

The Young Folks.

Stars and Daisies.

The stars are tiny daisies high, Opening and shutting in the sky;

Hints About Letter-Writing.

Letter-writing is very much a matter of habit, and for that reason it is important that young people should learn early to consider it a pleasant way of communicating thoughts and feelings to their friends, instead of a burdensome task to be got over as quickly as possible.

We often hear people excuse themselves by saying that they have no "gift for writing letters," as though it were something like an ear for music, only accorded to a favored few.

A few simple rules, carefully observed, will help you over some of the things which you call difficulties. In the first place, always write distinctly.

Be particular in the manner of dating, giving every item distinctly, and sign the letter with your full name.

You will find it more easy to reply to a letter soon after you get it than if you neglect it for a few weeks, because you will have the impressions which the first reading made upon you.

Do not consider anything too trivial to write about, which you would think worth mentioning in conversation.

In writing to very intimate friends, who will be interested in the details of your daily life, it is well sometimes to make your letters a sort of diary—telling something of how you have spent each day since you wrote last.

Write all you have to say on one subject at once. That is, do not begin to tell about your garden, and then about your school, and then about your garden again, but finish one subject before you begin another.

When your letter is merely an inquiry, or on a matter of business, the case is different. You should try to be as brief, concise, and clear as possible.

Gratitude preserves old friendship and procures new.

Farm and Household.

The Buckwheat Cake.

My flap-jack, 'tis of thee, Thou that agreeest with me, Of thee I sing,

Before the break of dawn, The cook with many a yawn, The batter makes,

O red-faced cook, to thee Shall loud encomiums be Forever more;

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