

## DO IT.

Know what you've got to do first, and then do it.  
What you do, do at once—you will never rue it.  
Let duty direct you, and never pooh-pooh it.  
If your horse has a loose shoe, why let the smith shoe it.  
If your chair back is broken, get the glue pot and glue it.  
What you do, do at once—you never will rue it.  
If your lesson is hard, work hard and get through it.  
If your seam is ill sewn, get a pin and undo it.  
What you do, do at once—you never will rue it.  
If your burden is heavy then bend your back to it.  
It won't grow the lighter because you eschew it.  
What you do, do at once—you never will rue it.

## Margie's Charm.

"What is it that makes everybody love Margie Fitch so?" said Jennie Howard, half petulantly, as she turned away from the window after having seen the elegant Mrs. Dayton, with her little daughter by her side, gracefully rein in her horse, take Margie in her handsome carriage, and dash off again down street. "She isn't pretty nor stylish. Now what is it, do you suppose?"

"I think I know the charm. Perhaps you would better set yourself the task this week to discover it," answered her mother, busily putting the sitting-room to rights.

The next day at school Jennie followed her like a detective. The first thing she noticed was Margie's kindness to Alice Ross, a shy new scholar, who stood quite alone, looking wistfully at the others at their gay sports. Margie went over and made her acquaintance, and after a little urging the girl joined the merry group and was soon running like a deer and laughing with the rest.

When school was called, Margie laid a rose on the teacher's desk as she passed, and smiled a cheery "Good morning," and received an appreciative smile in return.

About an hour later, while busily studying, a smothered sob caught her ear. Looking about, she saw the new scholar sitting with head bent forward regarding her slate with a hopeless expression. Up went Margie's hand for permission to leave her seat, which was granted, as were like requests, for they were rare, and the teacher knew they were never of a trifling nature.

"What is the matter, Alice?" asked Margie sitting down beside her.

"I can't do one of these examples," she replied dashing away a tear.

Margie took the slate, read over an example, and soon had it down correctly. With a little help at the right place, the others were conquered, and the girl lifted a grateful face to hers as she thanked her.

On their way home, a troop of girls were working off their animal spirits in a wild game of tag. Margie in whirling suddenly came in collision with a gentleman, knocking his cane from his hand.

"Oh, I beg your pardon, sir," said Margie, covered with confusion as she returned the cane to him. "I'm afraid I have hurt you, sir," and she looked up with frank solicitude in her eyes.

"Not at all, my dear," he responded heartily, pleased by her courteous manner. "Go on with your play and be happy. I am proud to doff my hat to so polite a young lady," which he did with a stately bow, and passed on.

"How did you dare? I should have been too much frightened to have said a thing," exclaimed one of the girls.

"So should I," chorused the others. There was a social in the church parlors that week. Jennie still hovered near Margie, learning a sweet lesson every day from her. As they sat turning the leaves of a hymn book, finding their favorite songs, a lady paused to speak to them. Margie instantly arose and proffered her chair, which was accepted with a pleased smile after Margie had insisted upon it.

The two girls started for the other room where the young people were preparing for games. Just then Margie espied a solitary figure sitting in a corner. This was the deacon's wife, who was somewhat deaf. After a handshake and a sentence through the ear-trumpet people usually left her to herself, as the majority of people mumble or speak too rapidly to be readily understood through the trumpet.

Margie crossed the room to her and taking the trumpet in her hand, being careful to articulate so as not to make her affliction more conspicuous, she sat and chatted half an hour away, amusing the dear old lady by repeating the pleasanties and jokes that were flying from lip to lip of those around them.

"You have been a great comfort to me, my bonnie lass," said the old

lady, patting the hand that held the trumpet. "Now go and play with the rest. I thank you, my dear, for your thoughtfulness to an old woman like me." And Margie went away quite happy. As soon as she appeared several voices exclaimed,—

"Oh, here comes Margie Fitch! Let her be Ruth. Come Margie and be blindfolded."

Margie laughingly submitted, and a moment later was giving "Jacob" a lively chase around the ring. She always put her whole heart into everything she did.

"I think I have found out Margie's charm," said Jennie to her mother the next morning. "It is because she is so good to everybody."

"Yes, that is it," answered her mother.

"She is thoughtful, kind, polite and obliging. I think she must carry the Golden Rule very near to her heart."—CAROLINE MOSHER, in *Advocate*.

