

Out of the Way.
Jamie's feet are restless and rough,
Jamie's fingers cause disarray,
Jamie can never make a noise enough,
Jamie is told to get out of the way.
Out of the way of beautiful things,
Out of the way of his games and toys,
Out of the way of his sticks and strings,
Out on the street, with the other boys.
Easy to slip from home restraint,
Out of the mother care, into the throng,
Out of the way of fret and complaint,
Out in the fun—so easily along.
Out of the way of truth and right,
Out of the bold, the reckless, the gay,
Out of the night—
Mother, your boy is out of the way!
Out into darkness, crime, and woe!
Mother, why do you weep to-day?
Weep that Jamie has sunk so low?
You who sent him out of your way!
Pray you, mother, to be forgiven!
And for your boy, too, pray, oh pray!
For he is out of the way to heaven—
Yes, he is surely out of the way!
—Youth's Companion.

From Our Dumb Animals.
A gentleman who crossed the Atlantic a few years since on a German steamship, the "Rhine," found himself a fellow passenger with a large female elephant. The voyage was long and tempestuous. To while away the time he often visited the elephant's quarters, and at dinner filled his pockets with tit-bits, crackers, or refuse from the table, to carry to the sagacious quadruped, who soon learned to expect him and fish his pockets for the same. At his coming she would throw out her trunk and show signs of great delight and pleasure. But at length little time for thought of his "companion du voyage." Several years after, elephants were quartered in Central Park, New York, for the winter, and several children of the household desired to visit them. He accompanied them, and obtained permission of the keeper to go into the building where they were kept tied to heavy posts. As soon as he entered, one elephant at once became restless, threw out her trunk, tossed her ears, and tramped her feet. The keeper looked for a dog, and ordered her to be quiet; then asked, "Have you ever had anything to do with elephants?" "No," was his reply. Then his voyage was recalled. "That is it," said the keeper, "you can go to her without danger." It was the elephant that came over on the same vessel. He went to Nellie, as the keeper called her; she became quiet, and expressed her pleasure. From an apple woman near he procured fruit and filled his pockets. She had not forgotten the old trick, but dove down with her trunk, as in the old days, until every one was found. The keeper said: "You can visit her any time. She will never forget you."
M. A. H.

Sensible Talk by Bill Arp.
A youth had better not learn to write if he has no moral training to keep him from forging a note. He had better know no bookkeeping if his principles incline him to false entries and embezzlement. There is a radical defect in the public school system, especially in the North, where teaching is an ice clad and ironclad business—an ill and no heart. They have only 4 per cent of illiteracy, while the south averages 24, but their convictions for crimes outnumber ours five to one, according to white population.
When my daughter tells me that "Ella or Lou or Mary is a good scholar, I always ask is she a good girl, is she kind, does she know the golden rule, or is she vain and conceited? Some of the smartest scholars I know are the meanest.—I don't care how smart a boy is in figures, if he will cheat another boy in trade or impose upon those who are smaller than he is. I still love the boys who were good to us. Most of them are dead, but I love to recall their kindness in my memory. Kindness makes a deeper impression than scholarship.
I fear that this feature in our schools has too low a place. It should have the highest. Scholarship does not make good citizens, but morality add principles do. Is he honest? Is he truthful? Is he strictly temperate? Is he willing to work? are the questions that are asked when a young man seeks employment. Will the teacher teach these things, should be asked of every applicant for a place in our schools.

Woman's Suffrage.
"Woman's suffrage," said Eli Perkins, "is not a woman's right to suffer. It is right to enjoy, without molestation, everything that a Christian man can enjoy. It is the right to be a citizen if she is a citizen, and help make the laws which protect her property and liberty. I hate the woman who would deprive woman the right to slave and bear children without even love for wages.
Old man Flint says he don't believe in woman's "voting and talking in the churches and praying in public."
"What do you believe?" I asked the other day, as I saw old Flint sitting around the polls with his heels higher than his head, drinking whiskey, while a colored woman read his ballot for him.
"What do you believe?"
"I ain't eggshetty what ye might call a wimmen's righter," said the old ignoramus. "Naw, sir Mr. Perkins, I ain't a wimmen's righter, an' yit there ain't many men'll go ferder'n me in givin' wimmen her natchrel privileges. Now, there's my wife—that woman sets at the same table with me, an' if she wants to run over to a neighbor's once in a month or so an' set awhile, why, she kin go 'thout sayin' a word to me 'bout it, provided she gits home in time to milk the cows an' slop the peegs an' carry in all coal, an' git hay for the critters, an' do little chores like that. I often give her a whole quarter to do as she's a mind to with. I let her go to town often as twice a year, an' her vittals is good as mine, an' take it all in all, I reckon she's bout as many rights as any womean 'round here. I hate a mean man, gentlemn, speehly one that's mean to his wife. Give the wimmen their rights as wimmen, says I, give 'em their rights."

Advice to Girls.
Don't conclude that a man is gentleman because he has the manners of one.
Don't think because a man is graceful and interesting talker that he is every thing else.
Don't fail to take a man at his word when he says he is poor.
Don't be familiar with men, and don't permit familiarities from them.
Don't think because a man likes you that he wants to marry you.
Don't think that a man is not in love with you because he has not proposed to you.
Don't be silly about the men.
Don't be rude to a man in order to show your independence.
Don't let a man impose upon you simply because he is a man.
Don't believe everything a man tells you, either about himself or yourself.
—Detroit Free Press.
Fresh fish, learned men say, is more to be desired in summer than meat.

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