

POOR CHILDREN OF LONDON.

The streets of London are full of poor, and ragged, and untalented children, whose parents, themselves poor and ragged, and as indigent as they are, are unable to provide for their children, send them out to pilfer, and to gather what they can from the wretched gleanings of the streets of the city. You see them every where. Like certain classes of birds that follow the plow for the worms that are turned up in the new made furrow, or that wander over the fields in search of insects, so these creatures live on the crumbs of the street. They are ignorant, they are depraved, they are thievish; there is nothing too filthy or wicked for them. They abound more especially in certain districts of the metropolis, where the poor are congregated. They are a class of human beings, as low and as bad as can be, and for which, as yet, there is no redemption. Their misery, in the great mass, is unapproachable, and untouched by the schemes of benevolence. Nothing can exceed their degradation. There may be other conditions of heathenism in pagan lands, as low, because like exposures bring human nature to the same place; but nothing can be lower. The poor and depraved of a great city are the basest of human kind. A view of them as they are, would doubtless be as frightful as it would be disgusting. To think that our property, our comfort, and our lives, are placed in the midst of such a mass of wickedness, which nothing can restrain but physical force, or the fear of it, might well disturb our tranquility for a moment, and induce us to ask—Is there no help—no remedy for such a state of things? Is not the community responsible?

ARTIFICIAL AID FOR EYES.

Editors Hawk Eye.—In your "notes and gleanings" I find a most valuable suggestion about using spectacles, or artificial aids for the eyesight, too soon. Allow me to give you my own experience on this subject. I am fifty-five years old and have never yet used glasses. I begin to hope now that I can go through life without them. My eyes frequently fail me, and when they do, I increase the convexity of the pupil, and adjust the focus, as you suggest, by gently pressing, with the finger and thumb, from the outer and inner corners of the eye, to the center. This I have done for more than eight years. I find that the eye has irregular paroxysms of loss of convexity. Without any apparent cause, reading or writing by night becomes difficult, in fact impossible. A few gentle pressures make all right, perhaps for a month, when the same inconvenience is felt again, the relief of course is instantaneous. I am not positive now, but that the use of glasses for a person naturally blessed with good eyesight, is altogether unnecessary. Nearly everybody commences to use them too soon, and when they once begin, that is the last of their eyes. No greater inconvenience to me can be signified than to carry my eyes in my pockets, and be compelled to take them out when wanted. B. F. P. Burlington Hawk Eye.

COLORS.

Nothing contributes in a more particular manner to heighten the beauty of the skin than the choice of colors. For example, females of light complexion ought to wear the purest white; they should choose light and brilliant colors, such as rose, azure, light yellow, &c. Women of a dark complexion, who dress in such colors, as we have often seen them do, cause their skin to appear black, dull and tanned. They ought, therefore, to avoid white robes, and rose color, or light blue ribbons, which form too distasteful a contrast to their carnations. Let such persons, on the contrary, dress in colors which are best suited to them; in particular, green, violet, purple; and then that darkness, which was only the effect of too harsh a contrast, will suddenly disappear, as if by enchantment; their complexion will become lively and animated, and will exhibit such charms as will dispute and even bear away the fairest of the fair. In a word, the fair can not be too careful to correct, by light colors, the paleness of their complexions; and darker women, by stronger colors, the somewhat yellow tint of their carnation. We must not omit a very important observation respecting the change of colors by light. Thus, crimson is extremely handsome at night, when it may be substituted for rose color, which loses its charms by candle light; but this crimson, seen by day, spoils the most beautiful complexion; no color whatever strikes it so completely of all its attractions. Pale yellow, on the contrary, is often very handsome by day, and is perfectly suited to persons who have a fine carnation; but at night it appears dirty, and tarnishes the lustre of the complexion, to which it is designed to give brilliancy.

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