## The Road To Fame.

"I can't do it. I haven't time enough."

"Yes, you have."

"I don't see how you make that out," replied the first speaker, who was discussing with a friend the advisability of taking up a certain course of scientific reading. "I work at my desk in the office from nine o'clock to six every day except Sunday, and I must take recreation in the evening."

"I'll prove to you that you can."

You get up at 6 o'clock, say, have breakfast at 7, and finish at 7.30. That gives you an hour to study before going to work. You have an hour for your luncheon, and then you manage to spend another hour every afternoon over your pipe and newspaper, don't you?"

"Yes."

"With less time than that Garfield became a classical scholar, Gladstone became one of the most widely-read men in the world, Disraeli made himself a famous author, and Edwin Arnold wrote his 'Light of Asia.'"

"Yes, but they were men of genius."

"True; the genius of hard work. I will cite another case of which I have personal knowledge. Some years ago I knew a bright young man named Leslie Sulgrove. He was a post-office clerk in Indianapolis, Ind. He was one of the most accomplished men I ever saw. He devoted his three hours of leisure every day to various pursuits. He divided them with unvarying method. This is what he did in five years: He had read and committed to memory all of Shakespeare's plays. He could read Latin, Greek and French fluently. He was an expert flute player. In addition to this he was proficient in every line of fencing and marksmanship, and although he did not weigh more than one hundred and thirty pounds he could strike a ninety-pound blow with his fist. He simply in turn devoted half an hour a day to each subject. He kept this up unremittently for five years, and finally attained such a degree of proficiency in each that he might almost have been called a master. The secret of his success was hard work. He wasted no time. It is true that he might have devoted his time to more profitable studies, and had he done so he might have made a great name for himself. I only instance his case to show you that you almost every man of your acquaintance wastes enough time every day to make him great, had he devoted it to its proper uses."—*Mail and Express*.

## The Proper Use of Money.

Some boys and girls spend every cent on candy, toys or trifles; others save every cent. Neither of these methods is to be commended. It is equally wrong to squander or hoard.

Money should be expended to advantage. That involves prudence in earning, saving, spending.

A prudent boy will buy nothing that he does not need. He will buy the best for his money. He will learn to "shop"—as the girls do—that is, look around until he is certain that some other article will not suit him better.

Perhaps the greatest check on reckless or foolish expenditure is a day-book. How many boys know what that is, or have used one?

A bright boy has for three years kept a day-book, in which he entered every cent that passed through his hands. All money that he receives from any source, is entered in the credit column. All money expended is set down in the debit column. Every week the book is balanced.

It requires about ten minutes each day to set down the daily expenditures, and fifteen minutes at the end of the week to balance the book.

This book shows "where his money has gone." It also checks foolish expenditure.

When he foots up his "debts" at

night, he will be ashamed to enter "candy" or "cigarettes" three or four times. The next day he will think of his day-book and refrain.

You can save money by keeping a day-book. The items surprise and instruct you. It does not make you stingy or mean. It gives you more money to spend on necessities. It inculcates business habits that may be of value.

To the girls these remarks equally apply. They spend many a dollar foolishly, which they could save by keeping a day-book.—*Golden Days*.

## Girls as Pack Horses.

No sooner are the Swiss girls large enough to possess the requisite physical strength than they are set to the most servile work the land affords, says a traveller. The child has a panier basket fitted to her shoulders at the earliest possible moment, and she drops it only when old age, premature, but merciful, robs her of power to carry it longer. I have seen sweet little girls of twelve or fourteen staggering down a mountain side or along a rough pathway under the weight of bundles of fagots as large as their bodies, which they no sooner dropped than they hurried back for others. I have seen girls of fifteen years, barefooted and bareheaded, in the blistering rays of an August sun, breaking up the ground by springing mattocks heavy enough to tax the strength of an able-bodied man. I have known a young miss no older than these to be employed as a porter for carrying the baggage of travellers up and down the steepest mountain path in all the region round about. She admitted that it was sometimes very hard to take another step, but she must do it. And she carried such an amount of baggage! A stout-limbed guide is protected by the law, so that he cannot be compelled to carry above twenty-five pounds; but the limit to the burden put upon girls is their inability to stand up under anything more. But the burden increases with the age and strength of the burden-bearers till by the time the girls come to womanhood there is no sort of menial toil in which they do not bear a hand, and quite commonly the chief hand.—*Transcript*.

