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YOUNG FOLKS' CORNER.

UNDER THE UMBRELLA.

Coming home from school together, in the cold and rainy weather, Lillian, with her out-brown hair, Bonnie Grade, sweet and fair; just behind them, I, while walking, listened to their childish talkings; First of lessons learned that day; Then of recess and their play; Then a little chat on dolls; And then of "brother's cricket balls;" Of this that, as children will, whose little tongues are ever still. "How it rains!" cried Grace, at last, As the drops fell thick and fast. "We don't care, though, for we see We're under shelter, you and me!" Then said Lillian, "State, dear, There's room for one more under here. And do you think mamma would care If we should call that poor girl there, And ask her—still I, or will you?" To come in under shelter too? She looks so sad; and then I know She's cold, because she shivers so." A moment more; and presently The large umbrella sheltered three.

O little kind Samaritan! Sweet, thoughtful little Lillian! Remember, as you older grow, That many a heart is filled with woes, May suffer by the roadside-drear, Bowed low with man's grief and fear. Then from the shelter of God's care Stretch forth your hand and shield there; The haven of your pitying love. To save from angry clouds above, Ope wide! dear child, sweet charity's door. Where there is always room for more.

Avoid Evil Company

Sophronia, a wise teacher, would not suffer his children, even when grown up, to associate with those whose conduct was not pure and upright.

"Dear father," said the gentle Erlatis to him one day, when he forbade her in company with her brother, to visit the rouletteLucinda: "dear father, you must think us very childish if you imagine we could be exposed to danger by it."

The father, in silence, took a dead coal from the hearth, and gave it to his daughter. "It will not burn you, my child, take it."

Erlatis did so, and her white hand was soiled and blackened, and, as it chanced, her white dress also.

"You can not be too careful in handling coals," said Erlatis, in vexation.

"Yes, truly," said the father. "You see, my child, that coal, even if they do not burn, blacken; so it is with evil company."

What Boys Should Learn

Not to tease boys or girls smaller than themselves.

Not to take the easiest chair in the room, put it in the pleasantest place, and forget to offer it to the mother when she comes in fit down.

To treat the mother as politely as if she were a strange lady who did not spend her life in their service.

To be helpful and helpful to their sisters as they expect their sisters to be to them.

To make their friends among good boys. To take pride in being gentlemen at home. To take their mothers into their confidence if they do anything wrong; and above all, never to lie about anything they have done.

To make up their minds not to learn to smoke, chew or drink; remembering that these things can not be unlearned, and that they are terrible drawbacks to good men, and necessities to bad ones.

To remember that there never was a vagabond without these habits.

To observe all these rules, and they are sure to be gentlemen.

The Contented Hard-Boy

In a slowy dell a hard-boy kept his sheep; and because his heart was joyous he sang so loudly that the surrounding hills echoed back his song. One morning the king who was out on a hunting expedition, spoke to him and said:

"Why are you so happy, dear little one?" "Why shall I not be?" he answered; "Our king is not richer than I!"

"Indeed I," said the king, "tell me of your great possessions."

The lad answered:

"The sun in the bright blue sky shines brightly upon me as upon the others. The flowers on the mountain and the grass in the valley grow and bloom to gladden my sight as well as his. I would not take a hundred thousand thalers for my hands; my eyes are more valiant than all the precious stones in the world; I have food and clothing too. Am I not therefore as rich as the king?"

"You are right!" said the king, with a laugh; "but your greatest treasure is a contented heart; keep it so, and you will always be happy."

We are hanging up pictures every day about the chamber walls of our hearts that we shall have to look at when we sit in the shadow.

Rotation of Crops.

The rotation of crops adopted on the Ontario Experimental Farm, Guelph, is in the following order:

First year—Peas.

Second year—Fall wheat or oats.

Third year—Roots, (matured).

Fourth year—Barley or wheat (seeded down).

Fifth year—Hay.

Sixth year—Pasture or hay.

Seventh year—Pasture.

By this rotation all the manure allowed for the seven years is given with the root division, and is supposed to supply all that is needed for the various crops grown during that period.

A Pot Back.

Enormous Importations Arriving Daily at the "Right House."

New arrivals opened lately. Eight large cases of British Hats and Bonnets. Fifteen cases of American Straw Hats and Bonnets. Two cases of Parasols from Roubaix, Brussels ranging from 25c to 80c. Five cases of French green Goods from Roubaix.

Just sent the Beautiful French Dress Goods at 11c, 12c, 13c. Watkins' Stock of Dress Goods never was so large or varied. Two cases French Cashmere dyed perfectly fast shades of blue, black and jet black. An enormous stock of Black Cashmeres from 25c to \$1.25; these Cashmeres are much heavier than last season. A

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