

THE RULE OF THE MOTHER.

In America the tendency is to hold the mother responsible for the spiritual tone of the household. This unforgotten theory has been pushed to so great an extreme that at length society is threatened with what has been designated a *maternalism* or a return to that primitive state when the child was supposed to belong to the mother alone. Every teacher can bear testimony to the fact that the direction and oversight of the child's education are largely under the control of the mother.

Even after the youth has entered college it is she who keeps in touch with his success or failure. Admirable as this interest may be, wife and child, nevertheless, suffer from the want of closer sympathy on the father's part in all that relates to the things of the spirit. Besides, however praiseworthy their intentions may be, mothers are not always the most judicious advisers. The father in many instances is an infinitely better guide; at any rate, his broad contacts with life and his natural force of character make him an ally that cannot safely be dispensed with. All through the ages man has endeavored to dominate and impress his personality upon the world at large, until this form of activity has rendered irksome any more limited field of exertion. He has believed himself compelled to sing to the wide world so persistently and copiously, in such resonant praise-eliciting accents, that he has become fascinated, not only with the public deed, but with the oratorical utterances he finds so pleasing to the collective ear. As a result of these outside allurement it is difficult for him to subdue his voice to individual and immediate teaching. Furthermore, it is hard to persuade the politician and the philanthropist that the reforms needed in the state are first needed in the home, and that solicitude about other people's progress might in a measure be spared if men were primarily solicitous about those immediately dependent upon them. The transference of paternal responsibility to institutions, and more especially to the mother, shows that there is a widespread conviction on the part of fathers that, however it may be with other people's children, his own, at least, live by bread alone. Acting upon this belief he is generous beyond compare in supplying his family with physical luxuries. He is, however, far less lavish with his time and companionship. Indeed, he refuses to be bothered about such petty details as the formation of character, the discipline of the child, and the general conduct of the home. Even in the pursuit of his pleasures he often sets an example of independence which serves to strengthen in the average American household the proclivity shown by its members to fly off in a tangent.

Although there is much for the improvement of the mother, she is, in a measure, constrained to the fulfillment of her duties. The means for evolving the perfected father are, however, more uncertain owing to the existing impediments to the operation of selection. The greater number of eligible wives among well-to-do people as compared with desirable husbands, so far reduces the range of choice that there is no guarantee that the noblest, strongest, or handsomest men will marry refined women. The difficulty here arises in part from the fact that men of this class, if poor, are apt to go into remote and uncultivated regions and become the husbands of inferior women, while the rich often satisfy the claims of affection without incurring the obligations of the marriage tie. Thus the absence of healthy competition diminishes the chance of developing the best husbands and fathers.—*North American.*

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A LESSON IN ECONOMICS.

A Young Woman Gives a Young Man Some Valuable Tips.

Again it is a Washington girl. This time she appears as an angel of economy to a young man who needs that kind of angelic administration about as much as any other young man in the Capital City, and she is just as successful as if she were tramping him under her scornful heel and making him feel how utterly helpless man is in conflict with the irresistible.

"By Jove," he was saying, "this sort of thing is simply intolerable!" "What sort of thing?" she inquired, with admirable poise.

"Why, I have just had to pay a messenger 40 cents to deliver a note up town for me, and he was gone less than half an hour. It would be cheaper to have hired a cab and horse and driver, and still cheaper to have sent it by mail under a special delivery stamp."

"What was the note?" she asked, womanlike, before she thought.

"A response to an invitation to dinner."

"Forty cents is cheap for a good dinner," she smiled.

"But I couldn't go," he wailed. "It was a declination, and the 40 cents on top of that. Really, though, this messenger service is a rank imposition and should not be tolerated. Twenty-five cents an hour is ample, with short distances at 10 or 15 cents. The convenience is easily worth that, but more than that is plain extortion and the greed of monopolies."

"You have my sympathy. You are the more entitled to it because you don't seem to know any better. Now, why aren't you as bright as a man I know, who hasn't any more money than you have? When he has a note or a book to send to a girl, he doesn't waste 40 cents on a grinding monopoly—oh, that's what it is," she laughed, as she noted his look of surprise, "we have a call in our house, and I am compelled to use it sometimes—but he does a much better thing. He just adds 10 cents to his 40, slips around to the florist's, orders 50 cents' worth of violets sent to the girl, puts the note in with the flowers, and there you are. See? Only 10 cents out, and think how much in—for girls do love flowers, even 50 cents' worth."

The young man began gasping for air.

"Or," she went right on, "if it is the season when flowers are more expensive than messenger service, just substitute candy for flowers. You can get something perfectly lovely for 60 cents, and to add a book or pleasant note to it makes it well worth the girl's kindest thought and your 20 cents extra. Now, is the plan clear to your stupid brain?"

Whether it was or not the young woman that very afternoon received a delightful note of thanks for valuable information, accompanied by a 50 cent bunch of violets from a well known florist.—*Washington Star.*

Precious Meals.