## What Smoking Does for Boys.

A medical man, struck with the large number of boys under fifteen years of age whom he observed smoking, was led to inquire into the effect the habit had upon the general health. He took for his purpose thirty-eight, aged from nine to fifteen, and carefully examined them. In twenty-seven he discovered injurious traces of the habit. In twenty-two there were various disorders of the circulation and digestion, palpitation of the heart, and more or less taste for strong drink. In twelve there were frequent bleeding of the nose, ten had disturbed sleep, and twelve had slight ulceration of the mucous membrane of the mouth, which disappeared on ceasing the use of tobacco for some days. The doctor treated them all for weakness, but with little effect until the smoking was discontinued, when health and strength were restored.—*British Medical Monthly*.

## Home Hints.

Carelessness in measuring and preparing a dish is often the cause of failure. When a receipt is found good, it should be followed exactly.

It is not only an economy for homemakers to keep an account book, but it is a great satisfaction to know, from year to year, exactly what has been expended.

The excellence of baked potatoes depends upon eating as soon as they are done, and not before. They are worthless till cooked, and dry rapidly as soon as baked through.

What is more disagreeable to use than a rusty flat-iron? Rub them with fine emery dust and sweet oil. If you cannot make them smooth, send them to a factory and have them ground.

If the stove is cracked, a good cement is made for it as follows: Wood ashes and salt in equal proportions, reduced to a paste with cold water, and filled in the cracks when the stove is cool. It will soon harden.

Save stale pieces of bread, and when an easy day comes, dry them thoroughly in an open oven, and with a rolling-pin crush as fine as dust. These, then, will always be at hand for preparing oysters, outlets, croquettes, etc.

BE TRUE.—A teacher said the other day, "Henry Stover is the only boy in school I can trust when my back is turned."

Wasn't that a good word for Henry?

A mother said once, "I can leave any letter I write open on my desk, and if I am called away, no matter how long, I am certain Nellie will never try to read a word of it."

These things couldn't be said of

every boy and girl. These children are honest. They do right, not only when others are looking at them, but always remembering that God's eye is upon them. They do right because it is right.

This is what we should all and always do—live as in God's presence, and do what will please him.—*Sci.*

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PUZZLERS' PASTIME.

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No. 183.—"Let not your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in me."

No. 184.—H  
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No. 185.—Kettle.

No. 186.—P A R A N A  
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B A W L E R  
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R E S P I T

No. 187.—Psalms 1:6.

[The Mystery—No. 35.]

SEND ALONG THE PUZZLES, PLEASE.

No. 196.—TRANSPOSITION.

(BY CARRIE WADE, *Cross Creek*.)

"Hout nokwset het mandemotems :  
od ton moemti dauyrl, od ton likl, od  
ton least, od ont reab laef newtias,  
fraedud not, nouhor hty therfa nda  
thermo."

No. 197.—CROSS-WORD ENIGMA.

(BY "PHILOMATH," *Queens*.)

In life, not in death;  
In man, "boy";  
In mother, "sire";  
In good, "evil";  
In rich, "poor";  
In heat, "fire";  
In gay, "fine";  
In laugh, "cry";  
Whole, what a part of man is.

No. 198.—DROP VOWEL.

(BY CARRIE WADE, *Cross Creek*.)

"B . . k n d l . f f c t n d n .  
t n t h r ."

No. 199.—DOUBLE ACROSTIC.

(BY "PHILOMATH," *Queens*.)

[N. B.—Words of six letters.]

An English town; a sea in Europe;  
fat; a critique; a town in U. S. Amer.;  
an island in Med. Sea; a town in Ger-  
many; to rip; isles north of Sicily;  
one of the U. S. America; a town in  
France; an English water; a cloak; a  
town in India.

Primais, name a town in Asia;  
finals, a town in British America.

No. 200.—DIAMOND PUZZLES.

(BY CARRIE WADE, *Cross Creek*.)

1. A letter; part; a boy's name; a  
useful article; a letter.  
2. A vowel; to strike; a man's name;  
a part; a letter.  
3. A letter; a useful article; a sleep;  
a letter.

No. 201.—HALF SQUARES.

(BY "PHILOMATH," *Queens*.)

1. A plant; embassies; oval; viols;  
Grecian city; a name; moves quickly;  
one; new style; vowel.  
2. Sorrow; strong; eramines; isles  
in "Great Sea;" on maize; goddesses  
of strife; name found in Acts; half of  
hock; let er.

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