

HOUSEHOLD.

The Baby.

'She is a little hindering thing,'  
The mother said;  
'I do not have an hour of peace,  
Till she's in bed.

'She clings unto my hands or gown,  
And follows me  
About the house, from room to room,  
Talks constantly.

'She is a bundle full of nerves,  
And wilful ways;  
She does not sleep full sound at nights,  
Scarce any days.

'She does not like to hear the wind,  
The dark she fears;  
And piteously she calls for me  
To wipe her tears.

'She is a little hindering thing,'  
The mother said;  
'But still she is my wine of life,  
My daily bread.'

The children—what a load of care  
Their coming brings!  
But, oh! the grief when God doth stoop  
To give them wings.

—Emma A. Lente, in 'Waif.'

Selected Recipes.

Dainty Crullers.—Four tablespoons melted butter and lard, two eggs, one cup milk, one teaspoon cream of tartar, one-half teaspoon soda or one heaping teaspoon baking powder. Flavor with the grated outside of an orange, salt to suit taste. Fry evenly, and they never fail.—'Breadwinner.'

Potato Soup.—A good-sized dishful of potatoes, cut up, two, three, or even four onions, according to taste, and either a piece of bacon about a pound weight, or two pounds of the scrag or neck of mutton, water enough to let the potatoes dance well when they boil, which operation must be continued until they have become a pulp; then add pepper, and pour into a tureen. When you wish your potato soup to be extra good, press the potatoes through a colander, and add a pint of cream.

Rice Pudding Without Eggs.—To two quarts milk allow a scant cup raw rice, one-half cup melted butter, one-and-a-half cup

white sugar, one teaspoon each of salt and ground cinnamon, mix well together and let soak for an hour, then bake in a slow oven until done. Stir it occasionally during the first half hour. A cup of raisins or sliced citron may be added.

Chocolate Fudge.—One quarter of Baker's chocolate chopped fine, one-half of a pound

of granulated sugar, one cup of milk, one-quarter of a pound of butter. Melt the butter in a pan, add first the sugar, then the milk, and then the chocolate. Boil for twenty minutes, or until it balls in water. Just before taking off add one dessert spoonful of vanilla. Pour into pans and set aside to cool. Stir all the time.

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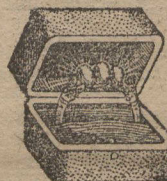
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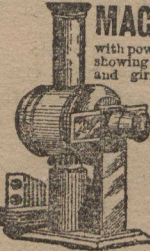
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