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#### SERVICE.

I was longing to serve my Master, And lol I was laid aside And lot I was laid aside
From the party of busy workers
Who toiled in the fields so wide.
They were few. Ves, few in number,
And I could not understand
Why I should be kept inactive —
'Twas so different from what I had
planned.

I was longing to serve my Master, I knew that the work was great; To me it was easy to labor, But oh! it was hard to wait;— To lie quite still and be silent, While the song was borne to my

Of the reapers with whom I had mingled In the work to my heart so dear.

I was longing to serve my Master,
Ahl this was my one fond thought,
For this I was ever pleading
When His footstool in prayer I
sought.
And the seasons of sweet communing

Were few and far apart: Not of Him so much as His service Were the thoughts that filled my

I was longing to serve mv Master,
He led to a desert place.
And there, as we stopped and rested,
His eyes looked down in my face.
So full of tender reproaching,
They filled me with sad surprise,
Did He think I had grudged my service.

And counted it sacrifice?

"Oh, Master, I long to serve Thee. "Oh, Master, I long to serve Thee.
The time is so short at best.
Let me back to the fields," I pleaded,
"I care not to stay and rest."
I knelt at his feet imploring,
I gazed in His face above.
"My child," He said gently, "your

Is nothing without your love."

I was longing to serve my Master,
I thought that His greatest care
Was to keep all His workers busy
In reaping the sheaves so fair.
But there in the lonely desert,
Afar from the busy scene,
It dawned on me slowly and sadly,
Where the awful mistake had been.

My mind was so full of ser ice,
I had drifted from Him apart,
And he longed for the old confiding,
The union of heart with heart.
I sought and received forgiveness, While my eyes with tears were dim, 'And now, though the work is still

precious,
The first place is kept for him.

-"A King's Messenger," in Bombay Guardian. \* \* \*

## ABOUT WEDDING RINGS.

The gold circlet or ring is emblematical of eternity, and for that reason from time immemorial has always played a prominent part in wedded love, symbolizing the love that should endure without end, that should encircle the pair with a constant halo of everlasting faithfulness and affection never to be broken but

Enagagement and wedding rings are always being bought, but how few lovers pay any attention to their signification. How few reach the preciousness of the hidden meaning conveyed by such circlets, typical of the very highest love that should endure 'twixt two human beings. Girls too frequently are dazzled by the beauty the intrinsic worth of an engagement ring, and are unduly elevated by the distinction conferred. But if for these reasons only the ring be valued, the love cannot be of that strong, enduring kind that lasts forever. Be the ring only an iron one, it is eloquent of all that should exist in present and future between betrothed parties.

In ancient times the cereinony of betrothal was really more solemn than marriage, and the betrothal ring was considered the more important of The marriage ceremony was looked upon as a mere ratification of the betrothal contract. The Church very rightly then punished by excommunication any violation of the betrothal contract. It is interesting to know that the first part of our marriage service down to the "I will" is a remnant of the old betrothal ser-

What a contrast is supplied in these days, in the haphazard fashion and clandestine manner in which many engagements take prace-lightly made and lightly broken, with a breach of promise case sometimes thrown in by way of excitement and pecuniary gain. One is inclined to wish for the old fashioned binding contract of betrothal, to check the frivolous, heartless fash on in which modern engagements are entered upon.

From the earliest records, rings were made of copper, iron, brass and gold, and betrothal rings consisted of a double ring formed by two interlaced links turning on a hinge. Mottoes were always engraved inside these, and at the betrothal ceremony it was customary for the man to place a ringer through one link and the woman to put a finger through the other. The links were then detached, and each kept one until the marraige ceremony. These rings were termed "genmel" or "gimmal" rings, and frequently consisted of more than two lines, as witnesses of the

betrothal ceremony were sometimes presented with links.

Engagement rings in days gone by were inscribed with quaint mottoes, or what are termed posies. I think the idea is a pretty one, and worthy of revival Among the favorite couplets were the following:

> No love but one Till life be gone,

My soul to God. My heart to thee.

In thee a flame. In me the same.

To me till death, As dear as breath.

There were also rings a century ago set with precious stones, the initials of the gems spelling a word such as formed by ruby, emerald, garnet, amethyst, ruby, diamond.

Superstition has always, been associated with the wedding ring, and potent virtues were claimed for it, among them the belief that rubbing a wart or wound with a wedding ring was sure to cure it, likewise a stye on the eyelid. If a woman lost her wedding ring 'she would lose her husband's love, or if it broke, he would die. In fact, few people care to remove a wedding ring for fear of bringing unhappiness or misfortune. -Fashion World.

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HOUSEWORK FOR YOUNG GIRLS. In households where girls of the family undertake most of the housework between them they are generally too busy to waste much time, for if they do the work never gets done at ell, but a young girl who has but recently left school and who has hardly "fitted i to" the home life as her mother's right hand, often becomes quite lazy and neglectful without realizing the fact in the least Every girl, if she be not thoroughly selfish, is anxious to lift some of the burden of household management from her mother's shoulders on to her own, but unfortunately many girls wait to be asked to do things instead of being constantly on the lookout for little duties which they are capable of doing.

If you would be of any real use in the home, you must be quick to notice what is wanted - the room that needs dusting, the flowers which require rearranging, the curtain which has lost a ring and is therefore drooping. And then you must not only be willing to do what is needed, but willing to do it pleasantly, without making people feel that you are being martyred. It is almost useless to take up any household duties unless you do them regularly. If you do a thing one day and not the next, you can never be depended on, and if some one else has to be constantly reminding you of and supervising your work it probably gives that person more trouble than doing it herself would

### ETIQUETTE OF TRAVEL.

Women travel about much more in. dependently in these days than some years ago, and a quiet, dignified manner will always command respect, while tact and common sense are absolute necessities in traveling. Young unmarried women or young girls do not travel about alone or go to hotels without the protection of an older woman, whose knowledge of world will save them from annoyance and adverse criticism.

