









INNOCENCE

[From the London Saturday Review] There is something so charming in innocence that we are apt to overlook its inconspicuous and its dangers. To be innocent is to require perpetual protection and exposure, and to be constantly exposed to the machinations of ill-disposed people. Hence innocence is often figures as injured, and people folk are disposed to look upon it as something very like a vice. The fiction which is a part of the national lady's walk bedecked in jewels rich and rare through the dominions of King Boreas. He escaped uninjured it was more than she deserved. There are few things more offensive in modern society than the excessive parade of a false innocence which is only ignorance, and which goes about tempting the weak principles of the unregenerate. The old hagologist missed the point when he made St. Anthony able to resist the charms of a beautiful devil. But when Goethe adds innocence to the charms of the tempter, Faust succumbs to an influence which might as easily have vanquished the hermit. The thing is, reduced to an absurdity when we reflect that, in innocence is the ideal sense, and that an old innocent in Irish, or Scotch for an idiot. This ideal simplicity requires the country for its proper playground, and it is as much out of place in a window in Regent Street. It is impossible in town, not only because of the difficulty of preserving it, but because the charming possessor could not be trusted out of sight, and would require, whenever she took her walk abroad, the attendance of a policeman, and the addition of a pair of whippers to her ordinary costume. Perhaps the brzen or golden ornaments which in the Low Countries some peasant women wear at the sides of their eyes take their rise from such a theory. Innocence is a quality which happens to many a man who openly declares his intention of marrying a lady who wears spectacles, in order to see, and he says what it would be like; but he, too, may have thought that serious education and the wearing of artificial aids to vision would go to the increase of that innocence, which he professed to admire. It is a question how far men really do admire innocence. The man who ventures to flirt with an innocent girl does so, as he is aware, at great personal risk. He never knows where she may take him in. He cannot tell when she is serious and when she is in fun; and if he finds any charm in the pursuit, it is that which most men feel to be a dangerous adventure. He cannot help constantly fancying that she holds up a mask to be withdrawn, and he is carried away, in spite of himself, to step in to see if he can not retreat. In step, he can not believe in the reality of her innocence till it has been removed, and the consequences of irresponsibility are frequent. It is in this way that men make foolish engagements, too often with girls for whom they care but little, and whose regret, coupled with domestic discord, conjugal indifference, and hundreds of other attendant woes, may often follow upon a so-called innocent flirtation. The true country innocence is a production, probably peculiar to our nation and time. She does not exist except in England and some parts of North America. She has not existed even here until lately. Public nights, modes of speech, habits of thought, would have made her impossible a hundred years ago; for even Clarissa Harlowe was not innocent according to the modern pattern. She may often be, and sometimes doubtless is, absolutely sane in mind and idea. She knows no evil and thinks none. She is given to blushing, not so much at what is naughty, for that concerns no idea to her mind, as at any thing which she has a direct reference to. Her gait, her dress, or opinion, she is not stupid, for stupidity almost implies ill nature and ill nature is incompatible with innocence. On the contrary, she is very wide awake, very sensitive, and has, except in matters of right and wrong, about which she knows nothing, a very sound judgment. She pays you little attentions with out meaning or effort, remembering whether you take sugar in your tea, what songs you prefer, and how long it is to a day since you last visit. She has not the slightest objection to button your gloves for you—why not? She will put a rose into your coat, and will remember which rose you like best. She will take your hand and the grave and sit beside you in the arbor. If your flirtation with her has advanced that a little way she will openly lay little plots for inducing mamma's vigilance at the picnic, and will be to sit beside you on the box of the dog.

