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YOUNG FOLES CORNER.

Baby Has Gone to School.

The baby has gone to school; she is one.
What will the mother do?
Will get a cap or button or pin,
Or a little ring?

How can she keep herself busy all day?
With the hindring thing away!

Another jacket to fill with lunch,
Another "good-bye" to say again.

And the mother stands at the door to see
Her baby march away.

And turns with a sigh that is half relief,
And half a something akin to grief.

She thinks of a possible future more,
When the children, our by one,

Will go from their home out into the world.

To battle with life alone,

And not even the baby left to cheer.

The desolate hours of that future year.

She picks up garments here and there,
Tucks a dozen in careless haste,

And tries to think if it would seem

If nothing were disclosed.

If the house were always as still as this,
How could she bear the loneliness!

TWO WAYS of Looking of Things.

Two boys went to hunt grapes. One was happy because they found grapes. The other was unhappy because the grapes had seeds in them.

Two men being conversant were asked how they were. One said: "I am better to-day." The other said: "I was worse yesterday."

When it rains one man says: "This will make mud." Another: "This will lay the dust."

Two children looking through colored glasses; one said: "The world is blue." And the other said: "It is bright."

Two boys eating their dinner; one said: "I would rather have something other than this." The other said: "This is better than nothing."

A servant thinks a man's house is principally kitchen. A guest, that it is principally parlor.

"I am sorry that I live," says one man. "I am sorry that I have to die," says another.

"I am glad," says one, "that it is no worse." "I am sorry," says another, "that it is his letter."

One man counts everything that he has a gain. Another counts everything else that he receives a loss.

One man spoils a good repast by thinking of a better repast of another. Another one enjoys a poor repast by contrasting it with none at all.

One man is thankful for his misfortunes. Another is angry for his misfortunes.

One man thinks he is entitled to a better world, and is dissatisfied because he hasn't got it. Another thinks he is not justly entitled to say, and is satisfied with this.

One man makes up his account from his assets. Another from his assets.

A Small Boy on Tobacco.

Tobacco grows something like cabbage, but I never saw none boiled, although I have seen boiled cabbage with vinegar on it, and have heard men say that cigar that was given to them on election day for nothing was cabbage leaves. Tobacco stores are mostly kept by wooden Indians, who stand at the door and try to fool little boys by offering them a bunch of cigars, which is glued into the Indian head, and is made of wood also. Boys do not like tobacco; neither do I. I tried to smoke a cigarette, and it made me feel like poison gas. Tobacco was invented by a man named Walter Raleigh. When the people first saw him smoking they thought he was a scoundrel, they were frightened. My sister Nancy is a girl. I do not know whether she likes tobacco or not. There is a young man named Leroy, who comes to see her. I guess this likes Leroy. He was standing on the steps one night, and he had a cigar in his mouth; and he said he didn't know she would like it, and she said, "Leroy, the perfume is very pleasant and agreeable." But next morning when my big brother Tom lighted his pipe, Nancy said, "Get out of the house, you horrid creature; the smell of tobacco makes me sick."

Boys Need This.

Many people seem to forget that character grows, that it is not something to put on ready-made, with womanhood or manhood, but day by day, here a little grows with the growth, and strengthens with the strength, until good is bad, it becomes a coat of mail. Look at a man of business, prompt, reliable, conscientious, yet clear headed and energetic. When do you suppose he developed all those qualities? Let me tell you the way in which a boy of ten years gets up in the morning, works, plays, studies, and we will tell you just what kind of a man he will make. The boy who is late at meals and late at school stands a poor chance of being a prompt man. The boy who neglects his duties, be they ever so small, and then excuses himself by saying "I forgot! I didn't think!" will never be a reliable man. And the boy who finds pleasure in the suffering of others will never be a noble, generous, kindly mannered gentleman.

