How to be Beautiful.

One of the most fascinating women I ever saw was very homely, but she had such a charming manner that no one remembered that she was plain. One of the most beautiful had prominent eyes, rather prominent teeth, and altogether irregular features, yet no one could see her and not recognize the fact that she was beautiful; it was the beauty of a lovely soul shining through and transfiguring the whole.

I will give you a very short re for being pretty-think prettily act prettily, live prettily. You can all_remember that; and the more you think of it, the more you will see how much is comprised in it. Be always neat in your dress; dress as tastefully as you like or are able, but dress appropriately to your form and complexion, to the time and place, and to your circumstances; endeavor to have the different articles of your attire in harmony with each other; there is far more in harmony and appropriateness than in elaboration and expensiveness. But the question of dress, aside from neatness should be considered subordinate; The rest depends more on your character and manner than you can at present realize.

A girl who is cross, selfish, petulant, overbearing and discontented, cannot prevent the expression of those qualities from writing their character indelibly upon her face sooner or later; while one who is, or tries to be good, patient, thoughtful, loving, gracious, and full of a charity that thinketh no evil, also has written on her face the testimony of her real life, and grows more beautiful as she grows older. This is the kind of beauty to strive to obtain.

Be regular in your habits; have society, but not to dissipation. By late hours, excitement, unhealthy living, lack of occupation and lack of exercise, you lessen the tone of your system, lose the bloom of health, and, so intimately are mind and body connected, impair also the tone of your mind; the effect is, of course, to make you lose even the beauty that is always, to a greater or less extent, the accompaniment of the freshness and fairness of youth.

Youth should only be, however, the promise of the bud; the full flower of beauty should come with the fullness of life and development, and it will do so where the heart is pure and the life righteous, for the writing comes from within, not from without,—College Journal.

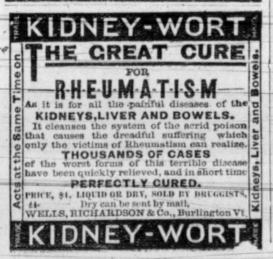
A Sensible Parrot.

Three weeks after the great five in Chicago, in 1861, I saw a parrot that had saved itself from the general face of all household treasures there. It had belonged to my old friend; Mrs. Kirkland, and was doubly cherished by her daughter. When it was evident that the house was doomed, as the red wall of flame, urged by the hurricane was sweeping toward it with terrific speed, Miss Kirkland saw that she could save nothing except what she instantly took in her bands.

There were two objects equally dear—the parrot and the old family Bible; but she was unable to carry more than one of them. After a single moment of choice she seized the Bible, and was hastening away when the parrot cried out, in a loud and solemn voice, "Good Lord, deliver us!"

No human being, I think, could have been deaf to such an appeal; the precious Bible was sacrified and the parret saved.

The bird really possessed a superior intelligence. I heard him say "Yes" and "No," in answer to questsons, the latter being varied so as to admit alternately of both replies; and the test of his knowledge was perfect. In the home where he found a refuge there were many evening visitors, one of whom, a gentleman, was rather noted for his monopoly of the conversation When the parrot first heard him, it listened in silence for some time; then, to the amazement and perhaps, the confusion of all present, it said emphatically, "You talk altogether too much !" The gentleman, at first, somewhat embarassed, presently resumed his interrupted discourse. Thereupon the parrot laid his head on one side, gave an undescribably contemptuous 'M'-m-m !" and added: "There he goes again! If there ever was an oiseau terrible it is the parrot: his instinct for discovering ways and means of annovance is something diabolical.-Rural Home.





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