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EARLY TRAINING.

There is no extreme cynicism in the conclusion that some of the best characters known to respectable civilized society have their origin and stimulation in apparent cardinal virtues. It appears a very generous virtue, for instance, to desire and labor assiduously for the approval of those whom we love, reverence, or like to please; yet it is very easily practicable for the most selfish and common-place of mortals to practice that virtue with wonderful success.

Is it, then, really a virtue? Negatively speaking, it is, for it cannot be fairly called a vice; but that it is any security at all against ultimate vice may be safely doubted. The good that is done merely to attract the notice and evoke the applause of bystanders, and not from any high principle, is, in the eyes of the noblest spirits, certainly so much added to the current stock of meritorious actions—and as much taken from the mercenary actor's capacity to resist future, outright purchase.

Christian society can scarcely afford temporary benefaction at such a price. The same neatly time-serving disposition that makes a beautifully edifying spectacle of the time server to-day may prompt as effectively to the most terrorism of the evil spirit to-morrow; for the only principle underlying it is that of immediate personal gain.

And only too many youthful natures are being trained daily to this shallow and treacherous imitation of the good. The education of a young man even understood by the short-sighted moral policy of parents and guardians too weak or too indolent to inculcate a nobler motive for well-doing than covetousness of approbation, is a crime against the duty of the right on one hand and ostentatious self-abnegation for praise on the other; there is a grand, heroic medium of either self-vindication or unreserved self-sacrifice for the sake of the right alone.

COMMON SENSE.—There is a chilly, disagreeable article called common sense, and an antipathetic to all puffed virtues whose lives have consisted in flattery. It is the kind of talk which sisters are apt to hear from their brothers, and daughters from their mothers when fathers and mothers are absent. It is only by them, which sets the world before them as it is, and not as it is painted by flatterers. Those women who prefer the society of gentlemen, and who have the faculty of bewitching their senses, never dream of being lighted from this cold matter-of-fact religion; for them it really does not exist. Every phrase that meets their ear is polished and softened, guarded and delicately turned, till it is a world of illusions; they demand these illusions of all who approach them, as the condition of peace and favor.

One of the oddest services to put our journals to is the keeping of ice in summer. An ingenious house-keeper recently discovered that ice would last nearly twice as long when wrapped in newspapers, and placed in any kind of covered box, as when trusted solely to a refrigerator. This is very convenient, since it is possible to have ice by an ordinary refrigerator constantly at hand.

To polish all kinds of glass after washing, except table glass, no cloth or flannel is half so good as a newspaper; and for a baker's dozen of other things, it is without a rival. *Scrivener's.*

HOW THIMBLES ARE MADE.
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