

# Choice Reading.

From Harper's Magazine for September.  
**The Family Newspaper.**

The progress of society constantly tends to increase the distinctness and independence of the family, considered in the light of a domestic organization. As men are better governed, as trade and commerce are confined to natural laws, as the various interests of citizenship in their bearing on the business and general welfare of the community are more fully appreciated, the privacy and sacredness of home become more essential to the stability and growth of society. At the same time, the outward world acts with greater influence on the domestic. Civil institutions, prosperous industry, mechanical improvements, diffusing intelligence, contribute to the strength and happiness of the family. And, in turn, the family promotes the advancement of the state. A beneficial interchange of good offices is thus maintained, each working in its own providential sphere for the good of the other, and both combining their respective agencies in the onward march of humanity.

Never has home occupied its own ground more completely than at present, and never has the external life of society been more closely connected with its character and condition. A modern household is a miniature world, insulated within its own realm, exercising its own prerogative and enjoying its privileges without disturbance. Amidst this seclusion, it is intimately identified with the movements of the age; it is, more than ever, a part of the brotherhood of mankind; and nothing can happen on the globe that does not affect its circumstances. Every day places its price and fortune at the mercy of those changes which are always going on in mercantile and national affairs. A storm on the ocean sinks its treasures, and a battle in India covers its walls with the shadow of death. But it is equally open to the mediating influences of civilization. The great world takes no step forward that home does not feel; and as nations advance in the arts of peace there is a deeper significance given to marriage, childhood rises to a happier destiny, and domestic piety utters a psalm of devout thanksgiving.

Among those ties which bind the external life of society to the family we may name literature as one of the strongest and most important. Every man of observation knows how much the domestic idea has entered into modern writing, and what a marked change in the modes and manifestations of creative thought has been produced since authors became conscious of the kind of patronage they were to receive. Indeed, the spirit of criticism which has been developed of late years in the private circle of the family has done more to elevate literature than all our dramatic reviews. And what is still more striking, the vast increase in the number of those books written for the quiet hours of home, and especially for the hands of women and children, their rapid gain, both in quality and quantity, over selector works of science, shows us that the intellect of the world is enlarging its relations and coming into nearer contact with household mind. We rank this fact among the most hopeful signs of the age. Whenever literature draws its inspiration from such a source, it must gather the best of wisdom as well as the noblest of aspirations into itself.

But our present concern is with the newspaper in the family. The period has not long passed when the newspaper was almost exclusively an organ for such thoughts and communications as were understood to have reference to men and their pursuits. Business, politics, and such other distinct interests as especially appertained to professional and mercantile life, occupied its columns. One section of the world, and it extremely limited, was under the watchful eye of the editor, and his vocation was restricted to a jealous oversight of its affairs. A man among men, he had no other standard than manly intercourse prescribed. His range was narrow, and often his temper narrower. But when the free spirit of an awakened and enthusiastic era penetrated into the operations of society; when, above all, mind, as mind, received an honest and liberal recognition; when intellect was liberated from its enthrallment to classes and factitious associations and taught to think and speak for kindred intellect, wherever it had its abode; then the newspaper, first to herald the dawning age and first to shine with its early light, spread its irradiating beams over the broad surface of human life. The change so effected, amounting to a revolution, proved most beneficial. If it did not restore the days of chivalry, it created a moral and social knightly order that refined sentiment and improved character. It made the editor something more of a man by bringing the conventional rules of society to bear upon him, and by substituting public opinion for class-opinion (or, better said, sex-opinion), it lifted him several grades higher in the scale of intellectual and moral being. The modern newspaper owes a large proportion of its power to the fact that it has become the exponent of society—a society as constituted by men and women—and it tests this enhancement of its authority and influence to the time when it entered the household as a guest of accredited respectability and reliable worth.

Without the slightest sympathy with what I termed Woman's Rights movements, we may remark that a movement other than that which is technically advertised in platform speeches has long

been progressing with the happiest results. The last honor accorded to woman was mild; but if delayed by strange obtuseness of thought, and yet more rigidly breadth of sentiment, it has finally been yielded from a whole-souled grace sufficient to make amends for past injustice. The returning sense of truth has wrought this noble work. It has been done without the rickety machinery of convolutions and the hypocritical symbolism of creeds that exaggerate a truth until it swells into a lie, and intensely a virtue into the fanatical fury of a vice. It has been done silently, but surely; and we are now witnesses of the fact that the growth of generous and sympathetic feelings are able, of themselves, to remedy abuses and rectify errors. We have learned that woman is wedded to man in all relations; that she is his counterpart everywhere and in every position; and because of this tendency in all things to form an alliance with her, we have come to feel that she is the heart of business no less than the heart of home.

