

Aunt Diana

The Sunshine of the Family

Chapter XI. Maplewood owned a garden of very tolerable dimensions...

Chapter XII. "Thank you, Mabel dear, for what you have said to me..."

"Do you mean Captain Harper is coming?" returned Alison. "Oh, Mabel! how could you ask him?"

"I am going in search of Anna," she said as she left him, and she asked the of the servants...

"That is Miss Anna's room," she said, pointing to the door. "She is dressing, I believe..."

"I dare say I shall be able to help her," returned Alison, knocking at the door.

"Oh, I can not dream now," she sobbed as Alison kissed her. "It is so late, and I am so tired..."

"Then you must think me by enjoying the coffee," laughed Alison, but a sympathetic drop hung on her own lashes.

"Why, I look quite different; what have you done to me?" observed Anna, in a bewildered tone.

"I did not know you, Miss Anna, was all he ventured to say, but both Alison and Anna colored with pleasure...

"My dear, then," he said, leading the way toward a quiet, shady road. "I am just in the right mood for a talk, and you are the right sort of company."

has been troubling you for the last few days," she said. "Something has gone very wrong; you have been terribly grave all the week, and yesterday you were too worried to eat properly..."

THE ORIGIN OF MAN

The Indians say that the Great Spirit made Mount Tahoma the first of all. Boring a hole in the sky, using a large stone as an auger...

The Great Spirit gathered the leaves that fell from the trees, blew upon them, and they became birds. He took a stick and broke it into pieces...

After this came a late and severe spring time in which a memorable storm blew up from the sea, shaking the huge lodge to its base.

Now the grizzly bears were then somewhat different from what they are at present. In appearance, it is true, they were much the same...

There is a fine field for botanists in the Philippines, where a trained man is wanted in every province to take charge of the educational side of botany...

Prof. W. A. Noyes of the University of Illinois said that twenty-five years ago few chemists were employed in the manufacture of iron and steel.

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during recent years, is the fact that the rents and royalties of the coal lands and collieries in Schuykill and Columbia counties, which amounted in 1907 to \$687,162.17, are not considered income, but are applied to the principal on the theory that as the coal becomes less in the estate holdings there is a corresponding depreciation in the value of the land...

The largest holding of the estate is in this city, of course—the ground of Girard College, which covers an area of 666x2,800 feet and is valued in the assessors' books at \$3,000,000.

THRIFTY CHILDREN. The Pupils of West Des Moines Public Schools Have \$20,000 in the Bank.

Over 3,000 school children of West Des Moines, Ia., have been induced to save money and to start bank accounts. More than 1,500 of them have deposits of about \$10 each.

The principal of each building is supplied with stamps and folders in which fifty one-cent stamps can be pasted. Every Friday at a certain hour the principal is in her office to sell stamps to the children.

When the child has filled the folder with the fifty stamps, says the Congress of Mothers Magazine, he may go to the bank, always on Saturday morning, and either get 50 cents in cash for the book or open an account, receive a pass book and have an account entered in it.

The bank pays him 4 per cent interest on the deposit after it has remained six months. The principal receives the stamps and all other necessary printed matter from the bank without any expense to the district and she makes an accounting to the bank every week for the number of stamps she has sold.

The financial affairs are controlled by a board of directors representing the bank, the school and the Mothers' Congress. This board meets the first Tuesday in each month from October to June to receive the report of the banker and discuss the affairs of the association. It has worked admirably, without any difficulties or complaints, and has educated not only the children but in many cases the parents as well.

The principals, as a rule do not find the work much trouble, for they have only to get a cent for every stamp and have no accounts to keep with the children. They are even allowed carfare for taking the money to the bank on Saturdays.

The amount of the deposits, however, is of secondary consideration. The object of the system is to establish the habit of saving among the children and teach them a little about business methods. The results have been very satisfactory. The decrease in gum chewing and candy eating has been noticeable.

The young depositors are discouraged from saving merely for the sake of hoarding. Many of the most persistent say their money is to be used to go to college after they get through the public school. During the disastrous floods two years ago the Penny Provident deposits made by the poor children in the flooded districts were drawn out in large amounts, being in some cases almost the sole reliance of families. It is noticed that during the spring and fall, when the weather is good and work is plenty, the deposits are much larger, and that they decrease and are drawn upon during the winter months.

Wales, with more than half a million population, has only two small soda fountains.

New York's new postoffice cost \$2,000,000.

One of the reasons why the estate is increasing in value at a rapid rate...

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