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YOU CAN'T expect your wife to be an angel and work like the devil at the same time

BIG SISTERS.

PROBABLY the greatest single factor in the downfall of young girls is the desire for companionship. It is a perfectly natural desire. It is a sign of healthy girlhood. The lass who does not desire companionship is abnormal—there is something wrong with her.

This desire—this longing—has been the cause of the downfall of hundreds of thousands of young girls, yet it is the very thing that can be used to save her. Since the beginning of the world well intentioned people have failed in reform work because they have endeavored to change human nature, instead of taking advantage of its natural inclinations.

A stream cannot be stopped from flowing in a certain channel by damming it up, but by giving it an easier course the result is easily accomplished by simply taking advantage of the water's inclination to flow down hill.

Neither can the downward course of young girls be stopped by damming them for it, but it may be quite an easy matter to change their course by providing a more inviting one. What engineers do with a stream of water may be done with a stream of girls.

That's just what the Big Sister Society is doing. Instead of trying to curb the desire for society that leads to ruin, that desire will be cultivated and directed into different channels.

The girl who is lonely, who feels neglected, who is in a mood to accept most any hospitality offered, will find a Big Sister ready to be her companion, ready to sympathize with her, ready to give her good advice.

Instead of going to the theater or dance hall, or some other place where she is thrown into company that may drag her down, the young girl will find a Big Sister and company that will lift her up and guide her feet away from the snares and pitfalls set for her everywhere.

A branch of this society has been established in Portland, and in its announcement it says:

"If girls, or the parents of girls, who are going to Portland, will write to the Big Sisterhood, care of the People's Institute, arrangements will be made to give them such attention as they may wish on reaching the city and their welfare will be looked after by Big Sisters, who will take pleasure in knowing them and helping them."

Mothers and fathers, sisters and brothers, who have daughters and sisters in a big city, will be thankful to have them fall into the hands of such a society, and it is to be hoped that in helping those from the outside they will not neglect those at home.

We are also reminded that it is not necessary to be a member of this society in order to carry out its work.

Right in Cottage Grove are girls in need of a Big Sister, and boys in need of a Big Brother. If those who are so morally perfect that they can speak with horror of the naughty things girls and boys of the city are doing, should act instead the part of a Big Sister or a Big Brother, many would be saved.

BOY FARMERS.

AS FAR back as any of us can remember we have been told that the boy is father of the man, and that the twig will grow as the tree is bent.

And all of us have believed these things. We have known them to be so.

Also for many years we have heard of the high cost of living and of the cry "Back to the land!"

We have been repeatedly told that the only way to decrease the cost of living is to get more people onto the land.

And we have believed this, too. We have felt it to be so.

Yet it has only been in comparatively recent years that it has occurred to us that the way to get more men onto the land is to train more boys to like the farm.

Since the idea has occurred to us it has been seized upon with avidity.

In many states the work is being carried on elaborately. Especially in this true of Oregon.

Superintendent of Schools Alderman put into motion a plan that is working wonders—that of giving prizes to school children in district, county and state fairs for exhibitions of products of their own labor.

The exhibitions made by children at fairs in this state are truly wonderful.

And they are not forced to do the work against their inclination. They go into it under conditions which tend to make them like the work.

They go into it with a zest and enthusiasm that is going to make a land-loving people of a large proportion of the next generation.

Coupled with this work is that of the agricultural schools and experiment stations, which are dignifying agriculture—making of agriculture a profession instead of a drudgery—making farm life more pleasant and more profitable—making it more than ever a desirable occupation.

The girls are also being taught to sew, and cook and make butter and do all the other things that will make them indeed helpmates for a generation of farmers.

May the good work continue. It is a solution of a great problem.

THROUGH THE STOMACH.

ANYTHING that this great western country can do to make a favorable impression upon visitors is worth money. The development of this unpeopled empire depends upon the impression it makes with those from outside.

A visitor stops but a day or so in a city. A large portion of that time—possibly the largest portion—is spent in a hotel. His impression of a city is guided in a large degree by the pleasure he gets from the place where he spends the most of his time—the hotel.

