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What is Home?

Publicists are bewailing the decadence of family life. Many believe that the home no longer is the center of the family life, the focal point of its activities and interests. They say other interests and attractions have usurped the place of home.

All of which makes one wonder what a home really is. Primarily, it is a shrine of love and affection, the abiding place of the family, founded by parents to house them and their offspring, and dedicated to the perpetuation of the tenderest affections and the highest virtues. If love does not dwell in a family, actuating the lives of the parents and influencing the careers of the children, it lacks the very foundation upon which home life is built.

The absence of this element may account measurably for the lack of interest which some fathers and mothers take in their homes, and which naturally is shared by the children. If the whole family is not bound together by ties of mutual love, there is no home, and none of the kindly sentiments and exalted virtues of true family life is to be found among its members.

Home should be the scene of enjoyment in the truest sense. Not pleasure that comes from the sense only, but gratification of the heart over participation in the cultural values afforded by art, literature, music, all of which have been placed in the hands of the most humble by our public libraries, art galleries, and musical organizations. If these are not emphasized in the home, the parents need not be surprised if their children incline toward the vulgar and coarse and are averse toward the finer things of life. We have lost much of our ability to provide our homes with pleasant diversions and depend almost entirely upon outside resources to supply this necessary element of our domestic life.

Home is a refuge from troubles, worries and anxieties. It is the safe port to which the father should steer serenely and hopefully after a trying day in the shop, store or office. It is the shelter to which the boys and girls may come with their perplexities. Under the benign influ-

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ence of a good home, cares and worries disappear and the whole family gathers strength and courage for the new day. If a man must leave his home to find comfort, cheer and ease of an evening, it indicates only too plainly that something is wrong in the place which he has helped found as a haven for rest and a place of relaxation from tribulations and worry. If mothers believe the society of their husbands and children is unable to afford them relief and pleasure, the chances are ten to one that the home spirit has not been cultivated. And if boys and girls cannot find encouragement, guidance and direction in the circle of their homes, but are forced to seek it elsewhere, their action is a sad commentary on the home-making ability of their parents.

The true and ideal home is a source of supply for the children. Every young child instinctively believes that its home can supply it with everything it wants. Who has not seen a child ask, with confident faith, for gifts far beyond the purchasing ability of its parents? The child knows nothing of the economic limitations of its parents. It believes that gratification will follow the request.

Since this is so in a material sense, how important it is for parents to make their homes an adequate and never failing source for moral and spiritual values. They may not be able to buy all the material things a child wants, but there is no limitation to the moral qualities which the parents can supply. They may enrich the child's life with qualities far more enduring than the playthings it craves, and in so doing provide that intangible atmosphere of sanctity and nobility which characterizes the abode of high minded men and women.

Costly furnishings and expensive labor saving devices do not make a home. You may have all of these, and still have provided yourself and family only with a collection of rooms. Perhaps our home life has lost its charm and potency because we think too much of its material aspects and too little of its spiritual furnishings. Unless we keep the atmosphere of the home charged with fundamental virtues and exemplify them in our lives, fathers, mothers and children will tire of the environment and vainly seek elsewhere for those qualities which can be found only in one place—a well conducted home.

It may be trite to say that there's no place like home, but the history of the race has proved conclusively that no one can find a substitute for a home and be satisfied and happy. Home is the guardian of our morals, the day spring of our success, the abiding place of our national strength.

Answers to Questions

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Q. What is meant by capital ships?—N. D.

A. The navy department says that this term is more or less elastic and refers to the larger and more modern naval vessels.

Is there any place in the universe that light does not penetrate?—E. M. S.

A. The naval observatory says that no region of space is known to astronomers so remote that light does not penetrate it.

Q. What is the original root word from which the word "intoxicating" is derived?—E. T. T.

A. The word "intoxicating" is derived from the Latin "intoxicare," which is a combination of "in" and "toxicon," the latter being a poison in which arrows were dipped.

Q. What kind of nuts are used in pralines?—C. I. C.

A. Pralines are confections made of nut kernels, usually of almonds, roasting in boiling sugar until brown and crisp. In this country pralines usually contain pecan meats.

Q. How fast do homing pigeons fly?—R. D. T.

A. The flight of the homing pigeon is steady, direct and rapid, but the rate of speed has been exaggerated and is now known to be on the average only about 50 miles an hour.

Q. What state leads in manufacturing establishments?—M. McD.

A. New York leads in number of manufacturing establishments, having 49,333, according to the preliminary summary of the census bureau. Pennsylvania is second, with 27,974. Pennsylvania, however, leads in amount of capital invested in such concerns, with a total of \$6,226,580,000. New York ranking second, with an investment of \$5,998,762,000.

Q. What is the origin of the word "mother"?—K. R. C.

A. Sanskrit contained the word matr; Latin, mater; German changed it to mutter; Anglo-Saxon, modor; Middle English, moder; modern English, mother.

Lessons in Correct English

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TODAY'S TALK

By George Matthew Adams, Author of "You Can," "Take It," "Up"

THAT WHICH YOU DON'T QUITE GET

Walt Whitman, in writing of Lincoln's face, has this to say: "None of the artists or pictures has caught the deep though subtle and indirect expression of this man's face. There is something else there."

The artist is great for what he conceals from you, but which you applaud!

We strive for ideals beyond us. We are thrilled by what we gain from toll and long years of waiting and patience—but that which we receive is not the biggest thing that makes our heart warm and our face to smile. It's that which we don't quite get.

The lower clothes his sweetheart with perfect beauty. Her merest expression to him is sweeter than the smoothest melody in his ears. If he could understand her and she would solve herself to him in all that she is, the castle in which he has found her would crash to earth.

It's the something else that is there in those we love that binds us to them.

Outside my bedroom window a branch from a tall tree waves to me every morning. On this branch lately I have watched a gray bird sing marvelous songs. It's little throat vibrates with happy melodies. And though it sits but a few feet from my gaze, still it does not fear but goes through its concert with evident pride and pleasure. But it's what that bird thinks of me—a funny looking human being—that I would like to know.

The mystery of not knowing—it is this that drives us all on—and on—and on.

That which you don't quite get is what makes you think, and work, and bear. Spurred by its fascination, you climb over your failures and disappointments and FEEL that you are winning anyway. As you are!

The best that is within us must always express—without explaining the secrets within our personalities.

Rippling Rhymes

By Walt Mason

THE LUCKLESS DAY

This morn, alack, there was a tawk, on which I placed my tribby; "such luck," I said, "fills me with dread—this day a tempon will be."

Hour after hour my luck was sour, misfortunes drove me dooty; I stubbed my toes and broke my nose against a doopost knotty. I took a drink of dark blue ink, mistaking it for water, aimed at a fly, and my am't eye received the swizzing swatter. Oh, all the fates and kindred skates to punish me seemed handied; I fell downstairs and broke some chairs and sofas where I landed. And every jay has known a day when all things seemed conspiring to make him smart and break his heart and tangle all his wiring.

Such days there be, and then we see what stuff a gent is made of; if he is cheap he'll wall and weep at bogies he's afraid of. But if he's

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