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HOLDING BACK THE CHILD.

"As the twig is bent, so the tree will grow" is an old saying and one of the most apt and truthful ones ever spoken. To its application there is no limit. It was coined after observing a never-failing law of nature.

And what is true of vegetable life is almost equally true of human life. The child grown to manhood follows the bent of youthful days, and an almost superhuman effort is required to straighten the twist of mind or morals received in childhood.

While psychologists have most frequently demonstrated this truth by studies in morality, there is another phase which demonstrates with equal truthfulness the workings of the inexorable laws of nature and has been only less thoroughly and less profoundly propounded because its effects have been confined to individuals, instead of to society in general.

Watch the career of the child who is kicked and cuffed during the greater part of his younger days—the days that God intended to be filled with sunshine and happiness and the joy of living; the child who is made to feel that he is only fit for drudgery and grief; the child who is taught that physical safety lies in cringing and crawling before those whom the inscrutable laws of nature has made his parents or guardians; the child whose quivering, upturned, tear-stained face receives but sneers from those who should give comfort; the child who knows not a kiss or caress or word of comfort or encouragement from those who should always be near and dear; the child who has it pounded into him that he is inferior to the rest of the world. That child has instilled in his very being a fear of mankind, a fear of the world, that incapacitates him for his fight for life in a world where one rises to the top because another is willing to remain below; because the other feels his place is below. The one who feels that his place is below is the one who has been taught fear and inferiority in the days when his nature was being formed.

The man of mind is a peculiar thing and it is unusual to find among the leaders of men the boy who grew to his majority humiliating himself and cringing before his fellow beings.

How inspiring the story of the French soldier whose horse dropped dead as he handed to the greatest soldier of modern times an important dispatch that had been carried from miles away. Napoleon wrote an answer, dismounted from his own horse, handed the bridle to the soldier, saying, "Take this horse and ride back, comrade." Gazing upon the beautiful, splendid blooded animal and expensive trappings, he humbly replied, "It is too magnificent and grand for me, a common soldier." Did Napoleon allow him to cringe and humble himself in the dust before the man whose ambition was to be the ruler of the world? No! Napoleon, to whom we may well imagine human life meant little except as it might serve him, understood human nature. "Take it," he cried, "nothing is too grand and magnificent for a soldier of France."

And those tired troops of his, wearied from the tramp, tramp, tramp of the march, longing for a sight of the loved ones at home, sick of the ceaseless strife, battle-scarred and worn, took new inspiration, new life, from



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those inspiring words, which were soon passed from mouth to mouth to every member of the army. 'Twas a grand and magnificent thing to fight and die for the glory of the fleur-de-lis—and fight and die they did, but the flag of France floated triumphant over the dead and wounded.

So teach the children to hold up their heads and look the world in the eye with a determination to wrest victory from the fight or know the reason why, and we will have a better, stronger and more aggressive manhood and womanhood.

Teach them due deference, but not humility.

Teach them to be gentle with the weak, but ever hold before them the saying, equally true as the one already quoted, that "God helps those who help themselves," and impress upon them that in this old world the fight is to those who assert their right to live and have their being.

Teach them that the prizes of life are for those who reach out and grasp them, not for those who cower, cringe and shiver in some secluded corner.

To teach them these things you can not kick and cuff them about, you can not deny them those things that the Creator intended they should have, you

can not make them drudge and work and waste their young lives away in a menial manner.

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