

Husband, Show Due Respect to Your Wife

Thoughts upon this subject were brought to my mind by a circumstance which took place in a family of my acquaintance not long since. The wife went out to the barn one morning to speak with her husband. She called him, but he was talking with the hired man, and merely answered, "What?" Not with the least intention of doing so. She waited some minutes for him to come, but as that was all the response she got, she returned to the house somewhat hurt, as she was a woman spirit, a little indignant that her wants should receive so little attention. It was a little thing, it looks foolish to see it in print, but little things go to make up our lives, and these little things go very far in making up a woman's happiness or unhappiness. The neglect of giving the wife the attention due to her rank in her heart long after it is forgotten by her husband. It was want of thought more than want of heart. He intended to come when he was through talking, but he did not think it necessary to tell her so; and he really did not think he was showing her any disrespect. His little boy, a sharp little fellow of five years, stood by and took in the whole situation. Just such little occurrences as these soon show on the children. They soon learn to think mother isn't much account. And so they grow up disrespectful and regardless of her feelings, just because the example has been unwittingly set by the father.

Of all persons from whom a woman desires the most respectful attention it is from one whom she has promised to love and honor through life. Paul says, "Let every one of you in particular so love his wife, even as himself." This means a good deal. If his injunction is carried out it will not be hard for the wife to obey the command in the latter part of the verse. "And the wife, as that she reverence her husband."—J. & M. Subscriber.

The Young Man and his Society.

A young man just launching into business should make a point not to mix with those whom he would be ashamed of in years to come, there are many who start in life with good prospects, and intended to act in good faith and lead honest and upright lives, and would have done so had they associated with men of unsullied character, whose names were above reproach; but the pleasures and frivolities of the other picture they were unable to understand. Society can be appropriately termed temptation. If a person intentions are good, and he should unfortunately fall into bad society, he would eventually, from being thrown continually into such company, acquire like habits, and finally find himself in a position from which it would be impossible for him to extricate himself. Such cases as these are daily occurring in our midst. How many of us know of men who have had golden opportunities, men who lost wealth, position and honor through the influence of immoral society. Look at the numbers of well educated men traveling from door to door in search of good—men who have lost their name and standing in the world have fallen so low that they have lost all shame. We think we have drawn this picture well enough to satisfy the young man that now is the time—now is the harvest, and if they fail to take these advantages, they are lost.

A dissipated and unmanly nobleman, presuming upon his "nobility," once asked Sir Walter Scott, who sat opposite to him at a dinner, what the difference was between Scott and so. "Just the breadth of the table," retorted Sir Walter.

One thing at least can be said about the mistakes of Moses. It has taken the world along while to find them out and correct them.

A Legend of the Narcissus

There dwelt, in far Cathay, a man rich in gold, silver, and lands; he had two sons. The eldest had long been sleeping death the roses and lilies. At length the father fell sick and his two sons gathered around his dying couch to receive his parting blessing. To the eldest son he gave all his possessions, except a small, rocky piece of ground, containing a few acres which he gave to his youngest son.

After the last sad rights were paid to the departed father, the youngest son, crest-fallen and dejected, turned to his poor inheritance; but he found it so barren and unfruitful, that he left it and became a wanderer in the land. At length, weary and foot-sore, he came to a rippling brook, where with its crystal waters he quenched his thirst; and beneath the friendly willow he laid himself down to rest. The fragrance of the flowers, and the soft murmur of the brook lulled him to sleep. During his rest a beautiful water-nymph came to him and said: "Take the bulbs of the flowers which grow around you to your home, plant them in the rocks, tend them well, and you shall have your reward." He awoke with a start, looked around for the nymph he had seen in his dream; but she was gone. He arose, laughed at his dream and started on his journey, but his dream haunted him that he turned and went back, gathered the bulbs and laden with them returned to his home, planted and watered them well and reaped them from the rays of the scorching noon-day sun.

His companies gazed at him in amazement and said among themselves: "Surely no good can come from these senseless roots." But he continued his care of them, and was at last rewarded for all his labor by seeing the flower buds make their appearance. And as the Chinese New Year approached, what a year ago was but a bare and rocky knoll, now appeared to be a fairy table spread with snowy saucers and golden cups filled with creamy pollen.

Now young and old came in throngs to buy the lovely flowers for their New Year's festival. At beholding his harvest, he felt amply rewarded for his trouble. In every Chinese dwelling, however humble, you find the narcissus growing in a dish of stones, and if they blossom before the dawn of their New Year, it is considered a good omen. And to this day the narcissus, or Chinese lily, is their favorite flower.

What Smoking does for Boys.
A certain doctor, struck with the large number of boys under fifteen years of age he observed smoking, was led to enquire into the effect the habit had upon the general health. He took for his purpose thirty-eight aged from time to time, and carefully examined them. In twenty-seven he discovered injurious traces of the habit. In twenty-two there were various disorders of the circulation and digestion, palpitation of the heart, and a more or less taste for strong drink. In twelve there were frequent bleeding of the nose, ten had disturbed sleep and twelve had slight ulceration of the mucous membrane of the mouth which disappeared on ceasing the use of tobacco for some days. The doctor treated them all for weakness but with little effect, until the smoking was discontinued, when health and strength were soon restored. Now this is no old wife's tale, as these facts are given under the authority of the *British Medical Monthly*.

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