Advice to Youth


Always obey your 1. ___________, when they are present. This is the best policy in the long run, because if you don’t, they will make you.

Be respectful to your 2. ___________, if you have any, also to 3. ___________, and sometimes to others. If a person offends you, and you are in doubt as to whether it was intentional or not, do not resort to extreme measures; simply watch your chance and hit him with a 4. ___________. That will be 5. ___________.

Go to bed early, get up early -- this is wise. A 6. ___________ is really the best thing to get up with. It gives you a splendid reputation with everybody to know that you get up with the 6. ___________; and if you get the right kind of 6. ___________, and work at him right, you can easily train him to get up at half past 7. ___________, every time -- it’s no trick at all.

Now as to the matter of 8. ___________. You want to be very careful about 8. ___________; otherwise you are nearly sure to get caught. Once caught, you can never again be in the eyes to the good and the pure, what you were before...I do maintain, that the young ought to be temperate in the use of this 9. ___________ art until practice and experience shall give them that confidence, elegance, and precision which can make the accomplishment 10. ___________ and 11. ___________.

Never handle a 12. ___________ carelessly. Only four days ago, a grandmother, old and gray and 13. ___________, was sitting at her work, when her young grandson crept in and got a 12. ___________ and pointed it at her, laughing and threatening to 14. ___________. In her fright she ran 15. ___________ and 16. ___________ toward the door on the other side of the room; but as she passed him he placed the 12. ___________ almost against her very 17. ___________! He had supposed it was not 18. ___________. And he was right -- it wasn’t. So there wasn’t any harm done.

Build your character thoughtfully and painstakingly upon these precepts, and by and by, when you have got it built, you will be surprised and gratified to see how nicely and sharply it resembles everybody else’s.