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Courage to Do Right.

Have courage to do right.
No courage is like this;
It proves a sword of might
A goodly shield it is;
The hosts of sin it helps to slay.
Have courage, child, be brave to-day.

Have courage to do right;
My boy, the world's for you;
Treat not my counsel light,
Twill help to bear you through;
Twill help to keep old Satan down,
Twill help you win the victor's crown.

Have courage to do right;
My girl, the world's for you.
Now while the morn is bright,
Now in your youth's first dew;
Be brave to-day, be brave and strong
Against all the host of sin and wrong.

Have courage to do right,
Though fierce and strong the foe;
The Lord of grace and might
Will help you lay him low.
Deem not my counsel vain or light
Have courage, children, to do right.

ANNA D. WALKER.

Game Won and Peace Lost

A little boy, about six years old, was in general a very good child, and behaved well. He dearly loved his mother, and attended to almost everything she said to him. But even good children and good people may sometimes do wrong, and this little boy did too. One afternoon, after he had been at play, he looked very dull and sorrowful. He was asked if he was ill? He said he was not; but he talked very little, and he often sighed. His mother thought something was the matter with him, but she did not say much to him about it. At night he took leave of his dear mother and went to bed. About an hour after he had been in bed, the maid went to her mistress, and told her that she was very uneasy about the little boy, for he was very restless; she had heard him often sob; and he wished his mother to come to him, as he could not go to sleep till he had told his mother something that had made him unhappy. The kind mother went to him; and when she came to his bedside, he put his little arm around her neck, burst into tears, and said to her, "Dear mamma, forgive me! I have been such a naughty boy to-day. I have told a lie, and I have hid it from you. I was playing at marbles with my cousins—I won the game through a mistake, which they did not find out; and I was so much pleased at being conqueror that I did not tell them of the mistake. I have been very unhappy ever since; and I am afraid to go to sleep, lest that heavenly Father whom you so often tell me of should be angry with me. You say he knows and sees everything. What shall I do that he may forgive me?" "My child," said the mother, "God is ever ready to forgive those who believe in Christ, who are truly sorry for their faults, and who resolve to amend. We cannot hide anything from him. He knows when we do wrong, and when we desire to do what is right. He hears our prayers, and he will teach us what we should do. Pray to him to forgive your fault, and try never to commit the like again, lest you should offend him more by the second offence than by the first."

The little boy thought seriously on the advice which his mother gave him, and prayed to Almighty God to forgive him, and to grant him his grace to do better in future. He then fell asleep, and arose next morning happy and cheerful.—*Christian Commonweal.*

Treading Water.

The easiest position that a man, a woman, or a child can assume in water is to float perpendicularly. Any person, without any previous practice, can tread water, and so keep afloat for a long time. He should keep his hands below the surface of the water, his lungs inflated, and his feet moving up and down as in walking. Let the "man overboard" throw his hands and arms out of the water, let him raise an outcry whereby the air is expelled from the lungs, and he will sink to the bottom. The trouble is that nine people out of ten lose their presence of mind when they are in water out of their depth for the first time. If, instead of struggling and floundering about, they would do a little walking, there would not be the slightest danger of drowning right away. Any one can tread water in the first attempt. No preliminary teaching is necessary. Treading water is simply walking into the water out of one's depth, with or without the aid of one's hands. The operation is not unlike running up stairs, and, if anything, easier. Truly, any man, any woman, any child, who can walk up stairs can walk in the water, and, remember, on the first attempt, without any previous instruction or practice. Hence I say that persons really ignorant of the art of swimming are perfectly safe in water out of their depth;

Very often you hear people exclaim: "Ugh! if this boat were to upset, I'd drown, of course. I can't swim you know."

Yes, but you can tread water. Most of us attach a wrong significance to the word "swim." Why should we mean one thing when a man swims, and another or different thing when a dog swims? The dog cannot "swim" as a man swims, but any man can swim "dog fashion" instantly and for the first time. The animal has no advantage in any way in water over man, and yet the man drowns while the animal "swims." The dog, horse, cow, and even the cat all take to the water, and are able to walk as they do when out of water. Throw a dog into the water and at once he begins to walk, just as he does on dry land. Why should a man, woman or child act differently under like circumstances?

It seems strange that people have to be told to do what the animals do instinctively and instantly. Man's ignorance of so simple a thing as treading water is remarkable; it is without reason or excuse. There is a popular notion afloat that in some way the dog has an advantage over man in water. Nothing could be further from the truth. The advantage lies with man, who is provided with a paddle-formed hand, and knows enough to float when tired—something the animal rarely or never does.

Next to treading water, floating on the back is the easiest thing to do in water. This consists in lying flat on the back, head thrown well back, lungs inflated, the limbs extended but flexible, the arms held close to the ears, the hands over the head. The majority of people able to sustain themselves in the water prefer to float in a horizontal position rather than in a perpendicular manner. Both positions are much better, in fact much safer, than the attitude that we assume in swimming. I have found it so. One day, in a rough surf, I was nearly strangled with a sudden swallow of water, and had I not been able to float the result might have been disastrous.—*Harper's Young People.*

If I Were a Girl.

I would take care of my health by living out-doors as much as possible, and taking long walks in the sunshine. English girls understand how necessary this is for good complexions and cheerful spirits. Wear simple clothing that you may climb mountains and breathe freely.

I would secure the best education. Go to college by all means, if it is possible. Read good books, and thereby become intelligent.

I would cultivate cheerfulness. Discontent soon shows itself in the face. If you have some disappointments, so do others. If you are cramped for money, be thankful that your lot is no worse than it is. Learn to make the best of things. An unhappy woman is a perpetual cloud in a home. A fretful girl has few friends, and the number lessens year by year.

