A MOTHER'S GIFT.

[The following lines were written by mother on the fly-leaf of a Bible-her gift to a son :]

Remember, love, who gave this. When other days shall come-When she who had thy earliest kiss, Sleep in the narrow home ; Remember, 'twas another gave The gift to one she'd die to save.

That mother sought a pledge of love, The boliest for her son And from the gift of God above, She chose a godly one; She chose for her beloved boy The source of life, and light and joy.

She bade him keen the gift-then when The parting hour should come. They might have tope to meet again; In her eternal home. She said his faith in that would be Sweet incease to her memory.

An I shou'd the scoffer, in his pride, ugh that fond girt to scorn. And and him east his ple ig will T at he from youth lad borne. She hade him pause and ask his breast If h , or she had loved him best.

A pirent's blessing on my son Gres with this holy th ng; The love that would reta n the one Must to the other cling. Remember, 'tis no idle to y, A mother's gift REMEMBER, BOY!

ALMOST THERE.

" I am almost there," Said a dying child, As he upward looked And sweetly smiled ; " The happy homes Of the blest I see, And an angel band Awaiting me.

"I am almost there! But do not weep; In Saviour's arms It is sweet to sleep." And he closed his eyes; And gently placed His folded hands Across his breast.

"I am almost there! Sweet Jesus, now, And the damp of death O'er spread his brow : And his brightening features A mest smiled. As we went beside

The dying child.

A Mother's Wisdom.

friend of ours by his mother. We rec. | and, "Oh, Lord! what a lie!" and are about starting on life's stormy bil room, and her little brother said she lows. These are good maxims, and we nipped him, and Bessie said, "Oh recommend them to all. The man that Lord! what a lie!" and you should has a mother, that can write and feel have heard how her mother talked to as the author of this evidently does, is her, and shut her up in a dark room fortunate indeed.

To My Dear Son: The world estimates men by their success, and b. general consent, permanent success ian evidence of superiority. It will be safe for you to observe the

following rules, which your affectionate mother prays God to stengthen you to licked, and Gus says he's a mind to se do: 1. Base all your actions on a princi

ple of justice-preserve your integrity of character, and, in doing it, never reckon the cost. 2. Never, under any circumstances,

assume a responsibility you can avoid consistent with your duty to yourself and those dependent on you. Or, in other words, mind your own business. 3. Remember that self-interest is

more likely to warp your judgment than all other circumstances combined therefore, look well to your duty, when . Oh, Louisa, I do love you so much ! your interest is concerned: 4. Never attempt to make money at

honor will be the consequence. 5. Be neither lavish nor miserly; of the two-avoid the latter. A mean

man is universally despised; the efore generous feelings should be cultivated in the hall one night, when the gas was great evil-billiards especully because the most fascinating therefore the most dangerous, the victim being enthraled

Lefore he is aware. as to leave a balance in your pocket Ready money is always a friend in your

need. 8. Avoid borrowing and lending as or not far as possible.

9. Liquor drinking, smoking eigerand chewing tobacco are terrible habits to a young man.

If I were to come to cour house by chance, and you were at work in your kitchen I should hope that you would be ladies and gentlemen enough not to apologize I always have a poor oninion of people who, when I catch them at work in the kitchen, are agitated and say, " I beg your pardon, if I had known you were coming I would not have been found here!" That is where you ough to be : and you need not be ashamed nor apologize. It is for you, rather than ag inst you.

ly get it unless they carry with them a me into my mother's room, and my to man from woman's society is that he stout heart, a determined head, and a mother said. "Oh, my, what have you has to think of somebody else besides will satisfactorily most every want of the comworking hand Luck itself is a myth. been doing?" And I said : "Oh. Lord. Linself-somebody to whom he is bound munify. Successful people may be called lucky, I drinked champigne out of Gus Rogers' to be constantly attentive and respect- Buggies, single or double, Hacks, Conbut their success is, ninety-nine cases mother's bottle, in the glass that Mary ful. I don't want my dear Bob to asso in a hundred, a legitimate result of Irashes her teeth in " And the house ciate with those of the other sex whom carefully and segaciously laid plans, keeper says: "Oh, my goodness gra- he does not respect. But I would far Go in for book if you will but unless cious! that child's tight as bricks." rather see him turning over Miss Fid- Superior Saddle Horses, let by the you take with you the productive mate | And I said. "you bet; bully for you;" d'ecome's music beok all night, then at placked to the skip.

A NAUGHTY LITTLE GIRL.

I am only a little girl, but I think I have as much right to say what I think | in merited style, the ill bred practice about things as a boy. I hate boys; they're so mean; they always grab all hours: the strawberries at the dinner table, day Della slapped me, and said she wasn't going to mak the bed two times to please me; then Bessie and me stick ed the matches in the scap like ten pins, and Gus fired them off, and they blazed like anything, and they made an think it was that.

