hard words, Eddy," said his mamma.

"Why, mamma, I don't like the hard words. I am in such a hurry to go on that I can't stop to spell them."

"That will not do, my boy," she said. "You will never be a good reader if you do not stop and spell the long words. You will never be good at anything if you do not do the hard things which come to you. When you are at work do not skip the hard things. God expects all his children to do faithfully the duty which comes to them. A boy who bravely tries to overcome hard things is a hero."

"A hero, mamma?" said Eddy, laughing. "Why, I thought a hero was a man who went to war and was a brave soldier."

"You can be a hero, dear, while you are a little boy. A hero is any one who does his best, even in such little things as spelling the hard words. You are not too young to be a true soldier of the Prince of Peace."—Selected.

## "Make it Look Like One."

Ned had a watch, a very good one, though a little old-fashioned. There was one thing about it which displeased him; it was a key-winder, and all the rest of the boys carried stem-winders.

"Why, Ned," said father, "every jeweller says key-winders are the most reliable and durable. Besides, there is no such solid gold in any watch-cases in your school."

But Ned insisted, and father consented for him to take it to a jeweller and have a stem-winding attachment put in. He came in with a doubtful look on his face.

"Father, Mr. Smith says he can't change the watch to a stem-winder, but he can make it just like one."

"And you told him no?"

"I—I—"

"Want your watch to lie? Want it to seem what it is not? No, no, my son, never seem what you are not, nor have your watch or anything else seem to be anything than what it really is. Be right, then do right.—Little Folks.

## Full of Thought.

Full of thought and suggestion is the remark made to me the other day by a dressmaker of wide experience:

"I have had many school-girls among my customers, but I never yet fitted one who was not more or less deformed."

To my questions, if she meant that the girls were really deformed, and if so to what she attributed the fact, she replied:

"Yes, deformed, by that I mean one shoulder or hip higher than the other, or the shoulders rounded and the chest correspondingly contracted, and I believe it is caused by the careless manner of sitting while at study and the habit of carrying to and from school heavy books always on one arm. I knew one girl whose left under arm measure was considerably less than the right, owing to this habit, who, after her attention was called to the fact carried her books on the right arm and after awhile brought herself into proper shape."

Growing girls should be watched and constantly urged to carry themselves in an erect position when walking, and to bear the weight equally upon both feet when standing. In after years our daughters will blame us, if we neglect them in this respect.—Housewife.

## Home Hints.

To clean carpets go over them once a week with a broom dipped in hot water, to which a little turpentine has been added. Wring a cloth in the hot water and wipe under pieces of furniture too heavy to be removed.

For dryness of skin vary your food as much as possible, and have fish and fowl rather than more solid meats. Take fruit and vegetables freely, and out-door exercise. Have a bath frequently. Cooling medicine, such as salts, will help to stop the heat.

Be very particular about disinfecting the kitchen sink. Washing soda, two tablespoonfuls to a gallon of boiling water, makes an excellent wash to pour hot into the sink at night after you have finished using it.

Linen garments which have become yellow from time may be whitened by being boiled in a lather made of milk and pure white soap, a pound of the latter to a gallon of the former. After the boiling process the linen should be twice rinsed, a little blue being added to the water last used.

In ironing use holders for the flat irons that are never used for any other purpose. Have the iron sheet scrupulously clean. Keep the bosom board when not in use carefully covered. Have a bit of wax in the basket where the holders and wiping cloths for the iron are kept. A little wax rubbed on brown paper after a hot iron has passed over it will make a rough iron smooth and keep it from sticking. Do not forget in cold starching to use a teaspoonful of borax to a pint of water when making the starch.

The face should not be washed with soap. A little ammonia added to the water will do the work better and leave the skin purer and less glossy. Pat the face dry. As much as possible keep the hands away from the face. Wear a veil in all windy weathers, also when going long distances through the hot sun, as the reflection of the sun from the path burns almost as badly as its direct rays.

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## The Mystery Solved.

(No. 13.)

