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from twelve yeare old and upward.

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it is yet night, and giveth meate to her household, and a taske to her maides. Howbeit, such parents as are not of sufficient ability to maintaine their children in their owne house, (which vnder wise-governing parents were best in this licentious generation) they ought to apply their wits and best endeavour, to place them in good seruices; where they may be well taught all manner of good houswifrie, and honestie of life, and encrease in the knowledge of our Lord Iesus Christ. In this place I cannot but remember one *Caius Furius Cresimus*, who so employed a lustie daughter with his tooles of husbandrie and oxen, that he reaped more fruit of a small peice of ground, then his neighbours did of very large fields: *Rebekah, Rachel, & Iethroes* daughters, kept their fathers sheepe: and king *Dauids* daughter could handle the frying-pan. It is then no disgrace, but great good to keep the daughters well busied in honest labour, at home or in seruice abroad. And at this age of twelve yeares and forward, the parents, and namely the mother, is to vse her selfe more familiarly with the daughter (alway keeping the grauitie and authoritie of a mother) that so the child may loue her companie, and be more apt to open her mind to her mother, and not by seueritie to cause her to delight in a stranger, and to open her mind to such: for by kind vltage, they shall see further into their natures, and more easily learne what need they haue of marriage, & so preuent the stealing away of their child, or at least of their childs heart. And thus obser-

Some maids to be put in seruice.

Gen. 14. & 19. Exod. 2. 2. Sam. 13. 7.

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