

**HOUSEHOLD.**

**Somebody's Boy.**

List to the ring of the midnight song;  
 'Tis somebody's boy.  
 The winds give to every wild echo a tongue,  
 Yes, somebody's boy.

The witch of the revel has waved her wand  
 Over somebody's boy;  
 And the spirit of evil has clasped the hand  
 Of somebody's boy.

Comes now a yell on the midnight air,  
 From somebody's boy;  
 Reckless, defiant and devil-may-care,  
 Is somebody's boy!

Foul is the bed—madly dark the dank cell,  
 Where somebody's boy  
 Is writhing in torture, the veriest hell—  
 Yet, somebody's boy.

Waiting and watching, a mother's eyes weep  
 For somebody's boy.  
 The vigil, dear Father, O help her to keep!  
 For somebody's boy.

Throw 'round him, and over, thy Spirit to  
 save,  
 This somebody's boy;  
 Ere fiends for his lost soul shall hollow the  
 grave  
 Of somebody's boy.

Fill with thy Spirit, too, our hearts, we pray',  
 That somebody's boy  
 We may watch for, and snatch from the  
 death-trodden way  
 Yes, somebody's boy.

—Mrs. E. P. Miller, in 'Mother Truth's  
 Melodies.'

**Fruit Syrups.**

**FOR PLAIN FRUIT JUICE.**—The following rule is given for preparing fruit juices for general purposes. Heat the ripe fruit slowly until you can mash and strain out the juices as for jelly. Put the juices in a preserving kettle, and bring slowly to boiling point, then skim carefully and allow to simmer for fifteen minutes. To each quart of juice add quarter pint of granulated sugar. Cook slowly for ten minutes, then seal in bottles or pint glass jars.

**RASBERRY SYRUP.**—When red raspberries are used, a fine syrup is obtained by using one-third red currants to two-thirds red raspberries. Make a syrup of a pound of granulated sugar and pint of water. When it clears boil gently for fifteen minutes, then add a pint of the juice from the two fruits, after straining. Cover and let simmer for twenty-minutes, then seal in bottles while hot. A little more sugar may be allowed if you desire a richer syrup.

**SYRUP OF STRAWBERRIES.**—For every pint of clear strawberry juice allow following syrup: Put two cups (one pound) of granulated sugar in a saucepan with half pint of water and cook without stirring until it will make a soft ball when dropped in ice cold water. Cover and cook slowly for fifteen minutes. Seal while hot.

**CHERRY SYRUP.**—Stone the ripe red cherries, crush a few of the stones and add the pits to the fruit, heat until soft enough to squeeze out the juice through a jelly bag, measure, and to every quart of juice allow one pint of sugar. Put in a kettle over the fire, and boil ten minutes, skimming if necessary. Seal up in bottles or jars.

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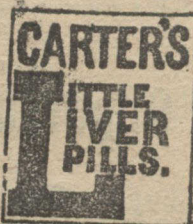
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