

MY MOTHER'S PRAYER

"Send me in heaven, mother, send, As I was watching you last night...

TWENTY YEARS AGO

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The first skating on Henderson's Pond was enjoyed by the juveniles yesterday.

Mark it down that Friday, December 7, 1899, was a warm, bright, fall-like day...

The removal of the fence surrounding the garden at the G. T. H. station has made quite an improvement.

The next change should be the replacing of the old pump with a new one.

The two infant granddaughters of Mr. D. Henderson, M. P. Miss Elsie Henderson, daughter of Mr. D. Henderson...

Acton loses one of her best citizens this week in the removal of Mr. James Clark, miller.

Dispatches from South Africa of the past few days give detailed particulars of the great battle of Modder River fought last Wednesday.

General opinion is that there has never been such a sustained and successful campaign of the British army.

The men fell in domino. It was the severest engagement since the battle of Rorke's Drift.

The battle was waged, fiercely for nearly fourteen hours for the most part in a blinding snow and without food or water.

The Boers retreated at night, taking their guns with them and the British now occupy their positions.

The siege of Mafeking is practically over as General Cronje has moved his command south.

The situation at Ladysmith is bad, the garrison there is anxiously awaiting relief.

BEING PLEASANT

Some of us fall to realize that the gift of making one's self agreeable comes very favorably with other talents.

We all know young people who seem to radiate pleasantness wherever they go.

They can make themselves at home with anybody and everybody.

They can enter enthusiastically into the game of life, listen with interest to the reminiscences of an old man.

Every body likes them and they preserve their own pleasure. But the majority of people do not regard this gift with the respect they feel for a talent in music or for writing verse.

But after all, why not? It is quite as much of an art to play upon that complex instrument, human nature, as to bring out sweet strains on a violin.

Knowing what to say and what to suppress, in order to give pleasure, takes quite as fine perception and skill as knowing how to combine colors in painting a landscape.

Where one person will profit by the art of a musician, a hundred, or even more, will benefit by that other art of being pleasant.

Our natural endowments have much to do with our success in this life. It is as natural for some people to be tactful as it is for others to be blunt and blundering.

The art of adapting one's self to one's environment, some boys in some people and almost left out of others. And yet the art of being pleasant can be cultivated.

Many a plant thrives far from the locality where it is native. If it is not indigenous, it can be transplanted, and made to flourish in a foreign soil.

One of the chief factors in success is the art of being pleasant. Other things being equal, young people who can make themselves agreeable will outstrip the rival whom nobody likes.

How things contribute more to pleasure than this gift of being pleasant, for his fortunate possessor brings sunshine wherever he goes.

BEAUTIFY YOUR OWN STRIP

Usually Lora was busy making up the hair for the girls on the big curvilinear steamer whistled for the bridge beyond the warehouse.

On the particular day the steamer was held up for an hour late, the deposit was on its way to the bank.

At the steamer passed through the bridge, Lora glanced across the still morning and founding waters of the river to a big, bare building on the opposite bank.

It stood some little distance from the water's edge, and the ground in the base was ugly and unkempt, overgrown with rank weeds.

There was a note of annoyance in Lora's voice as she turned to her uncle who was also her employer, and who happened to be standing beside her at the window of the cashier's cage.

"I don't see why that bare building across the river doesn't fix up its yard," she said.

"He has a good-sized piece of ground, and if some one would give him a hand, with some shrubbery or flower beds, it would be a bright spot to look upon."

"You're right about that, Lora," her uncle agreed. "We've a very narrow strip here, but I've some acres away from the water's edge, and I'm sure you'll do the same."

Lora was silent a moment; then she looked up at her uncle mischievously. "Why not beautify your own strip, anyway?" she asked.

"I don't know," he said. "I don't know that there is any reason, except that I never thought of it before. I guess you've cornered me, Lora. It looks as though I have to do it."

It was as good as his word. The narrow strip at the base of the building was cleared away, and two round beds were made which were filled with scarlet geraniums.

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NEURALGIA

Dangerous drugs or tonics are of little use. They may relieve the pain but do not remove the cause. The help that counts most is nourishment.

SCOTT'S EMULSION

rich in purest medicinal cod-liver oil, feeds the weakened nerves and at the same time enriches the blood. Do not take nerve sedatives or nerve stimulants, take Scott's Emulsion. It is the standard tonic-food that puts strength in place of weakness.

Be Sure It's Scott's Emulsion.

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THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7

Additional Material for Teachers—Matthew 24:41; Luke 21:36.

Common Scripture Passage—22. And they came unto a place which was named Gethsemane; and he saith unto his disciples, Sit ye here, while I go and pray.

23. And he taketh with him Peter and James and John, and begin to sweat, and to say, My Father, if thou wilt, remove this cup from me; for I cannot drink of it.

24. And he cometh, and findeth them sleeping, and saith unto Peter, Simon, sleepest thou? couldst thou not watch with me one hour?

25. Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

26. And again he went away, and prayed, saying the same words.

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McCRIMMON'S MOUTH WASH

Soothes Sore Mouths, Hardens Soft Spongy Gums, Kills Disease Germs, Prevents Pyorrhoea.

Disease germs enter your system through the mouth. If the mucous membrane of the mouth becomes sore and inflamed it may be the beginning of Trench Mouth.

Soft spongy gums are the fore-runners of Pyorrhoea, which is caused by tartar deposits and germs. McCrimmon's Mouth Wash relieves soreness, hardens soft spongy gums, and kills the germs that attack the mucous membrane.

McCrimmon's Mouth Wash penetrates into the tiny openings of the gums around the tooth base, and leaves a clean wholesome feeling and a refreshing taste in the mouth.