A disconsolate looking tramp dropped in on a Main street saloon the other morning at luncheon time, and anchored his ragged and forlorn countenance just off the lunch counter, and began talking on stories. The "boys" regarded him with interest as they too peeked over the dishes. "You look," said one of them to the new comer, "like the prodigal son." "Yes," said the tramp, meekly, "feeling with the hog, bay!" And there conversation ceased, or at least it drifted gradually into a new channel.

Speculators will do well to note this bit of philosophy as propounded by Joe Billings: "All that I know about good or bad luck is this—Our good luck we attribute to our shrewdness; our bad luck we charge over to somebody's else account."

Little by Little.

If you are gaining little by little every day, be content. Are your expenses less than your income, so that though it is little, you are constantly accumulating and growing richer every day! Be content; so far as concerns money, you are doing well.

Are you gaining knowledge every day? Though it be little by little, the aggregate of the accumulation, when no day is permitted to pass without adding something to the stock, will be surprising to yourself.

The wisest man who ever lived did not become so in a minute. Little by little—never omitting to learn something, even for a single day—always reading, always studying a little between the time of rising up in the morning and laying down at night; this is the way to accumulate a full storehouse of knowledge.

Finally, are you daily improving in character! Be not discouraged because it is little by little. The best men fall short of what they themselves would wish to be. It is something, it is much, if you keep good resolutions better today than you did yesterday. Strive to be perfect, but do not become downcast so long as you are approaching nearer and nearer to the high standard which you aim:

Little by little fortune is accumulated; little by little knowledge is gained; little by little character and reputation are acquired.

Rules for Home Education.

From your children's earliest infancy, inculcate the necessity of instant obedience.

Untamefulness with gentleness. Let your children always understand that you mean what you say.

If you tell a little child to do something, show him how to do it, and see that it is done.

Always punish your children for fully disobeying you, but never punish them in anger.

Never let them perceive that they vex you, or make you lose your self-command.

If they give way to petulance or ill temper, wait till they are calm, and then gently reason with them of the impropriety of their conduct.

Remember that a little present punishment when the occasion arises is much more effectual than the threatening of a greater punishment should the fault be renewed.

Never give your children anything because they cry for it.

On no account allow them to do at one time what you have forbidden, under the same circumstances, at another.

Teach them that the only sure and easy way to appear good is to be good.

Accustom them to make their little recitals with perfect truth.

Never allow of tales bearing.

Teach them self-denial, not self-indulgence of angry and resentful spirit.

Words of Wisdom.

To change, and to be better are two different things.

Provident and lofty mountain are always barren.

Search others for their virtues, and thyself for thy vices.

One cannot always be a hero, but one can always be a man.

Vice alters the countenance of man, and quickly destroys the beauty of women.

You may be uncivil to a great man; but mind you are respectful to a small man.

Let him who regrets loss of time make proper use of that which is to come in the future.

Religion has perfected civilization, but civilization has amply repaid the obligation.

There is a relation to be observed between the words and the mouth that pronounces them.

It is heaven upon earth to have one's mind move in charity, rest in Providence and turn upon the poles of truth.

"That sermon did me good," said one friend to another, after hearing an eloquent preacher. "We shall see," was the reply.

H. Burton: Conscience is a great ledger book in which all our offences are written and registered, and which time reveals to the sense and feeling of the offender.

Steady rather to fill your minds than your coffers; knowing that gold and silver were originally covered with dirt, until aviance or ambition parted them.

Young man, don't raise that first glass of spirit to your lips. Dash it to the ground and crush it as you would a venomous serpent, for verily you will find, at the last it bites like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder."