It is best to write to the proprietor of the hotel where it is proposed to stop, engaging rooms in advance; thus travelers will be saved the inconvenlence of uncertainty and will show a courtesy to the proprietor. Ladies traveling alone should plan to arrive before evening. When arriving at a hotel ladies enter at the ladies' entrance, and, if alone, they may go to the office and register or to a reception-room and send a hall-boy for the clerk and inquire about rooms, terms,

When traveling rapidly from place to place one needs a small amount of luggage and a few dresses. If it is the intention to remain some weeks at a hotel, if may be necessary to have more variety in dress, but people. do not dress for display, but for utility, at hotels. Much depends on one's plans for the morning or evening as to how one shall dress, but if one aims at simplicity, one can never be at fault. A skirt and jacket of cheviot, a simple hat, gloves of gray or tan suede are appropriate for use in traveling. At breakfast or lunch-con the street dress may be worn, and the hat if one is going out. In the evening a pretty foulard, high in the neck, or a light blue silk waist with skirt of black or dark silk bengaline or veiling may be worn.

There should be prudence shout mak-

ing casual acquaintances at frotels. One may exchange ordinary civilities, which need go no farther. At a hotel it is civil to bow when taking a seat at a table where others are seated. At table one should converse in low tones and should give orders to the servants quietly.

it is always desirable for a traveler to take everywhere some note paper of best quality, in case the necessity should arise for writing notes of ceremony. A supply of engraved visiting cards should not be forgotten, as the occasion may arise for their use, and it would be annoying to be without them .- The Delineator.

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DON'TS ABOUT MARRIAGE.

From The Catholic Columbian. No one should say to young women: "Don't marry," for marriage was designed by God, But, while willing to marry, they should take some precautions justified by experience:

Don't marry a man just for his good looks or his fine clothers. If he hasn't a manly character, his exterior graces will not keep him from being a brute to his wife.

Don't marry through fear of being an old maid. Many and many a woman has wished to God, when too late, that she had remained a maid.

Don't marry simply for a home. If you have no love for the man, you sell yourself when you give yourself to him in exchange for support. A woman should have more self-respect. Besides, as a rule, she had better earn her living at the washtub than enter into the bondage of matrimony without affection.

Don't marry a man who is a drunkard to reform h.m. If he is a slave to drink, then in ninety-nine cases out of a hundred love will ot cure him. If it is true fondness, and not merely nassion, let him before marriage, put it to the proof that it is stronger than the craving for liquor, If, out of love for you, he becomes a total abstainer for five years, he can probably be trusted; but even then there is a

Don't marry too far out of your own station in life. The eagle and the owl were never intended for mates. The buzzard and the oriole cannot live happily together.

Don't marry, as a rule, against the advice of your parents, especially when that advice is based on reasonable objections.

Don't marry a man who is not a Catholic. If you do, the chances are that you will lose your own soul and have to account for the loss of the souls of your children Mixed mar riages are abhorred by the Church.

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nerve fo 'ce to make good the waste by disease.

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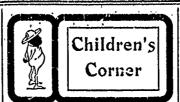
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Who the whole tree of knowledge has robbed of its fruit,
And dug up its withered old stump by the root;
Oh, the goodness of wisdom smiles blandly and coy
On the deep spacious brow of the bigheaded boy!

The big-headed boy, though he's scarcely sixteen,
With octogenarian visdom is lean,
The wealth of his wisdom be gives

witho t price;
This magnificent slinger of generous advice! From his fountain of wisdom he raineth with joy On the just and the unjust — the big-headed boy!

on, the big-headed boyl what a darkness and dearth
Should the light of his knowledge be quenched from the earth!
How we should be left in the darkness and doubt,
As Moses was left when the light went out!
That the world worlds Oh, the big-headed boy! what a dark-

As bloses was to went out!

That the world wobble on without further annoy,

May he live to direct it—the bigheaded boy!

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Only the few become rich by a stroke of luck Most successful people have become so by practising economy and saving the surplus. The habit of saving, persistently practiced, soon becomes settled thrift.

Saving is hard with most people at first. It is hard to find a surplus when wages are small and wants Unless you can get it into the bank right away, the money burns holes in your pocket. You miss it, but you don't know where it went.

to make saving easy use the box. It will take what you can spare - a cent or a nickel or a dime at a time -until there is enough to deposit in bank or you have time to go to bank. It will serve you when the saving impulse is upon you and protect your savings - even from yourself when you begin to weaken.

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# THE LITTLE FRENCH GIRL.

A little French maiden, however precocious she may be, is not asked to know any more by the time she is six than to read, play a scale and recite a certain number of fables. Her religious education was begun as soon as she could understand, perhaps ' a little earlier. When about seven she is given her first instructions in catechism, and up to the time she takes her first Communion, between eleven and twelve, she goes to her parish school to receive special instruction for this. Catholics, the immense mapority of the French are taught the catechism, the Gospels, the Old Testament in the form of sucred history, as much Christian doctrine as can be drawn from the reading of the great

e clesiastical writers, especially those of the seventeenth century, and by analyzing sermons. This is a part of the regular Sunday school work. Besides, the girl has her share in her mother's charities, sewing and knitting for the poor and giving alms. Per first Communion is the great event of her life; it is a central date, and everything is reckoned backward or forward from it. - Ladies' Home Journal.

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