

YOUNG BOY'S CORNER.**THE FARMER'S COVEN.****TO THE FAIR.**

Why where are you going to now,
With wife and children, Jim,
With wife and baby all dressed in their best,
And old Dublin in holiday trim?

You never need ask neighbor Ned;
You truly must be well aware
That this is the farmer's gala day;
We are off to the country fair.

To the fair! Well, some folks can play,
With all a mother's love,
And just long enough to rest,
Then back hunched to God alone.

And with the evening shadows
Were falling silently,
I asked for her blessing
There on my bended knee;

One-half my yearning heart,
My soul have never expressed;
But still I fed with her,
That God knows all the rest.

Is It Manly.

Three big boys, three big guns, three big dogs—running right! What is their purpose? They advance. They press. Off go the great guns with a great noise, and a great smell. The dogs bark, the boys roar with joy, and a pretty little bird that a moment ago was singing a very song of Paradise on a waving bough, falls to the ground torn, bleeding, dying. A little puff of feathers floats up into the air, and the boy who has done the master grape his victim into his great game bag, whilst his big dog, shoulder his big gun, and tramp away with his big friends, triumphant and filled with the idea that he is a very, very yellow indeed. And that is sport!—nearly sport. In the march of all the exactions, how did it come to be so? How can any boy, in writing those pretty birds to death—parasite them as though they were panthers, murdering them for no motive whatever. Certainly not for food, for one is not a monstrous, even for those who have the heart to eat them; assuredly not for glory, when one considers their helplessness. I can think of nothing that can appropriate to the bad but an evil spirit, a cruel heart, a lascivious mind. Any one who delights in shooting birds, would, in my opinion, be a bold-hearted baby sitting above a window, which is the most innocent and helpless thing to look at that I know of; nothing could surpass me that I would not, if possible, do if it did not prevent him.

Work and Play.

And when, remember, my son, you have to work. Whether you handle a pick or a pen, a wheelbarrow or a set of books, digging ditches or selling a newspaper, ringing an action bell or writing funny things, you must work. If you will look around you, you will find that the men who are made able to work are the men who work the hardest. Don't be afraid of killing yourself with over-work, son. It is beyond your power to do that. Men cannot work harder than at the sunny side of thirty. They die sometimes, but it's because they quit at 6 p.m., and don't go home until 9 p.m. It's the internal kill, sir. The work gives you an appetite for your meals, it lends solidity to your slender, it gives you perfect and graceful preparation of a holiday. There are young men who do not work, my son; young men who make a living by seeking the end of a cause, whose entire mental development is insufficient to tell them which side of a postage stamp to stick; young men who can tie a necktie in eleven different knots, and never lay a wrinkle in it; who can spend more money in a day than you can earn in a month, but who will go to the sheriff's office to buy a postal card, and simply at the office of the street commissioner for a marriage license. But the world is not proud of them, son. It does not know their name, etc. Nobly, like them, nobody hates them; the great, busy world doesn't even know they are there. Things will go on just as well without them. So find out what you want to be and do this: take off your coat and make a dash in the world. The busier you are, the less devils you will be apt to get into; the sweater will be your sleep, the brighter and happier your holidays, and the better satisfied will be with you—*Berlington Hawkeye*.

Matrimonial Advice.

Now, girls, I want to say one word about getting married. The reason so many unhappy marriages are made, is just because young people do not stop to take a sober second thought upon the matter; but rush on without once considering what the poet calls, "the eternal status of things."

Getting married ought not to be the great object of a girl's existence. I often think, when I see young folks so anxious to get married, that if they could look into the future and see what trials, sorrows and troubles were ahead, they would shrink back and not have courage to take steps that are to last till death annuls them.

This getting married is a serious piece of business, any way it can be fixed. Because a young man drives a fast horse, dresses well, and is an agreeable escort, it is to sign that he will make a kind, considerate and loving husband. You want to study him, try him, test his temper, and take time to do it.

Don't marry in a hurry—you will have time enough to repeat if you do. Never marry for beauty or show. Do not marry a man who is very fond of fast horses; they do not make very nice husbands. I never see such a man but I think, "I pity the girl who marries you." It is a great venture to trust such a man; so give it out.

A good, do not marry a man who has a taste for strong drink of any kind. As you value your life's happiness and comfort, let such a man alone; better die than be tied for life to such a person; yes, it is a living death, and you are putting your neck into a heavy yoke.

Never marry a man who cannot govern his temper. He is not safe either at home or in public, and will keep you in tormenting fear all your life; and lastly girls, do not marry a man till you have known him a whole year, at the least; and make him a study for six months; and do not be afraid of being an old maid! Better keep single than be an unhappy wife.—GRANDMOTHER.

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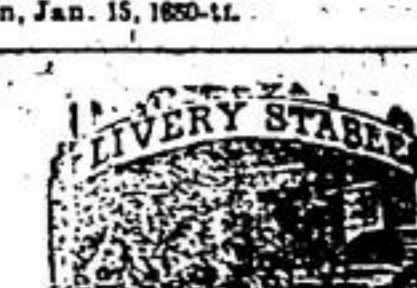
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