We get our dinner with the nurses, because the man that keeps the hotel charges full price for children if they sit at the table in the big dining room. Once my mother let me go down with the big dining room, and a gentleman eleven. who sat next to me said, "Little girls shou'd be seen and not heard." The mean old thing died last week, and I was real glad, and I told Bessie so, and she said if I said had things like that. I would never go to Heaven. Much she knows about it and I wouldn't want to go if dirty things like she went there. Yesterday, Mary, our nurse, told Bessie, Nettie's nurse, that she heard Larry Finnegan was going to marry her Larry is o e of the waiters, and he The following letter of advice was saves candies for me from the big din written, says the Concord People, to a ing room; and Beisie, Netrie's nurse ommend it to other mothers' sons who Bessie and Nettie went into her mother's where she kept her trunks, and didn' let her have nothing but bread and wa ter; and Gus Rogers went to the key hole and said, "Bessie, the devil coming to fetch you." and Bessie ther screamed and almost had a fit, and he mother told Mrs Rogers and got Gu the house on fire some day, and burn her

One day I went into the parlor and creeped under the sofa, and there wa nobody there. They don't let dog nor children go into the parlor, and think it's real mean; and I had t creep under the sofa, so nobody con! see me; and Mr. Boyce came in an Miss Jackson; she said one day chil dren were worse puisances than dogs. And Mr. Boyce and Miss Jackson came and sat down on the sofa, and he said and then he kissed her, for I heard smack. And then she said: "Oh the expense of your reputation, or dis- Thomas I do wish I could believe you don't you never kiss anybody else? And he said : "No dearest ;" And velled out, "Oh. what a big story! for I saw bim kiss Bessie. Nettie's nurse Avoid gambling of all kinds, as a nearly turned down. Didn't be jum p-you bet? and he he pulled me on and tore my frock, and he said, "Oh you wicked child, where do you expec to go to for telling such stories?" An 7. Always let your expenses be seel I said: you shut up. I ain't going an where with you." I wish that met would die, like the other one, so I do: don't care whether he goes to heaver

Gus Rogers' mother had a luncheon arty in her parlor and they had chapagne, and they didn't give him any and when his mother wasn't looking he found a bottle half full on the side. board, and he stealed it and took it into our nursery; and Mary wasn't there and Gus and me drinked it out of the glass Mary brushes her teeth in : and it was real nice; and we looked into Mary's wardrobe, and got the frock she goes to church in; and Gus put it on | derive from women's society is that he and Mary's bonnet too; and we went in the hall, and tumbled down and tore habit is of great good to your young Mary's frock, and made my nose bleed: and Gus said: "Oh, there's an earthquake!" cause we couldn't stand uo; in the world. We fight for ourselves; and you should see how the house did | we push for ourselves; we cut the best go up and down-awful. And Gus slices out of the joint at club dinners for Thos. G. Richmond, Proprietor. and me laid down on the carpet, and ourselves; we prefer ourselves and our People who "go in for luck" rare the housekeeper picked up and carried ease; and the great st good that comes

got what else .- [Chicago Times.

Late Party Goers.

The Louisville Journal touches off of going to parties at unseasonable

The silly practice a great many welland never tell us when they are going meaning people have of going late to to have any fun. Only I like Gus parties is getting to be an intolerate Rogers. The other day Gus told me bore to hostesses. A lady cannot give he was going to let off some fireworks | even a small informal affair, where it is and he let Bessie Nettle and me go and an understood thing that the guests are look at them. All of us live in a hot I to come early, that there are not some and his mother's room has a window who will come late. The correct and with a balcony. His mother was gone proepr thing to do is to go at the hour out to buy some creme de lis to put on you are invited, or as near it as possi her face, and he'd gone and got eleven ble. Many imagine themselves inboxes of lucifer matches, and ever so tensely "fashionable" because they many pieces of castile soap; he stealed | go at eleven when they are invited and them from the housekeeper. Just as expected at nine, when in reality they she went to put them in the closet, Gus are guility of a breach of good manners, went and told her Mrs. Nettle wanted discourceous to the lady inviting them. her a minute, and while she was gone and liable to be considered vulgar and he grabbed the soap and matches, and ill-bred. The idea of a hostess being when she came back he watched her; compelled to wait in her drawing-room. and she got real mad and scolded Del. dressed and ready to receive a lot of HEAD Q-UARTERS la. (that's the chambermaid) and said people she has taken the trouble to she knowed she did it, and I was real ask, from nine to eleven, is an outrage glad, because when I was turning sum- on good breeding There is an effect rsets on my mother's bed the other tual way of stopping this absurd habit, that is to strike off their names from one's invitation list. If it is very generally known that any one coming after ten. will not be invited again, it will be amusing to see the alacrity and promptness with which old and young will awful smell, and Gus went and turned | make it a point to come at the hour a little gas on, so's his mother would named in the invitation, unless something happens which will be a valid excuse. It is considered exceedingly underbred to go to a breakfast, dinner or wedding after the hour named for the meal or ceremony, and there is no reason why it should not be equally vul her, and I talked a heap at the table in gar to go to a nine o'clock party at

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