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GOOD MANNERS.

As an investment there is nothing which costs so little as "good manners" that pays so large a dividend. To possess a good demeanor, a pleasing address, and an atmosphere of good-breeding and raising is to command respect. A manner which embodies these qualities is an asset of priceless value to its possessor, and it is within reach of all of us.

Sincerity is one of the qualities conducive to good manners. To be frank and open in your associations with those about you is to possess a quality of value.

Simplicity, too, will command respect. To be affectations and austentations is to excite the contempt of all sensible men and women. Therefore, shun as you would the plague these qualities. Be your own self and be the "best" that is within you, not the "worst." Cultivate your best manners that they may flourish and try to strangle and smother any reprehensible traits of character or manner with which you may be beset.

Dress well, but in a manner of "simple" elegance. It is as ill-mannered to be

over-dressed as under-dressed. Yes, it is worse, for there might be good and sufficient reason why one would be under-dressed, but there is no excuse whatever to offer for over-dressing.

Above all be cleanly, first, last and all the time. Your raiment may not be expensive, but you can keep it clean. Soap and water cost very little and may be used with prodigality. Always to look clean and tidy lends much to one's manner, for then you carry with you an air of self-respect.

Be courteous to all, especially those older than yourself—but you will never make a mistake by being equally courteous to all—old and young. Inform yourself upon the customs and usages of good society and conform to these customs. Strive ever to avoid snobbery and cadishness and all those who are inclined that way.

Personal appearance is a great factor in the battle of life. If you are untidy in your dress people of cleanly habits will shun you and the result will be that your friends will be among those who are as untidy as your self—tidy people will keep away from you. Water is a great cleanser and is within the reach of all. It is greatly in the favor of any one to look clean and neat at all time.

If you are engaged at a task which would be called "dirty" wear clothes that are in keeping with your task, but "clean up" as soon as you are free from work. It will add to your appearance and self-respect.

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