I would say kind things of others, especially of the girls. A girl who makes unkind remarks about other girls would better be avoided by young men. She will not make an agreeable companion for life. I would learn how to be self-supporting. Especially in this country, where fortunes change, it is wise for a woman to be able to care for herself. Helpless women are not a comfort to others, and usually are not to themselves.

I would try to be polite everywhere. True courtesy is more winning than a pretty face or fine dress. Loud talk or loud dress does not betoken the lady. Be appreciative and sympathetic, and you have two keys which will unlock almost all hearts.

I would learn self-control. To know when to speak and when to be silent, to have hateful things said about you and to be able to answer pleasantly, to have people confide in you and be wise enough to keep it locked in your heart, to be in poverty and not be soured by it, to meet temptation and be strong before it, to be strong enough to perform any labor or duty that needs to be done—all this shows a noble mastery over self.

I would be punctual. Being late at meals, late at church, or late in meeting engagements makes unnecessary friction in families. If we are willing to lose valuable time, we have no right to make others lose it.

The golden rule of doing unto others as we would they should do unto us is especially applicable here.—*Mrs. Jennie Miller.*

Raising Rattlesnakes.

As it is usually considered desirable to get rid of such unpleasant neighbors this is an occupation quite out of the common way. An old hunter, accustomed to all kinds of dangers, found that there was money to be made in selling rattlesnake-oil to the druggists;

and, as he had the good fortune to live among mountains where rattlesnakes were plentiful, he concluded to try the experiment of a rattlesnake farm.

Instead of clearing away the rocks from the side of the hill on which he had taken up his abode, he gathered more, until he had made a regular snake grotto, with plenty of snakes in it, and everything that snakes could desire for a residence. Catching the reptiles and introducing them to their new quarters was mere child's play for so experienced a hand, and the queer farm was soon progressing finely.

But as the hunter did not wish to receive calls from his wriggling tenants he took care to build his own dwelling very substantially of stone, and cemented it both inside and out before he stocked the farm. No snake could get in very easily, even had it been disposed to leave the charming quarters so carefully provided for it; and this feeling of security was a great help to the courageous man in managing his colony. Day after day he brought home fresh recruits until the assemblage had reached the respectable number of ten thousand or so; and every year about two thousand are killed for the sake of their oil, which is used in making liniments. It seems strange, indeed, that any healing property should be found in one of the most venomous of reptiles.

Rattlesnakes, like bears, go into winter quarters for a long sleep; and in the autumn they are always in their best and fattest condition. This is the season, therefore, when they yield the most oil, and it is known as "killing-time" on Rattlesnake Farm. The snakes come daily to be fed in a cleared spot, like domestic animals, and are then easily caught with a slip-noose of wire. After being despatched, they are taken to the house, and thrown into a caldron to render out the oil, which is put into heavy bottles, and shipped to wholesale druggists all over the country.—*Harper's Young People.*

Hassan and the Three Young Men.

The wise old Hassan sat in his door, when three young men pressed eagerly by.

'Are ye following after any one, my sons?' he said.
'I follow after Pleasure,' said the eldest.

'And I after Riches,' said the second.
'Pleasure is only to be found with Riches.'

'And you, my little one?' he asked of the third.

'I follow after Duty,' he modestly said.

And each went his way.
The aged Hassan in his journey came upon three men.

'My son,' he said to the eldest, 'methinks thou wert the youth who was following after Pleasure. Didst thou overtake her?'

'No, father,' answered the man.
'Pleasure is but a phantom that flies as one approaches.'

'Thou didst not follow the right way, my son.'

'How didst thou fare?' he asked of the second.

'Pleasure is not with Riches,' he answered.

'And thou?' continued Hassan, addressing the youngest.

'As I walked with Duty,' he replied, 'Pleasure walked ever by my side.'

'It is always thus,' said the old man. 'Pleasure pursued is not overtaken. Only her shadow is caught by him who pursues. She herself goes hand in hand with Duty, and they who make Duty their companion have also the companionship of Pleasure.'

Every Day a Little.

Every day a little knowledge. One fact in a day. How small is one fact! Only one. Ten years pass by. Three thousand six hundred and fifty facts are not a small thing.

Every day a little self-denial. The thing that is difficult to do to-day will be an easy thing to do three hundred and sixty days hence, if each day it shall have been repeated. What power of self mastery shall he enjoy who, looking to God for grace, seeks every day to practice the grace he prays for.

Every day a little helpfulness. We live for the good of others, if our living be in any sense true living. It is not in the great deeds of philanthropy that the only blessing is found. In "little deeds of kindness," repeated every day, we find true happiness. At home, at school, in the street, in the neighbor's house, in the playground, we shall find opportunity every day for usefulness.

Every day a little look into the Bible. One chapter a day. What a treasure of Bible knowledge one may acquire in ten years! Every day a verse committed to memory. What a volume in twenty-five years!—*The Mid-Continent.*

Mr. Spurgeon's Advice to Boys.

When I was just fifteen I believed in the Lord Jesus, was baptized, and joined the Church of Christ. This is twenty-five years ago, and I have never been sorry for what I then did; no, not even once.

I have had plenty of time to think it over, and many temptations to try some other course, and if I had found out that I had been deceived or had made a gross blunder, I would have made a change before now, and would do my best to prevent others from falling into the same delusion.

I tell you, boys, the day I gave myself up to the Lord Jesus, to be his servant, was the very best day of my life. Then I began to be safe and happy; then I found out the secret of living, and had a worthy object for life's exertions and an unfeeling comfort for life's troubles.

Because I wish every boy to have a bright eye, a light head, a joyful heart, and overflowing spirits, I plead with him to consider whether he will not follow my example; for I speak from experience.

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