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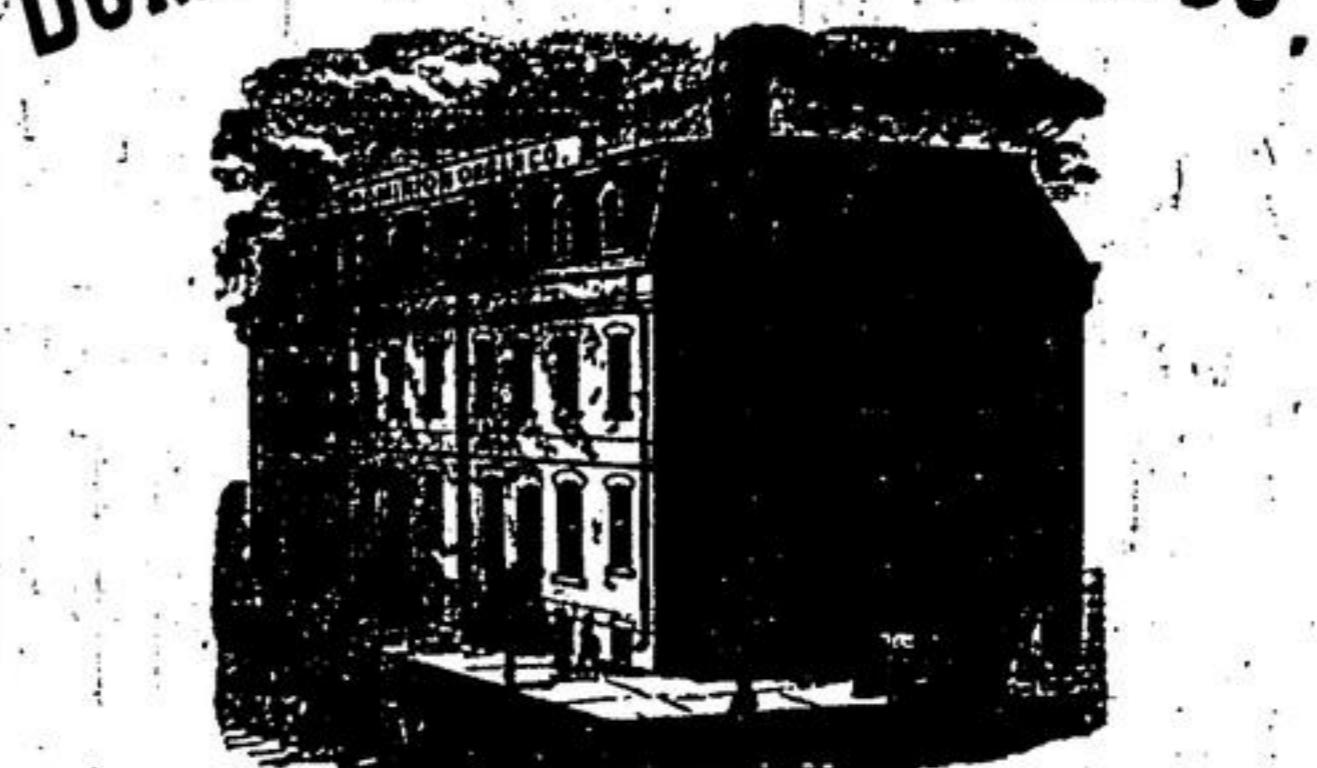
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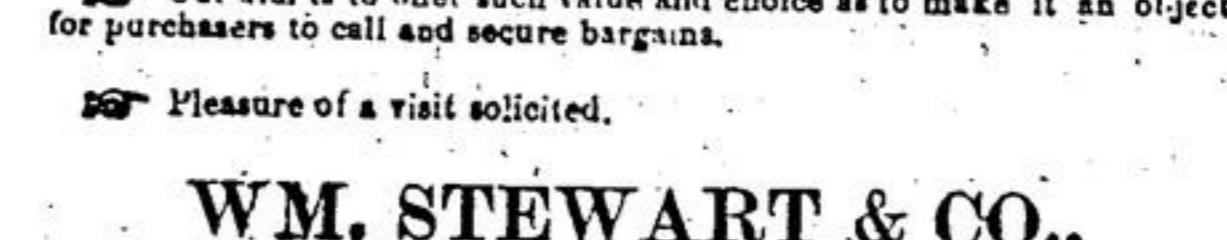
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