

House and Household.

A LITTLE PLAIN TALK TO MOTHERS.

The wife and mother who neglects her own personal appearance is sowing the seeds of a sorrowful harvest that she will one day reap in the indifference and contempt with which she will be treated by her family, and the servitude that will be expected.

As the mother holds a position superior to the children, as she is their guide, teacher, and protector, so should she bring to her aid the support that suitable and becoming dress always gives. The moment a mother begins to neglect herself, that moment she begins to fall from her high estate. There is nothing that so raises the mother in the estimation of the child as for it to become aware that she dresses as well and knows just as much as the other women in the circle in which they move, that she holds a certain position on a plane somewhat higher than that occupied by the child, and to which it is obliged to look up.

Mother love tempts a woman to adorn her child first, but she ought to realize that her own claims are paramount and first to be considered, and that self-denial in matters pertaining to her health, comfort and good looks, is not only poor policy but derogatory to her motherhood. There is no greater gift to a child than to give it the best of yourself. You cheat it when you scrimp and save and do without necessary clothing, recreation and mental growth in order that it may compete with its school-mates in dress, leaving for them in their later years but the memory of a broken down, untidy mother who was so incessantly occupied with domestic details as to leave no time for companionship. Others can sew, bake and wash, but a child can have but one mother, childhood is fleeting, and now is the time for you to spend in their society, moulding their manners and training their souls as only a mother can.

Cases often come to our notice where the mother has allowed herself to degenerate into a mere slave, so wrapped up in ministrations to her family, that she has no time to give proper care to her person, and has reached a state where her appearance before their friends seems to demand an apology from her children.

This is all wrong, and such mothers are as deserving of censure as those whose lives are spent in a round of selfish pleasure, leaving their offspring to the care of ignorant or vicious servants.

Children should respect a mother living and reverence her dead, and in order to do this she must not place herself in the position of a menial. Let the children's clothes be plain, if need be, but let your own be of comparatively good quality, neat and well-fashioned. Silks, costly laces and embroideries are entirely out of place on the little one, whose flower-like loveliness needs no such adornments, and they will be far better off if plainly and comfortably dressed in ten-cent gingham of simple make, with their mother's, fresh, cheerful and tastefully dressed, to entertain and amuse them, than if decked in costly gewgaws, and left to themselves, or fretted by an over-worked, nervous parent.

ECONOMY IN DRESSMAKING.

Apropos of dress expense, let me give you a suggestion, just one point of the probable many, sisters mine, where you can easily bring the figures down, and that is—in linings. There are scores of different linings—inexpensive linings, cheap linings, and linings that are of moderate prices. The cheapest grade of lining, and one which is used by many very good people, is a cambric skirting that can be bought as low as six cents a yard. It takes six yards, costing 36 cents. The cheapest waist lining is drilling, costing ten cents a yard, of which two and a half yards are required for waist and sleeves—total 25 cents. The stiffening for the skirt would be wiggins at ten or twelve cents a yard, and a yard would be all that would be used. An alpaca facing would cost 25 cents more. Belt, sewing silk and extras 50 cents, bringing the whole expense down to less than \$1.75. This is counting upon using for the twelve "whalebones" the covered

steels that come at ten cents a dozen, but I would advise no economy on this score, for real bones are cheapest in the long run, even though they seem enormously extravagant. They only will keep a gown in shape, and they can be used in one gown after another until there is nothing left of them to use.

TROUBLESOME BUT INFALLIBLE.

The most satisfactory way to deal with moths, bed bugs or other household pests is to fumigate with sulphur. The ordinary powder will do, but sulphur candles are better, and can be procured from any druggist. Put the article you wish fumigated in a small, close room, taking care to remove all silver or growing plants, as it will tarnish the one and kill the other; place your lighted candle in an old kettle, and have the room closed for several hours. All animal life will be destroyed.—Catholic Columbian.

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Oatmeal.—We quote as follows:—Rolled and granulated, \$4.00 to \$4.10; Standard, \$3.90 to \$4.00. In bags, granulated and rolled are quoted at \$1.90 to \$2.00, and standard at \$1.85 to \$1.95. Fancy brands of both granulated and rolled are quoted at higher prices. Pot barley is quoted at \$3.75 in bbls. and \$1.75 in bags, and split peas \$3.40 to \$3.60.

Bran, etc.—We quote Ontario bran \$15.25 to \$15.50. Shorts have sold all the way from \$17 to \$18.50 as to quality, and monille is quoted at \$19.50 to \$21.50 as to grade.

Wheat.—No. 1 hard Manitoba wheat is held at Fort William at 55c, which is equal to about 62c laid down here; but for export it is said to be only worth about 69c.

Corn.—Market quiet at 61c to 62c duty paid, and 55 to 56c in bond.