Almost any dish which had to recommend its rarity, costliness, indigestibility, and, to our way of thinking, nastiness, was sure to take with the Roman epicure. And if he were unable to make it costly any other way he would add powdered precious stones or gold dust. Nero dined on one occasion from a peacock which was sprinkled with diamond dust, and specimens of that bird dressed with gold or with crushed pearls were by no means a rarity at the triclinia of the moneyed Romans. A dish of parrots' tongues was a great delicacy. But a dish of parrots' tongues which had been capable, when in their proper place, of framing words, was of almost incalculable value, which increased in a direct ratio with the vocabularies of the defunct parrots.

Another bird for which the Roman epicure was in the habit of paying fabulous prices was the phoenix, which is believed to have been the ptarmigan. It had its home in the most northerly parts of Scotland and Norway, and as this made it hard to get at the Romans appreciated it all the more and put it in the same rank with ostriches, buzzards and peacocks. The tongues of these birds were specially prepared, together with the brains, and took the place which a hors d'oeuvre would now take.—*New York Post.*

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CROSSING THE ATLANTIC.

Some Hints on Manners It Were Well to Observe at Sea.

The shortness of the voyage has largely killed off the cordiality which is apt to break out among fellow passengers long at sea together, despite themselves. This short period of good fellowship is not so repugnant to an experienced traveler as to some others if there happen to be agreeable people on board. He does not misunderstand civility as an effort on the part of the people to make his acquaintance. He knows enough to mind his own business on sea or land. But the man who relaxes conventionalities not at all on shipboard is apt to have a pretty dull time, which, however, is just what a dull man likes. A civil word, a passing remark, or even two remarks, can do a person of tact no harm nor lead to social complications later. A friendly attitude is more sensible than standing conspicuously aloof from everything or than repressing all signs of interest in existence or than rigidly disregarding the fact that any one is on the ship besides oneself, and defensive airs are generally offensive—at least they are airs.

Some Americans seem to think that a haughty demeanor will have the effect of a title upon their fellow passengers. But it generally does not. Sir Walter Scott is credited with repeating Montaigne's remark that every man knew some one thing better than he did, and when he met a stranger, therefore, he engaged him in conversation to find that one thing out. In Scott's day to be a courteous gentleman or a gracious lady under all circumstances was not considered bad form. One of the most popular men I ever saw on shipboard was a New Yorker whose family, whose social position and whose public station and influence are most enviable. Wherever he is is the best society. On the trip I have in mind he seemed to have said or done or looked something amiable toward everybody. Yet I don't believe anybody tried to presume upon his civility then or afterward.—*Lewis Morris Iddings in Scribner.*

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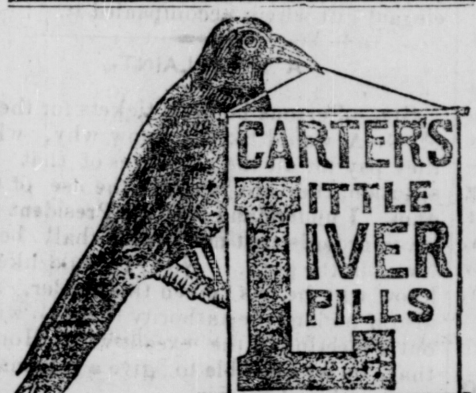
PRIMITIVE MAN.
He May Have Been Evolved Upon the American Continent.

In the Connecticut river valley reptiles left their tracks on the mud flats—since turned to sandstone—and a few skeletons also have been found. The bodies of a race of great reptiles that were the lords of creation of their day have been disassembled to their elements, while the chance indentations of their feet as they raced along the shores, mere footprints on the sands, have been preserved among the most imperishable of the memory tablets of the world.

Of the other vertebrate fossils that have been found in the eastern portions of America, among the most abundant and interesting are the skeletons of mastodons. Of these one of the largest and most complete is that which was unearthed in the bed of a drained lake near Newburg, N. Y., in 1848. This specimen was larger than the existing elephants, and had tusks 11 feet in length. It was mounted and described by Dr. John C. Warren of Boston, and has been famous for half a century as the "Warren mastodon."

But to the student of racial development as recorded by the fossils all these sporadic finds have but incidental interest as compared with the rich western fossil beds to which we have already referred. From records here unearthed the racial evolution of many mammals has in the past few years been made out in greater or less detail. Professor Cope has traced the ancestry of the camels (which, like the rhinoceroses, hippopotamuses and sundry other forms now spoken of as "old world," seem to have had their origin here) with much completeness.

A lemurid form of mammal, believed to be of the type from which man has descended, has also been found in these beds. It is thought that the descendants of this creature and of the other "old world" forms above referred to found their way to Asia probably, as suggested by Professor Marsh, across a bridge at Bering strait, to continue their evolution on the other hemisphere, becoming extinct in the land of their nativity. The ape man found fossil in the tertiary strata of the island of Java two years ago by the Dutch surgeon, Dr. Eugene Dubois, and named Pithecanthropus erectus, may have been a direct descendant of the American tribe of primitive lemurs, though this is only a conjecture.—*Henry Smith Williams, M. D., in Harper's Magazine.*



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