

Two Strings to Your Bow. I am always sorry for a man that knows how to do but one thing. I have seen many such men. I gave ten dollars to one who could speak and write five or six languages, translate beautifully; but in the middle of a hard winter he could not get a living. I remember another man who had preached twenty-five years till his throat failed him, and he used to go round looking very blue and sad, until people pitied him and made little donation parties for him, because he was good for nothing. I have seen a man who knew a lady once that had taught school for twenty years, till she was a poor, nervous, broken down woman, and really didn't know how to make a dress for herself. I know a man that wants to keep store, and he sits with his thumb in his mouth waiting for a store to come to him to be kept. I heard of a minister who, when his people gave him a horse and buggy, had to wait for the deacon's wife to come over and show him how to harness—for he didn't know the bit from the crupper. Now, boys and girls every real man should know how to do one thing right; and it ought to be known how to do several things tolerably well. Every wise farmer has a principal crop; but he always puts in a little something else, so that, if his main crop fails, he will have something to live on. Don't carry all your eggs in one pocket. If you want to get along right well, learn one sort of work to get a living by, and all sort of work to get along with when your one sort gives out.

At West Point, where they take boys and teach them to be perfect soldiers, they have to learn, among other things, to cook and make bread, and make their own beds, and do their own sewing, and sweep, and dust; because, you know, a soldier or a sailor never knows where his duty may call him, and the man who knows how to do the most things is the best sailor, the best soldier—that is to say, the most of a man. I never saw a woman do a man's work handily, but I liked her all the better for it. And I never saw a man do a woman's work neatly; but I thought the more of him—for you see that work is something that needs to be done; and he who knows how to do it, makes himself a better man. For you see, if a man feels that he is of no use in the world except to be a bug in a crack, and if the crack widens he is scared and drops, or if the crack closes he is glad, he is always anxious about that crack, for fear that something is going to happen, and that he will be out in the cold or else jammed. Such a man is never happy, because he can never feel that he is made to much. But if a man feels that, if he cannot make shoes, he can carry horses, lay side-walk, rake stones out of the road, or spade in the garden, or take care of sick folk, or sew up coats, he is always sure he can do something. That man will never feel scared.

So, then, what do you say, boys? Suppose hereafter you do as the cadets do at West Point—make your own beds every morning till you can do it better than your own mother can. And girls, do you learn to harness a horse till you can do it as quickly as your brother. And boys, learn how to make bread; and girls, learn how to sharpen a knife and whittle, and drive nails without splitting the board; and boys, learn how to crack a whip, and patch your own trousers; and girls, learn how to grease boots and wagon wheels, to lay shingles, and ease the doors when they stick. Keep your eyes and ears wide open. Learn to do all sorts of work. And, my word for it, you will grow hearty and plump, handsome and happy.

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THE STRENGTH OF A MOTHER'S LOVE. The almost superhuman courage of women under circumstances of great peril, or when the maternal instinct is aroused to the utmost for the preservation of their offspring, has been recently exemplified in a most extraordinary manner at Segrate, a small village north of Milan. A child of four years playing near an old well but carelessly covered over went too near the inscense edge, and before an elder sister could reach her, was precipitated to the bottom. The frightened child can scarcely be seen, and the mother, who had been watching her, had seen her fall, and she had seen her fall, and she had seen her fall.

PROPOSED NEW SYSTEM OF SCHOOLS. A paper out west was published recently which was devoted to the subject of proposed new schools, and offers the following as a new system. It would be up to the spirit of the times, and it would be up to the spirit of the times, and it would be up to the spirit of the times.