Whether he becomes a settler or not depends a great deal upon whether or not the hotel leaves a good taste in his mouth.

This did not strike us forcibly until we visited Albany recently. A large portion of our time was spent in the hotels of that city. The accommodations were equal to those we would expect in Portland—and the courtesies extended greater. Every editor who attended the convention held there recently went away with a good impression of the city because of the hotel service. Poor service would, no doubt, have left an opposite impression.

Cottage Grove is fortunate in this direction also, but the importance of it is not brought home until one goes away from home.

All of which leads us to remark that possibly the way to new settlers is through the stomach—and every western city should see that the accommodations to visitors are of the best.

Things We Think

Things others think, and what we think of the things others think.

The nicest thing about a duty is when Providence or accident puts a barrier in the way of your performing it.

Smiles will usually do more than cross words, but a woman's tears have them both beat.

An innocent face is the most effective mask a criminal can wear.

When a stock market shark hands out a bunch of hot air about how it happened, it might be termed "tempering the wind to the shorn lambs."

A chaperone is a superfluity to a sour-faced girl.

Jolly an egotist and he will think you the finest fellow on earth.

The wife who brags her hubby up when she knows he doesn't deserve it, can feel highly flattered upon her subtle strategy when she sees hubby trying to live up to her description of him.

A man doesn't feel like calling his sweetheart a "kitten" just after hearing her scream at the sight of a mouse.

A St. Paul paper favors a "plan whereby a man can pick the course to which his taxes are to be applied. The trouble with that idea would be that everyone would apply them to reducing his own rate of taxation.

The fellow who writes epitaphs must have been sadly neglected in his early training regarding the beauties of veracity.

People who don't play the piano in this world ought to be entitled to a seat in the orchestra pit in the next world.

The man who has confidence in his competency never worries about a job these days.

We hold the busy bee up as an example for our children to emulate—but it would be just as well to deprecate the fact that it never learns by repeated experience that what it labors so diligently all summer to treasure up some looper comes along in the fall and steals.

Few women have the stamina to keep from crying for something that can be gotten from hubby by a few judiciously shed tears.

When a man marries a girl who looks like a dream in the evening and a nightmare in the morning, it is a horse on him.

An English medical paper says the prettiest girls are the stupidest. Well, this old town has some of the brightest girls in the country.

A man who looks like a big success to some people may look like a failure to others who have been more successful.

Some women put confidence in their husbands just to be different from other people.

When some of us get to hades we are likely to find that we have been misled by some of its advance agents.

If you have enough rocks, it is easy enough to build a foundation for a good business.

Some people use their mouths for no apparent reason other than they must have been put there to be used. If they could be induced to entertain the same idea about their brains, this old sphere would be a pleasanter place in which to live.

The present style of millinery makes a woman look as if she had lost her head.

Contrariness is often mistaken for will power.

Things that are not worth doing at all are often done the best.

When your hubby won't buy you all the clothes you want, you can sometimes get redress by going to the courts.

There are a lot of deaf and dumb people when it comes to conversing with conscience.

Its peculiar how happy some people can be making others unhappy.

Some people must die in order that the undertakers may live.

Some women try to pray their husbands into heaven while nagging them to the other place.

Some awfully forward men are mighty bashful when it comes to paying their bills.

The Grants Pass Courier is urging the establishment of a public market, now that a cooperative creamery is assured for that place. "The creamery, the cannery and the public market belong in the same category," it says.

"NOBODY'S BUSINESS"

Woman Correspondent Astigates Tobacco Users and Wearers of Latest Fashions in Clothes.

Halsey, Ore., April 22.—Ed. Sentinel: There has been much said and done along the line of reform. Of late years, it seems people are placing a great deal of stress upon the passage of scripture which reads thus: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Conse-

quently foreign missionary societies have been formed all over the United States and a great deal of time and money, spent to convert the heathen.

But there is another passage of scripture which should concern every American citizen, and is of vastly greater importance to the welfare of all. Luke VI:42, "Cast out first the beam out of thine own eye, and then thou shalt see clearly to pull out the mote that is in thine brother's eye."

