

For amusements and accomplishments I would suggest: 1. Dinner parties, gotten up for the special study of etiquette and carving, having the prior understanding that the participants were to study these points and learn thus to practice them. 2. Parties for the exemplification of social etiquette and that of the ball-room, conducted on the same principle as the dinner parties. 3. Establishment of the old-fashioned singing school, or something better along the same line; the object being to give all a chance to learn to read music correctly. 4. The study of poetry and literature; where poems, plays, or other literary products should be taken up, analyzed and discussed. 5. Studies in human nature, in which there should be analysis made of the human mind and its wondrous multiplicity of phases.

A question of prime importance is that of getting on in the world. With many of our young folks this is imperative and must have first consideration. It might be easier, sometimes, to be good if our stomachs were full and our bodies clothed. Let us inquire if we may not offer something along the avenues of industry for those who need it.

Would it not be practical for some large land owner in this vicinity to offer to young men who would work the land under the owner's supervision, an equitable share of the proceeds of the farm? Could not plans be devised whereby both could be benefitted, not only pecuniarily, but educationally, along the lines of agriculture and horticulture? Could not such a project be as useful to this community as an experiment station, and an all round gain made to those engaged?

Could not some of our boys put themselves in communication with the fish commissioner, resulting in stocking ponds with trout, carp, or other fish, much to the profit of the young men?

I will call attention to a few minor industries that might be made a success of in Silverton. A lumber and wood yard, a bakery and confectionery establishment, an artificial ice factory, the collection of medicinal plants, roots and barks. No doubt a thoughtful investigation would reveal others that might be followed with success.

Silverton, a naturally beautiful place, might easily be made many fold more attractive if our young folks, boys and girls, were encouraged to try their hands at ornamental gardening. The place could be made so attractive as to be irresistible to visitors. Those who have property to sell should ponder this fact.

A commodious hall or opera house is much needed, with a good large auditorium on the first floor. It should be open to all respectable

comers, and we, the people, should see to the securing of lecturers on all topics for the enlightenment of the public. Especially should every encouragement be given to home talent in music, art, literature, oratory, the drama, as well as lectures upon scientific and utilitarian subjects.

The choice of a vocation is eminently important to young men and many young ladies. What better thing can we do for the young folks than to assist them in the selection of an occupation to which they are adapted? Suppose, then, we appoint a committee of the most level headed men and women of the place annually, whose duty would be to receive, investigate and consider all applications made to them and present to the applicant all the arguments for and against their proposed ventures, as well as their own adaptabilities and tastes, natural and acquired, for the position in question. This committee might consist of five, seven, or more members, and their work should be painstaking and deliberate. Thus might many a wreck be forestalled and many a success be initiated. I firmly believe that such a committee would be possible, and that its work might be of the highest value to the young. Nay, more, its duties might be extended to the older folks, and be of invaluable aid to the whole community.

The young ladies might establish cooking societies, and sewing and home-decoration societies. Some of our young ladies might gain an independent support by the cultivation and sale of flowers—cut flowers and floral pieces. And no doubt other pleasant and profitable employments will be suggested to the minds of parents who seek their children's good.

Now, I have had nothing to say about bad habits. Perhaps the less we say about these, and the more we keep the minds of our young people occupied with thoughts of the beautiful and good, the more we employ them in some useful or elevating occupation, the less we shall have to lecture them on the evils of intemperance and the highways and byways that lead to dissipation and destruction.

Friends, parents, have you ever, in those quiet reveries into which we all fall at times, found yourselves yearning after the welfare of your boys and girls? Have you ever felt your bosoms swell with pride at the anticipated great achievements of your children? And have you ever sensed the feeling of horror that creeps upon you at the thought of their possible infamy? If these thoughts have come to you, have you not also realized that a noble family of honest, industrious, intelligent boys and girls whom you loved and who loved you are worth more than all other

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