But—to take up the stitch we dropped in this sentence-knitting—let us return to the newspaper. We say, then, that the idea of a family newspaper ought to have especial reference to woman. Not exclusive reference, however, for there would be an extreme almost as unfavorable to her true culture in the affairs of daily life as her entire neglect. What she needs in a newspaper is such information, such forms of thought, such intellectual, moral, and social action on her nature, rather than on her intellect, as shall expand her mind and mature her character in that experience which is common both to woman and man. Compelled as she is to have, in some things, her own exclusive range of ideas and emotions, there is danger that she may confine herself too much and too intensely to this separate field; and hence the importance of enlisting her attention and sympathy in behalf of those objects that appeal to us outside of the peculiarities of sex. Side by side with man she may thus be educated in all that concerns real life. She may remain "a keeper at home," and yet go abroad; may acquire a full knowledge of the world, and not pay the penalty of too much intercourse with it. By this means she may be fitted to supply a want that men often express, viz., intellectual and social companionship in matters that are above routine, etiquette, and drawing-room gossip. The positions of the two sexes, viewed in relation to the interchanges of mind, are certainly not linked together as they should be for mutual improvement, nor are they as sympathetic in kindred offices of sentiment as their happiness demands. Every intelligent person of both sexes, has often felt this painfully. But how shall it be improved? How many men as men, and women as women, meet on common ground without abatement of faculty, each retaining his and her endowments, both the eyes in nature's best sense, and yet opening their minds to each other's influence in hearty fellowship of thought and feeling? How may these sympathies which now so frequently weaken the intercourse of mind between the sexes be converted into agencies of strength and vigor? But one method has ever occurred to us, viz., to put them both in possession of the same sources of intelligence—to train them, after attaining mature life, under the influence of the same master-thoughts, and through the same general instrumentalities—to give them a common property in the intellectual life of the world, and let their hearts throb alike beneath its inspiring energy. A family newspaper meets this necessity. It offers a woman precisely the sort of information and discipline which she requires for conversational charms. The spirit of a first-rate newspaper is the spirit of active, energetic, daily life, with mind to give it dignity and ready tact for versatile adaptation; and this is just the spirit which our better class of women demand, to enable them to fulfill their intellectual and social relations with becoming propriety and effect.

A family newspaper, then, is a just report of the world every week, as far as it can and ought to report it, for the instruction, enlightenment, and happiness of the family. It should be a biography of life, a history of action. All that is attractive in science, beautiful in art, inviting in letters, with whatever else may invigorate and refresh mind by careful devotion to what is good, and hearty homage for what is great, it should command in sufficient measure for its pages. It must be a newspaper in every meaning of the word—one that shall faithfully depict the great surface of the world as the restlessness of passion, the mutations of opinion, the changes of mighty events speed over it; and one, too, that shall look deeper than the surface, and contemplate those principles in which the order of society and the welfare of existence have their roots.

Kisses.—Hardly any two females kiss alike. There is as much variety in the manner of doing it, as in the faces and manners of the sex. Some delicate little creatures merely give a slight brush of the lip. This is a sad aggravation. We seem to be about to "have a good time," but actually get nothing. Others go into us like a hungry man into a beef-steak, and seem to chew upon our countenances. This, which is not a common case, is too much like the Cannibal Islands, and soon drives away a delicate lover. Others struggle like when burping themselves in dry dirt. The kiss is such as the trouble it costs. Now, we are in favor of a certain shyness when a kiss is proposed, but it should not be continued too long; and, when the fair one gives in, let her administer the kiss with warmth and energy. Let there be soul in it. If she closes her eyes and sighs deeply immediately after it, the effect is greater. She should be careful not to "spread" the kiss, but give it as a humming-

bird runs his bill into a honeysuckle—deep, but delicately. There is much virtue in a kiss when well delivered. We have had the memory of one we received last us.

The N. Y. Post calls attention to the fact that the word *Baby* does not appear in the new Cyclopaedia, and supplies a definition:—*BABY*—The judge, jury and sentence of every well regulated family. A thing that squeaks at midnight, and will not be comforted by any quantity of soap. A biped called by its mother "de little rosey posey, pinkum pink, bless its little heart," and very frequently "trotted" to the tune of "Here we go up, up, up-se, and here we go down, down, down-e." By philosophers called "brat," and by Tupper, the philosopher, delicately alluded to as a "well-spring."



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But should the disease and the treatment not cause death speedily and the victim perish, the disease is entailed upon his children, who are born with feeble constitutions, the current of his corrupted blood, by a virus which betrays itself in Scrophulous, Tetters, Ulcers, Eruptions on other affections of the skin, Eruptions Throat and Lungs, entailing upon them a long existence of suffering and consigning them to an early grave.

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