So many evils exist in our own land, even at our very door, that are really beams, yet nobody is alarmed. Governor West made a heroic effort to stamp out some of the evils, and every good man and woman in Oregon should put a shoulder to the wheel and keep it moving. President Wilson has banished wine from his table and we should all rise to his support.

Still there is an evil gaining ground rapidly which seems to be nobody's business to suppress, that is the tobacco habit. Concerning this habit one need not use his eyes. A nose not injured by catarrh can easily detect it. However, both catarrh and tuberculosis are spread broadcast by inhaling the smoke of tobacco users who are afflicted by either or both. Infants are often made sick, and no doubt the death of some could be traced to the father's smoking habit. There is scarcely a school room which is not polluted by the stench of tobacco carried in the clothing of children from homes in which fathers have made the air blue with smoke.

Seldom a passenger coach in a train one quarter of a mile in length is fit to travel in on account of the "smoker" being placed at the head of the train.

In many instances people are made dangerously sick from the nicotine which tobacco contains.

It has been known to make animals sick. A man once blew a puff of smoke into a colt's face, and in one half hour it took heroic efforts to save the colt from a nicotine spasm.

As for the breath of the tobacco user, what is worse? "Don't mention it."

Families are often deprived of the necessities of life that the "head" of the family may have tobacco. The writer knew of one instance where a man purchased 25 cents worth of rice and fifty cents worth of tobacco, remarking as he did so that Mollie would rather he should have tobacco than that the rest of the family, four in number, have something to eat, as he was so cross without it. At that time Mollie was going without stockings that John might pay for his habit.

Some argue that it is not injurious, as our fathers and grandfathers used it and they were strong and happy. But it should be remembered that tobacco of those days was not adulterated as it is now. The young man of today has no time to waste as our forefathers had. In those good old days the meat could be shot at the door. Most every family had from 160 to 320 acres on which to raise bread and other food, today meat is very high and people must be up and doing in order to live. Today we are pensioning those old tobacco users or many of them couldn't live. Do you ask how the tobacco user of today will live when he grows old? He will no doubt be a traveling man, traveling in box cars and eating hand-out meals.

As for chewing, the old adage "If you expect to rate as a gentleman do not expectorate on the floor" is a good motto, as every one knows the filthiness of the sight of such. It is also a hotbed for disease.

The tobacco companies are now flashing unsightly advertisements before our people to induce them to use their stuff. They even distribute sample packages in almost every home, and free packages of cigarettes into girls' boarding halls. There is a guarantee with each package that the dainty, harmless (?) little things won't bite the tongue, are pleasant to taste, etc. And no one is trying to suppress these companies.

While men may be addicted more than women to the use of tobacco, women have a habit also that might be termed "nobody's business." It would shock the most fashionable lady of our land if a man should put on a long corset, poke the little length that might be left with which to propel himself into one pants leg, put on a pair of tight half shoes with heels two inches high, and right in the middle of his feet at that; wear stockings in comparison with which mosquito netting would be modest, and adorn his upper extremities with nothing. If this creature should feel the need of something over his shoulders, he might use a bit of face veiling or chiffon, for fear he might hide his collar bone from sight, and no difference what the temperature might be, he should never wear long sleeves; his elbow joint wouldn't show off to good advantage. As for his hat, one as nearly like a kettle as could be made, with a long feather sticking straight up on it; then the whole affair pulled down till he would have to throw his head back to see from under it. All this would be termed the height of fashion, and women would turn from him as one traveling man says he does from women dressed in such fashion. The traveling man, didn't tell his name, for there would be nobody to protect him from the fate in store for

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one lone man who would venture such an assertion. The greatest alarm is what will become of the next generation. If they can't fly on earth will they ever be able to walk. As for breathing they will have no use for diaphragms. Instead of appendicitis, it will be diphtheritis. The use of tobacco and manner of dress may be called "nobody's business," yet all are affected more or less by both. It is to be hoped that people will get their eyes open to the fact that there are evils at home as well as abroad—evils that are slowly but surely leading thousands to untimely graves. IDA MAXWELL CUMMINGS



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