

Miscellaneous

Talent cannot arrive at its perfection without health. A man without it may be a giant in intellect, but his deeds will be the deeds of a dwarf. On the contrary let him have a quick circulation, a good digestion, the bulk, the strength, and sinews of a man, and he will set failure at defiance. A man has good reason to believe himself well of the lottery of life if he draws the prize of a healthy stomach without a mind rather than the prize of a fine intellect with a crazy stomach. For of the two, a weak mind in a herculean frame is better than a great mind with a crazy constitution. A pound of energy with an ounce of talent will achieve greater results than a pound of talent with an ounce of energy.

It is in the family life that a man's piety gets tested. Let the husband be cross and surly, giving a slap here and a cuff there, and see how out of sorts everything gets. The wife gets cold and unamiable too. The both are tuned on the one key. They vibrate in unison, giving tone for tone, rising in harmony or discord together. The children grow up as saucy and savage as young bears. The father becomes callous, peevish, hard—a kind of two-legged brute with clothes on. The wife bristles in self-defence. They develop an unnatural growth of sharp teeth, and the house is haunted by ugliness and domestic brawls.

A wife must know how to form her husband's happiness by seeking to know in what direction the secret of his comfort lies; she must not cherish his weaknesses by working upon them—she must not rashly run counter to his prejudices. Her motto must be never to irritate. Mild, as well as stern men, are prone to this exaggeration of language; let not a woman be tempted ever to say anything sarcastic or violent in retaliation. The bitterest repentance must needs follow such indulgence if she do so. Men frequently forget what they have themselves said, but seldom what is uttered by their wives. They are grateful too, for forbearance in such cases, for, whilst as setting most loudly that they are right, they are often conscious of being wrong.

That man is rich who lives within his income; he has enough and to spare. He is rich or poor according to his limits and controls his desires; and when he has sufficient for his needs he should remember that all additions are a burden, that the temptations and perplexities incident to overgrown wealth more than counterbalance its seeming advantages. The sage of old desired neither poverty nor riches. "Tell your master," said a Roman general to the ambassador of the King of Persia, who came to bribe him with great wealth, and who found him washing the vegetables that were to constitute his dinner, with his own hands, "tell your master that all the gold in Persia can never bribe the man who can contentedly live on turnips." That is the real secret of happiness: be content with what you have.

Carry the radiance of your sun in your face; let the world have the benefit of it. Let your cheerfulness be felt for good, wherever you are, and let your smiles be scattered like sunbeams—"on the just as well as the unjust." Such a disposition will yield you a rich reward, for its happy effects will come home to you in your moments of thought. Smiles are the higher and better responses of nature to the soul. Let the children have the benefit of them, those little ones who need the sunshine of the heart to educate them, and would find a level for their buoyant nature in the cheerful, loving faces of those who lead them. Let them not be kept from the middle-aged who need the encouragement they bring. Give your smiles also to the aged. They come to them like the quiet rain of summer, making fresh and verdant the long weary path of life. Be gentle and indulgent to all; love the true, the beautiful, the just, the holy.

The boy who has nothing to do is the most miserable of beings. If you have no regular work, do little jobs, as the farmers do, when it rains too hard to work in the field. In occupation we may forget our troubles. The boy whose mind and hands are busy, finds no time to weep and wail. If work is slack, spend the time in reading. No one ever knew too much. The hardest students in the world are the old men who know the most.

Let every man do his best to discountenance the abominable habit of swearing, and shun it as an accursed sin in every way. No respectable person will allow himself to be guilty of it. Business men who make a habit of swearing will find themselves avoided by their best customers, for it is known that some persons can suffer no mental punishment equal to profane language. Besides, every man known as a profane swearer, will not be credited by those whose good opinion is worth having, even when may be telling the truth.

Prince Edward Island, IN CHANCERY.

SILAS BARNARD, Executor of the last Will and Testament of James Coles, deceased, Complainant.

THOMAS REILLY, CATHERINE REILLY and MARY G. REILLY, by her Guardian, Hannah Reilly, Defendants.

In pursuance of a decree made in this suit by His Honor the Vice Chancellor, bearing date the nineteenth day of November, instant, A. D. 1878, there will be sold by PUBLIC AUCTION, on Monday, the twenty-fourth day of February next, A. D. 1879, at twelve o'clock, noon, at the Supreme Court House in Charlottetown, in Queen's County—

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Dated this Twentieth day of November, A. D. 1878.

T. HEATH HAVILAND, Master in Chancery.

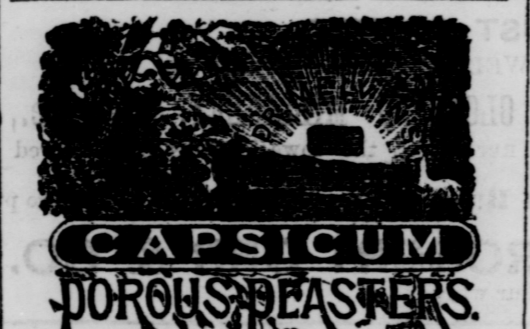
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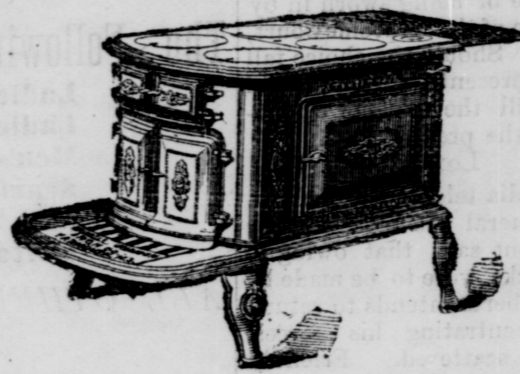
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