

# IN THE WOMAN'S WORLD

## MOTHERS SHOULD USE CARE IN CHOOSING HOME BOOKS

Some of the popular books of fiction that are published today are hardly fit for the library in the home where there are little daughters. The same may be said of some serial stories published in the magazines. There has indeed been a change in the young girl's thought, or she would not care for the stories. A generation ago the girls of ten or twelve years of age were perfectly content with a copy of Grimm's Fairy Tales where the prince and princess were married and lived happily ever after, but her sister who is twelve years old now spends her leisure hours diving into exaggerated tales of life of which she should remain ignorant. So many of the stories deal with society in a state quite impossible, and a child when reading about it often places herself (in her mind) in the place of the heroine.

Of course if the parents did not have these books in the house the children would not read them, provided there were a number of good books placed before them. As soon as a child is old enough to have novels she should be given the books of Margaret Sidney telling of the life of the courageous Polly Pepper. Polly has been the example for many little girls who have striven to be

as good and whole-hearted as the heroine of the books in which she appears. Then Louisa M. Alcott's books with the undaunted Joell are ones that should be read by young girls and if they are normal, natural little girls they will come to love this heroine as well as Polly Pepper, and she will be a good influence in their lives. There are ever so many books that are for little girls. Kate Douglas Wiggin, whose Rebecca of Sunny Brook Farm created quite a sensation when published a few years ago, is another authoress whose aim is to please and help the children.

When a girl has reached the high school age she may be given historical novels which deal with the period of the history she is studying. As often a good historical novel will make the class work easier, as statistics are omitted and the manner of living and condition of the people are described. The Crisis, by Winston Churchill is probably one of the best loved books of the present day and scholars say that many of the characteristics of Abraham Lincoln are brought out here as in no other book. There are any number of books on this order that should be included in the library of the girls.

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"This winter and spring will be one of the greatest tourist seasons that Hawaii has ever known," said Mr. Myers, "and if all the people come who told me that they would visit Honolulu, we will have one of the biggest crowds that we ever attempted to look after. As a tourist resort, the islands are rapidly coming to the front, and the time will come when the steamers will be full all the time and our hotels will have all the business that they can attend to. We are going to have vast numbers of tourists here, especially when the canal is open, and also at the time when people will be attracted by the world's fair in San Francisco."

Mr. Myers is also very enthusiastic over the results of Walter G. Smith's lectures in Canada. He says that they are waking the people up and that he expects a large number of Canadians to visit the islands as a result of the trip.

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