catch you; and when you propose to her, she has not the vaguest idea whether she is in love with you or not. Probably she is startled to hear you talk of such a thing, and, if you ask her directly, will refuse you without hesitation; but the chances are that, before you have been long absent, she finds her error, and repeats when it is too late. Once you break away, her influence is gone in all probability; but, should you return to your devotion, she will accept you at once, and will confide to you without hesitation that she is quite surprised to find how much she likes love-making. But the country innocent is exposed of tentimes to a different kind of danger in matrimony. She is very likely to accept the first offer she gets, and to marry a man merely because she is asked to do so. A short acquaintance suffices for such a match. She is as indifferent for her lover as she can be to a man who has paid her the compliment of wishing to make her his wife, and she surrounds herself without a second thought. Her life must afterwards be full of strange awakenings; but unless, when she knows what love is, she should fall to fall in love with her husband, it need not be an unhappy one. The married innocent is not so much exposed as her unmarried sister to the wiles of Satan, and may continue to carry about with her to the end of her life some fragrance of the paradise from which she came out. That the modern father should bring up his daughters in this kind of way is very marvellous. He must know that the isolation of the country life can not last forever; that, indeed, it is not desirable it should do so. Such a father would cry out in horror at the idea of teaching his girls the most rudimentary principles of physiology, and would be shocked to find that they read Adam Bede. Yet he can not guard them from the knowledge of the village or parish gossip, and any newspaper may reveal to them all the abominations of our social life. If he can keep them from curiosity as well as from scandal, and can show them the Bible and a good history as well as Shakespeare, he is well. But he succeeds in this all but impossible task, it is only to leave them exposed to temptations of which they know nothing, bound hand and foot by an ignorance of vice. When it is presented to them, they do not recognize it, and fall into any trap that may be laid for them. When the parental care is withdrawn, they are without any safeguard. They can have no consciousness about breaking commandments of whose meaning they are ignorant; and every one knows among the circle of his fast acquaintances, young ladies who, having been brought up in the strictest of family circles, welcome emancipation with an ardor which is incompatible with dignity, or even with true purity. Ignorance is not principle, nor, on the other hand, is knowledge guilty; but it is too late to inculcate virtue when the pleasantness of wickedness has been inadvertently tasted. Once the passions have been aroused, it is ridiculous to talk of the abstract virtue, and there is nothing for it but to fall back on prudence. Such are the morals taught, without intending it, by parents who fancy that ignorance and innocence go hand in hand. Ladies who visit the poor and nurse the sick are not the less models of purity and true innocence. They are not ignorant of the misery, and even the vice of those to whom they are so kind. They go through it unscathed; not even the smell of fire has passed upon them; but to grasp their elevation it is necessary that the modern and, so to speak, uncolored ideal of innocence should have been cast aside. It is not for all to nurse or visit. But no woman can be the worse for a comprehension of the wickedness of vulgar vice, any more than for sympathy with pain and want. A little knowledge of forbidden subjects is not, in the nature of things, to be kept out of young minds. The gossip of the nursery sets little minds speculating, and reveals many things they need never know. If it would be better if children could be kept free from all contamination, but when that is possible? Certainly not where they are left to the society of servants, who, let them be ever so moral and proper themselves, have friends and relations to whom sensuality is a laughing stock. As they grow older their heads are filled with the longing wonder to pry into the mysteries of life. That secrets have been carefully kept from them they know, but they have no notion of their true nature. Their ideas of immorality are confined to lying, stealing disobedience, impiety, and such like. Of the ordinary sins of society they know nothing, and there is no occasion that they should know anything positive. There is no need to give a young person the Newgate Calendar in order to make him or her avoid the crimes depicted therein. But a very different kind of knowledge might very well be supplied to them—knowledge that would not injure their purity in the least, but in reality strengthen and guard it. The sins of young people are more often sins of ignorance than of willful sin. They do not know what they are doing, and so when temptation comes to them they fall an easy prey, and the manner of our sins are far more than our sins. The stories of young people, gone away who never intended, even to the last, to go astray, and whose faults are caused rather by an excessive than by a deficient innocence.

