YOUNG FOLKS CORNER.

Boys Make Men.

When you see a ragged urchin
Standing wistful in the street,
With torn hat and knapsac trousers,
Dirty face and bare red feet,
Pass not by the child unheeding;
Smile upon him. Mark me, when
He's grown old he'll not forget it;
For remember—boys make men.

Have you never seen a grandsire
With his eyes aglow with joy,
Bring to mind some act of kindness—
Something said to him, a boy?
Or relate some slight or coldness
With a brow all clouded, when
He recalled some heart too thoughtless
To remember boys make men?

Let us try to add some pleasure
To the life of every boy;
For each child needs tender interest
In its sorrow and its joy.
Call your boys home by its brightness;
They avoid the household when
It is cheerless with unkindness,
For remember—boys make men.

Married Without Shoes.

About twenty years ago a smart young fellow named Johnson, in the wilds of the Great Mountains, in West Virginia, made up his mind to be married.

"But you have not a penny," remonstrated his friends.

"I have two hands. A man was given two hands—one to scratch for himself, the other for his wife," he said.

On the day of the wedding Johnson appeared in a whole coat and trousers, but barefooted.

"This is hardly decent," said the clergyman. "I will lend you a pair of shoes."

"No," said Johnson. "When I can buy shoes I will wear them. Not before."

And he stood up to be married without any thought of his feet.

The same sturdy directness showed itself in his future course. What he had no money to pay for he did without. He hired himself to a farmer for a year's work. With the money he saved he bought a couple of acres of timber-land and a pair of sheep, built himself a hut, and went to work on his ground.

His sheep increased, as time flew by he bought more; then he sold off the cheaper kinds and invested in Southdown and French Merino. His neighbors tried by turns raising cattle, horses, or gave their attention to experimental farming.

Johnson, having once found out that sheep-raising in his district brought a handsome profit, stuck to it. He had that shrewdness in seeing the best way and that dodged persistence in following it which are the element of success.

Stock-buyers from the Eastern market found that Johnson's fleeces were the finest and his mutton the sweetest on the Chest. He never allowed their reputation to fail. The end of which course is that the man who married barefooted is now worth a large property.

The story is an absolutely true one, and may point a moral for hordes of stout, able-bodied men.

The Drunken Boy Reclaimed.

Not long ago a young man went home late. He had been in the habit of going home late, and the father began to mistrust that he had gone astray. He told his wife to go to bed, and dismissed the servants, and said he would sit up till his son came home. The boy came home drunk, and the father in his anger gave him a push into the street and told him never to enter his house again, and shut the door. He went into the parlor and sat down, and began to think: "Well, I may be to blame for that boy's conduct after all. I have never prayed for him. I have never warned him of the dangers of the world." And the result of his reflections was that he put on his overcoat and hat, and started out to find his boy. The first policeman he met he asked eagerly, "have you seen my boy?" "No." On he went till he met another. "Have you seen anything of my son?" He ran from one to another all that night, but not until the morning did he find him. He took him home and kept him till he was sober. Then he said: "My dear boy, I want you to forgive me; I've never prayed for you; I've never lifted up my heart to God for you; I've been the means of leading you astray, and I want your forgiveness." The boy was touched, and what was the result? Within twenty-four hours that son became a convert and gave up the cup.—*Moody*

Do It Well.

Do well whatever you do. A job slighted, because it is apparently unimportant, leads to habitual neglect, so that men degenerate, insensibly, into bad workmen.

Training the hand and eye to do work well leads individuals to form correct habits in other respects, and a good workman is in most cases, a good citizen. No one need hope to rise above his present situation who suffers small things to pass by unimproved, or who neglects, metaphorically speaking, to pick up a cent because it is not a dollar. Some of the wisest law-makers, the best statesmen, the most gifted artists, the most merciful judges, the most ingenious mechanics, rose from the great mass.

A rival of a certain lawyer sought to humiliate him publicly by saying: "You blacked my father's boots once." "Yes," replied the lawyer unabashed, "and I did it well." And because of his habit of doing even mean things well, he rose greater.

