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HOW CHILDREN ARE SPOILED.

The Young Mother Fosters Ugly Traits by Injudicious Management.

The dangers that cluster about the untried feet of the young mother begin from the very first dawning of her babe's intelligence. Long before she dreams of his knowing anything or receiving mental impressions, the seeds are sowing for good or ill in his character. I have watched the growth of weeds that, with the lightest touch, might have been flipped away from the tender soil, but time passed by and the intruder flourished apace. Get control of your child during the first three years and you are sure of him. If the habit of obedience and deference is firmly rooted then he will never fail you in after years when he has slipped the apron leash.

The trouble is too often with the parents. The mother herself fosters ugly traits by injudicious management. Her baby refuses to kiss her. She makes believe to cry about it and thus gives a lesson that will soon have him crying for what he wants. He bumps his head and she whips the door or whatever it was that hurt him, thus teaching him to be combative and spiteful. What is it that makes nearly all children liars and many of them thieves? They are trained to be so by the unconscious fingers that point the way. The mother promises anything, everything to keep peace and avoid a combat with the little creature, who even now is beyond her control. She does not fulfill these promises and the child becomes her judge. Never tell a lie to a child, or in any way deceive him, if you would hope to get the proper influence. Do not rob him of the happiness of supreme trust in you. It will cling to him through life. —Ladies' Home Companion.

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AN EXPENSIVE DINNER.

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"History of the cuisine fairly teems with descriptions of costly meals," remarked a resident of Brooklyn recently to a writer for the Washington Star. "We read how that profligate Heliogabalus, the Roman emperor, had a single dish on his table once that cost two hundred thousand dollars, and how another Roman, Aelin Verus, gave a supper to a dozen cronies that cost a quarter of a million dollars. Then Vitellius, still another Roman and an emperor, likewise entertained his brother at a little smack that used up a couple of hundred thousand; but these were ancient fellows, who had nightingales' tongues and humming birds' brains and similar marvelous dainties. Coming down to modern days and plain, ordinary, everyday ham and eggs, I ate a supper once in this very town that cost a friend of mine fourteen hundred dollars. A gentleman named Parker kept an establishment devoted to entertaining gentlemen at sundry games of chance. One night the friend I speak of and myself were killing an evening here together, when we conceived the idea that a visit to Parker's would be just the thing. We put it into execution at once. I have never gambled in my life, and my friend has not done it since. We went upstairs and entered the room just as supper was announced. My friend did not want to eat anything, but I was hungry, and when some plausible rascal of a dealer told me that there was broiled Smithfield ham flanked with pullets' eggs as a sort of side issue to the otherwise gorgeous feast I broke for the supper room, despite my companion's pleadings. Of course he followed me when he found his protestations were useless, and we enjoyed the feed immensely. When we came out my friend pulled out a twenty-dollar bill and said he would play a turn or two to pay for our supper. I begged him in turn not to do it, but he was as obdurate as I had been. He lost his twenty-dollar bill and tried to get it back. In two hours fourteen hundred dollars were gone glimmering. I have never felt so downright hungry since that a slight request from a mere acquaintance cannot keep me away from a dead-head feed."

THE "WAGO OWANHAN."

A Mysterious Light That Hangs in West Virginia Canyon.

An old-time West Virginia wonder is again causing quite a discussion among the reading and thinking people of Wyoming and adjoining counties. The "wonder" referred to is the mysterious light which has been known since times almost prehistoric as the "Wago Owanhan."

This phenomenal light, says the St. Louis Republic, appears to emanate from a certain spot on the precipitous sides of the great Pat Wess canyon. It casts its ghostly sheen across the waters of the river, lighting the surroundings not with a "sickly, pale, white light," but with a phosphorescent glow of sufficient brightness to make the reading of a newspaper or a book possible on the darkest night. According to some investigators of the "Wago Owanhan" the light does not emanate from any spot on the canyon's side, but hangs out over the river, like a luminous cloud or fog. This appears to have been the case at the time when Prof. Tohlure and Mr. I. E. Christian—the latter of Oceana, W. Va.—visited the spot. On the 15th and 16th of last February an expedition, headed by Mr. Christian, again visited the "Wago Owanhan." Snow was falling rapidly at the time, and Mr. Christian says that every flake, when it reached a height of about 200 feet above the water, "would blaze out with dazzling brightness" and remain luminous until it reached the surface. A scientific investigation of the phenomenon will be made.