No. 78.—1. Deut. 3:11.

2. Judges 9:4.

3. Job 6:30.

4. Judges 9:5.

5. 2 Chron. 24:15.

6. Jer. 6:30.

No. 79.—1. Afghanistan. 2. Abyssinia.

3. Manchuria.

No. 80.—1. "Judge not that ye be not judged."

2. "Open rebuke is better than secret love."

No. 81.—"Never man spake like this man."

No. 82.—Etam, tame, mate.

No. 83.—Cot, towel, ten.

No. 84.—FLAGON

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The Mystery—No. 16.

No. 101.—BIBLE QUESTIONS.

(BY —, Carleton, N. S.)

1. Who arose from his bed and walked upon the roof of the king's house?

2.—Whom did the king of Babylon roast in the fire?

3. Where are the words, "He will take the tenth of your sheep?"

No. 102.—DIAMOND PUZZLE.

(BY "APPLEBLOSSOM," Carleton, N. S.)

1. A consonant. 2. A nickname.

3. The Rock City. 4. A should endeavour to be. 5. An entertainment.

6. An insect. 7. A letter.

No. 103.—CROSS-WORD ENIGMA.

(BY "VAN," Lower Prince William.)

In cat, but not in dog;

In dew, but not in fog;

In rat, but not in mouse;

In tent, but not in house;

In gun, but not in arrow;

In plow, but not in harrow;

In run, but not in walk;

In hum, but not in talk;

In short, but not in call;

My whole was an orator in the time of Paul.

No. 104.—SCRIPTURE ACROSTIC.

(BY "A FRIEND," Carleton, N. S.)

1. What men with care preserved the bones of Saul?

2. Who was with blindness justly smote by Paul?

3. For whom did Satan long and Jesus pray?

4. Whom did the Lord at Perezuzza slay?

5. What King desired to see a friend long dead?

6. Where by a miracle were thousands fed?

7. What priest upon a mountain top was drest?

8. What heathen king was by a Hebrew drest?

7. Who was advised a medicine to use,

That which, alas! so many now abuse?

From place or person the initial take,

Two sweetly soothing words you find them make.

They tell a tale of sympathizing love,

Which truly should our best affections move.

No. 105.—PUZZLE.

(BY B. V. C., Highland Village, N. S.)

Formed long ago, but made to-day;

I'm most employed while others sleep;

What none would like to give away,

Yet no one likes to keep.

No. 106.—DROP-LETTERS. (Bible Names.)

(BY B. E. B., Sussex.)

1. Z-r-h-b-l. 2. A-h-z-r-t.

3. M-m-i-a-a-m-s. 4. Z-p-n-t-p-a-e-h.

5. Z-m-u-m-m.

No. 107.—SQUARE WORD.

(BY "PHILOMATH," Queens.)

A fish; a lake in Europe; a covering; to hoot.

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E. A. GRISWOLD, Port La Tour, N. S., solves all of No. 11, except puzzle 66.

CARRIE WADE, Cross Creek, has our thanks for the five excellent puzzles.

ETHEL J. KERR, Williamsburg, will also accept our sincere thanks for the nice batch of puzzles.

MABEL I. GILMORE, Williamsburg, another frequent and welcome visitor, will also receive our hearty thanks for the excellent puzzles.

The result of the Prize Competition will be announced next issue. If our friends will earnestly take hold we will open a new contest ere long. Look out for it.

Apple Tapioca Pudding.—One large cupful of tapioca, three pints of water, one cupful of sugar, one teaspoonful of salt, one teaspoonful of essence of lemon, three pints of pared and quartered apples. Wash the tapioca and soak over night in three pints of cold water (three hours will do if there is no more time). Put the tapioca in the double boiler and cook until it looks clear. It will take from twenty to thirty minutes. When cooked enough, add the sugar, salt and lemon, and then the apples. Turn into a buttered dish and bake an hour and a quarter. Let it stand in a cool room half an hour before serving. Serve with sugar and cream.

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