Take heart, all who toil! all youths in humble situations, all in adverse circumstances, and those who labor unappreciated. If it be put to wax thread, wax it well; if only to cut bolts, make good ones; or to blow the bellows, keep the iron hot. It is attention to business that lifts the feet higher up on the ladder.

He Knew What He Was About.

There was a little ten-year-old fellow on the witness stand in a St. Louis court recently. After he had been sworn the Judge asked him if he understood the meaning of the oath he had just taken.

"Yes, sir," replied the boy. "It means that I am to tell nothing but the truth."

"What is the punishment for those who swear to lies?" asked the Judge.

"They are arrested and locked up."

The reply astonished His Honor, for he had expected the usual Sunday-school scholar answer, "They go to the bad place." In referring to the matter after court had adjourned, Judge Jeeko said, "That boy will get along in the world, and he will be a truthful man when he grows up. He is sensible—knows that there are laws to punish perjuries in this world, long before Satan gets a chance at them."

A York county father who has five grown-up daughters has used the county. He claims that his residence has been used as a court-house for the past two years.

A Rhyme For Children.

If all the seas were one sea,
What a great sea that would be!
And if all the trees were one tree,
What a great tree that would be!
And if all the axes were one axe,
What a great axe that would be!
And if all the men were one man,
What a great man he would be!
And if the great man took the great axe
And cut down the great tree,
And let it fall into the great sea,
What a splish-splash that would be!

Time, Golden Time.

Every *second* is as gold
For us all to "have and hold."

Every *minute* is a gem,
Set in life's fair diadem,

Every *hour* a diamond bright,
To be treasured up aright.

Every *day* a precious mine,
And its riches may be thine.

Every *week* a cluster fair,
Seven pearls with setting rare.

Every *month* a ripening field,
What will be its four week's yield?

Every *year* the harvest time
In each country and each clime.

Every *century* binds the years,
Garnered fruit of joys and tears.

Gleams of Gold

An active tool never grows rusty.

Choose such pleasures as recreate much and cost little.

There is always room for a man of force, and he makes room for many.

As thrashing separates the wheat from the chaff, so does affliction purify virtue and honesty.

If we try to think more of others than we do of ourselves we shall seldom have a grievance.

The heart that is honest awake to the flowers is always first to be touched by the thorns.

"A fixed idea is like the iron rod which the sculptors put in the statues. It impales and sustains."

There is no man so friendless but that he can find a friend sincere enough to tell him disagreeable truths.

Books, like proverbs, receive their chief value from the stamp and esteem of ages through which they have passed.

The column is an emblem of Faith, it springs from earth to Heaven; the arch symbolizes Mercy—it descends from Heaven to earth.

There is as much greatness of mind in the owning of a good turn as in the doing of it; and we must no more sorce a requital out of season than be wanting in it.

Wisdom and truth, the offspring of the sky, are immortal; but cunning and deception, the meteors of the earth, after glittering for a moment, must pass away.

"Some men and women expect immediate recognition, and even pay, if they do something for the public good. Such men and women lack the true spirit, and will soon drop from the rank of workers for public benefit."

The Christian graces are like perfumes the more they are pressed the sweeter they smell; like stars that shine brightest in the dark; like trees which, the more they are shaken, the deeper root they take, and the more fruit they bear.

The accumulation of wealth is followed by an increase of care, and by an appetite for more. He who seeks for much will ever be in want of much. It is best with him to whom Providence has given that which is sufficient, though every superfluity be withheld.

An Illustration of the precociousness of the rising generation was made by a little five year old damsel at one of the fashionable churches in this city on Sunday morning. About the middle of the sermon this little one took up a prayer book and handed it to a hand some young man who sat in the pew in front, remarking as she leaned over, "The man in the nightgown says for you to be good and read the book."

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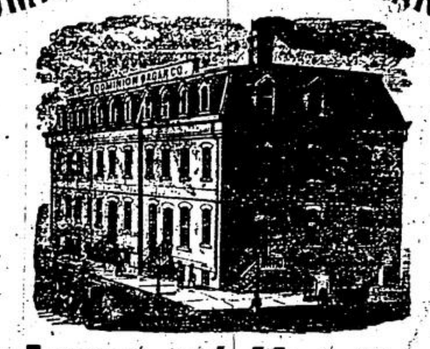

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