SETTLED IN NOVA SCOTIA.

Colonial Americans Who Early Made Their Homes in Canada.

Many loyalists, particularly from New England, had fled to Nova Scotia before the close of the war, and settled on the spot where the city of St. John now stands. This gave one objective point, at any rate, says Macmillan's Magazine, to the much larger band of exiles who at the peace were forced to seek new homes at short notice; and in a single year the new settlements grew to some 13,000 souls. Men of all classes flocked there, officers and soldiers, clergymen and lawyers, farmers, mechanics and merchants. They were naturally much above the average of ordinary emigrants, both in character, education and intelligence; but all, or nearly all, were equally destitute and forced to begin the battle of life afresh. A year later New Brunswick was separated from Nova Scotia, endowed with a council and home assembly, and the capitol moved to the present site at Fredericton.

The first council included many well-known New England names, such as Putnam, Winslow, Allen and Willard. It included, also, a late judge of the supreme court of New York, another distinguished lawyer of that colony, and several officers of the loyal regiments. Both the New York and the Virginia branch of the Robinsons, one of the wealthiest and most influential families in colonial America, were here represented, and to this day are conspicuous in upper Canada.

A Jewish Wedding Feast.

There were a great many people coming and going that day at the house of the wise Rabbi Isaac Ben Nassur. They were not all Cana people, by any means. The bridal feast was spread in the large front room opening upon the porch, and all who had a right to enter were welcomed heartily. Food was plentifully provided, but the merriest hour of each day would be after sunset, when, the day's work being done, all the invited guests would come. The bridegroom was continually present, to receive congratulations and good wishes. With him were several young men of his more intimate friends; but decidedly the most important figure in that room was Isaac himself. As master of the house and as ruler of the feast, he sat at the head of the long table provided for the occasion. His dress was as simple as ever, but it seemed to have undergone a change, he wore it with so grand an air. He appeared to be happy, and he received great respect from the throng of people who came to congratulate him upon the marriage of his son. So the marriage feast went on until the midday was past and the shadows began to lengthen in the streets of Cana. —W. O. Stoddard, in St. Nicholas.

Betrayed By a Chew of Tobacco.

The other night a shop on one of the boulevards in Paris was broken into, and a strong box was found in the morning wrenched open and with the contents missing. At first it was thought that the burglar had left no trace, but on a careful examination of the floor a piece of chewed tobacco was discovered. This caused suspicion to rest on a former employe who was given to using tobacco in that particular way. He was found and convicted. In order to understand this incident Americans should recollect that the accomplishment of tobacco-chewing is not a general one in Europe.

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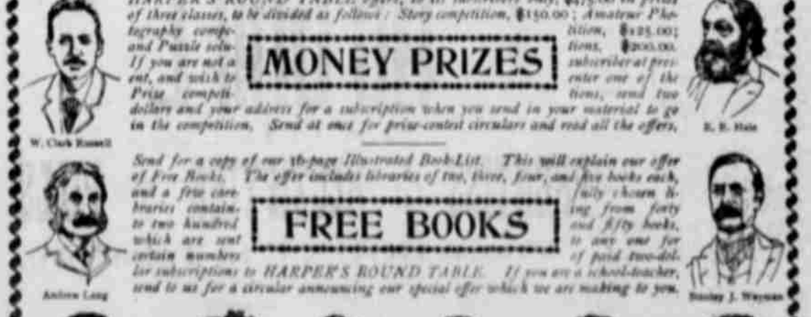

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