once. We do not wish to see our girls brought up anatomists or lawyers, but it may be questioned whether we are right in keeping them quite in the dark until they are ready to be launched into the full light of modern life to find their way for themselves, dazzled and confused by what they see around them. It may be a question whether, for the sake of securing the very transient charm of innocence—a charm only accordant with extreme youth—it is worth while to expose our children to the dangerous results of that blind ignorance on which it can only be found. REMOVAL! REMOVAL! P Burns has removed his grocery store from San Maverick's corner to corner of Avenue D and 4th street, where he will be glad to see his old customers and the public generally. oc19-dim A Large Supply OF ROOFING TIN, AT LOWEST CASH PRICES. For Sale by JAS. CALLAGHAN & CO., Commission Merchants, 27 Commerce St. (old 4 & W.) San Antonio. PHOTOGRAPH GALLERY DOERR & JACOBSON, 63 COMMERCE ST. OFF. MAYER & WOLF'S. Would say to the public that they are fully prepared to execute all orders in the photographic art, and that they read Adam Bede. Yet he can not guard them from the knowledge of the village or parish gossip, and any newspaper may reveal to them all the abominations of our social life. If he can keep them from curiosity as well as from scandal, and can show them the Bible and a good history as well as Shakespeare, he is well. But he succeeds in this all but impossible task, it is only to leave them exposed to temptations of which they know nothing, bound hand and foot by an ignorance of vice. When it is presented to them, they do not recognize it, and fall into any trap that may be laid for them. When the parental care is withdrawn, they are without any safeguard. They can have no consciousness about breaking commandments of whose meaning they are ignorant; and every one knows among the circle of his fast acquaintances, young ladies who, having been brought up in the strictest of family circles, welcome emancipation with an ardor which is incompatible with dignity, or even with true purity. Ignorance is not principle, nor, on the other hand, is knowledge guilty; but it is too late to inculcate virtue when the pleasantness of wickedness has been inadvertently tasted. Once the passions have been aroused, it is ridiculous to talk of the abstract virtue, and there is nothing for it but to fall back on prudence. Such are the morals taught, without intending it, by parents who fancy that ignorance and innocence go hand in hand. Ladies who visit the poor and nurse the sick are not the less models of purity and true innocence. They are not ignorant of the misery, and even the vice of those to whom they are so kind. They go through it unscathed; not even the smell of fire has passed upon them; but to grasp their elevation it is necessary that the modern and, so to speak, uncolored ideal of innocence should have been cast aside. It is not for all to nurse or visit. But no woman can be the worse for a comprehension of the wickedness of vulgar vice, any more than for sympathy with pain and want. A little knowledge of forbidden subjects is not, in the nature of things, to be kept out of young minds. The gossip of the nursery sets little minds speculating, and reveals many things they need never know. If it would be better if children could be kept free from all contamination, but when that is possible? Certainly not where they are left to the society of servants, who, let them be ever so moral and proper themselves, have friends and relations to whom sensuality is a laughing stock. As they grow older their heads are filled with the longing wonder to pry into the mysteries of life. That secrets have been carefully kept from them they know, but they have no notion of their true nature. Their ideas of immorality are confined to lying, stealing disobedience, impiety, and such like. Of the ordinary sins of society they know nothing, and there is no occasion that they should know anything positive. There is no need to give a young person the Newgate Calendar in order to make him or her avoid the crimes depicted therein. But a very different kind of knowledge might very well be supplied to them—knowledge that would not injure their purity in the least, but in reality strengthen and guard it. The sins of young people are more often sins of ignorance than of willful sin. They do not know what they are doing, and so when temptation comes to them they fall an easy prey, and the manner of our sins are far more than our sins. The stories of young people, gone away who never intended, even to the last, to go astray, and whose faults are caused rather by an excessive than by a deficient innocence.

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CITY NEWS.

Officer Nickerson was reported yesterday as improving. If you want a good hat or a cheap hat, go to Hancock & Son.

THE YOUNG DEMOCRACY.

The Young Men's Democratic Club of Bexar County held their regular weekly meeting on Friday night. The Committee on resolutions recommended the following resolution:

SPORTING NEWS.

The second trial of speed between the trotting horses, Sleepy Baldy and Harry Clay, owned by the former by L. R. Hunter and the latter by Richard & Meade, commenced yesterday evening at the Fair Grounds.

THE GOVERNMENT DEPOT.

For three long weeks we have told our readers nothing about the work on the Government Depot buildings. Having visited the work yesterday, we shall break on upon this long interval by the happy account of the progress of the work.

GRAND MEETING!

All persons interested in the hat occasion which occurred in Central Garden on Friday evening last, are hereby requested to meet at the Alameda House on Monday, Oct. 16th, at 8 p. m., for the purpose of taking such steps as may be necessary to obtain their own hats, there being no other way of settling the matter, as there are more than 50 persons interested.

NURTURE OUR STOCK INTERESTS.

For many years, the sagas of San Antonio have been crying out for a railroad, and their cry has been a just one. The dulness of trade has properly been imputed to the lack of railroad intercourse with the people, and the commercial center of the country.

GOOD NEWS FOR EVERYBODY.

In our columns this morning will be found the liberal advertisement of Mr. Solomon Deutch. Every word it contains is true—Mr. Deutch means exactly what he says. He now occupies the building south corner Main Street and Main Plaza.

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TO THE LADIES.

Good News for the Singer! THE WORLD'S AWARD IN 1874 THE CENTENNIAL AWARD AND THE LADIES' HONOR IN 1876!

THE RESIDENCE QUESTION.

There appeared in your issue of the 13th a communication signed "H.," referring to the security of houses, and why more are not built for rent.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

J. W. Brennan, J. M. Wicket, John Philip Murphy and Lady, Boston; J. Patterson, H. S. A. R. R.; D. Murphy, Madison.

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Grey hair can be changed to a glossy black by a single application of Dr. Tetter's Hair Dye. It acts like magic, and is warranted harmless in water.

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