Peas.—Shippers have stopped buying, although holders are only asking 49c now. In this market there have been sales of car lots in store at 68c to 66c per 68 lbs. although sales have been made in the West costing 64c and 65c laid down here.

Oats.—Sales of car lots being reported of No. 2 at 34c in store, while car lots of No. 3 sold at 34c.

Barley.—In this market very little has been done in malting barley. We quote 47c to 48c for feed and 56c to 55c for malting.

Rye.—Prices range from 52c to 58c.

Buckwheat.—A few car lots have been placed at 48c in store.

Malt.—Quotations range from 72c to 80c.

Seeds.—Alfalfa is quoted at \$4.50 to \$6.00 and red clover at \$5.50 to \$8.00.

PROVISIONS. Pork, Lard, &c.—We quote prices as follows:—Canada short cut pork per bbl.....\$20.00 @ 22.00 Canada short cut, light, per bbl..... 19.00 @ 20.00 Chicago short cut mess, per bbl..... 18.00 @ 20.00 Mess pork, American, new, per bbl..... 10.00 @ 10.50 Extra mess beef, per bbl..... 14.00 @ 14.50 Plate beef, per bbl..... 11 @ 11c Hams, per lb..... 9c @ 10c Lard, pure in pails, per lb..... 7c @ 7c Lard, com. in pails, per lb..... 12c @ 13c Bacon, per lb..... 9 @ 9c Shoulders, per lb..... 9 @ 9c Dressed Hogs.—The few small lots of dressed hogs so far received have sold at \$7.50 to \$8.00.

DAIRY PRODUCE. Butter.—We quote prices as follows:—Creamery, September..... 20c to 21c Creamery, August..... 19c to 20c Eastern Townships dairy..... 16c to 18c Western..... 14c to 16c Add 1c to above for single packages of selected. Cheese.—We quote:—Finest Western, colored..... 10c to 10c " " white..... 10c to 10c " Quebec, colored..... 10c to 10c " " white..... 10c to 10c Under grades..... 8c to 10c Oable..... 48c 6d

COUNTRY PRODUCE. Eggs.—Sales of good sized lots at 13c to 14c, single packages of fresh fall stock selling at 14c to 15c. Beans.—The market is quiet at \$1.20 to \$1.40 for fair to choice stock. Honey.—Sales are reported of extracted at 7c to 7c, and choice bright stock in single tins at 8c. New comb 11c to 12c per lb as to quality, the latter for choice white clover. Several lots of old extracted have sold at 8c. Baled Hay.—No. 2 at country points at \$5.50 to \$6.50 f.o.b. as to quality and position. Alongside ship here \$7.00 to \$7.50 for No. 2. No. 1 hay \$8.50 to \$9.00, the latter very scarce. Hops.—New hops are quoted at 8c to 10c. Yearlings at 6c to 7c. Partridges.—The few lots arriving are selling at 45c to 60c per brace, one lot of 25 brace bringing 50c and a smaller lot 45c. No. 2 or culls bring 25c to 30c.

FRUITS, Etc Apples.—A fair demand at \$1.50 to \$3.00 per barrel according to quality, some family stocks selling as high as \$3.50 per barrel. Oranges.—Jamaica oranges have advanced \$1.00 to \$1.50 per barrel, which is owing to the scarcity, sales being made at \$7.00 per barrel. Lemons.—Fair sales are reported at \$2.00 to \$3.50 per box and \$5 to \$6 for fancy brands. Grapes.—The supply is more than equal to the demand at 2c to 2c per lb for blue, 2c to 3c per lb for red, Niagara 2c to 3c per lb, Delaware 3c to 4c. Cranberries.—Prices still high, namely \$10 to \$10.50 per barrel. Potatoes.—We quote 4c to 5c per bag on track, and 6c per bag in jobbing lots. Onions.—Spanish onions are meeting with ready sale at 75c to 85c per crate. Canadian onions are coming in too freely, and the market at present is over-supplied. A large sale of 5,000 crates were sold to arrive per \$5. Dracona at 65c. We quote \$1.75 to \$2.00 per barrel.

FISH AND OILS. Salt Fish.—Newfoundland shore herring quoted at \$4.00 to \$4.50 per bbl. Cape Breton herring \$5.00 to \$5.50 as to quality. Salmon \$10 to \$11 for No. 1 small in bbls. and at \$14.50 for No. 1 large. British Columbia is quoted at \$9 to \$10. Dry cod \$4.25 to \$4.50. Green cod in large supply, and quoted at \$4.25 to \$4.50. Canned Fish.—Lobsters \$3.50 to \$7 per case. Mackerel \$8.00 to \$8.75 per case. Oils.—Jobbing lots of steam refined seal oil 84c to 85c. Cod oil 34c to 35c for Newfoundland and 31c to 32c for Halifax and Gaspe. These prices shaded for round lots. Newfoundland cod liver oil 65c to 70c.