

HOUSEHOLD.

A New Little Girl in Heaven

'Oh, what do you think the angels say?'
Said the children up in heaven.
'There's a dear little girl coming home to-day
She's almost ready to fly away
From the world we used to live in.
Let's go and open the gates of pearl,
Open them wide for the new little girl,'
Said the children up in heaven.

'God wanted her here, where His little ones
meet,'
Said the children up in heaven.
'She'll play with us in the golden street;
She has grown too fair, she has grown too
sweet;
She needs the sunshine, this dear little girl,
That gilds this side of the gates of pearl,'
Said the children up in heaven.

'So the King called down from the angels'
dome.
Said the children up in heaven.
'My little darling, arise and come
To the place prepared in thy Father's Home,
To the home my children live in,'
Let's go and watch at the gates of pearl,
Ready to welcome this new little girl,'
Said the children up in heaven.

'Far down on the earth, do you hear them
weep?'
Said the children up in heaven.
'For the dear little girl has gone to sleep;
The shadows fall, and the night clouds sweep
O'er the earth we used to live in;
But we'll go and open the gates of pearl.
Oh, why do they weep for their dear little
girl?'
Said the children up in heaven.

'Fly with her quick, O angels dear!'
Said the children up in heaven.
'See, she's coming. Look there! Look there!
At the jasper light on her sunny hair.
Where the veiling clouds are risen!'
Ah! hush-hush-hush, all the swift wings furl,
For the King himself at the gates of pearl
Is taking her hand, dear tired little girl,
Said the children up in heaven.

—Selected.

A New Class of Nurses.

A comparatively new occupation for young women has been opened recently under the name of convalescent nursing. The idea is not to enter into competition or rivalry with the professional nurses, so-called, but rather to supplement the work of the professional class, or fill a place which they do not or cannot well fill. The trained nurse has come to be a regular and recognized feature in the hospital service and wherever else sick and suffering humanity is to be found, and her calling ranks almost as high now in the public regard as the medical profession itself. In all critical cases the services of a trained nurse are considered absolutely indispensable. But nurses of this order are required to go through a course of special training in schools and hospitals lasting through a period of three or four years and involving a great deal of expense. Their rates, therefore, are necessarily high, so much so as to be quite prohibitive to the majority of people and within the reach of many others for only a brief period of time. Professional nurses are often retained only through the critical stages of a disease or a surgical case, although good nursing of a kind is very much needed all through the subsequent convalescent stage, which may extend over weeks or months. It is not a high degree of technical skill which is required during this period so much as a general knowledge of the art of nursing and the little attentions and caretaking which every convalescent needs to insure the speediest return to full health. It is just here that the usefulness and availability of the convalescent nurse, the new class, comes in. The required training for this service extends over only eight weeks, the expense for preparation is correspondingly small, and the rates correspondingly low, being only about one-third that charged by the professionals.—Leslie's Weekly.

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A Remedy Cupboard.

In every house where there are children there should be a remedy cupboard. I do not mean the ordinary medicine chest, with innumerable bottles huddled together, but a well stocked emergency cupboard, easy of access, and containing simple remedies for the many aches and pains of childhood. No household is conducted without an occasional accident, and a bruise, a burn, or an ugly cut are all of frequent occurrence where there are children. If there is a place where one can always find some soft medicated cotton, bandages of different widths, absorbent gauze, and a bottle of some antiseptic solution, it will prevent the frantic running about when such articles are needed and save the little sufferer many throbs of pain. To be thoroughly satisfactory, the emergency cupboard must be kept in perfect order and systematically arranged. For instance, in one compartment keep the every-day remedies for coughs and colds, such as quinine, Isterine for gargling, croup kettle, atomizer, and a compress and flannel bandages.—Trained Motherhood.

Selected Recipes.

ROYAL SALLY LUNN MUFFINS.—One quart flour, one tablespoonful sugar, one teaspoonful salt, three teaspoonfuls baking powder, one tablespoonful lard, one egg, one and a quarter pints milk. Sift together flour, sugar, salt and powder; rub in lard cold; add egg, beaten, and milk; mix into rather firm batter; muffin pans must be cold and well greased; then fill two-thirds full. Bake in hot oven fifteen minutes.

APPLE FRITTERS.—May be served as a vegetable or as a meat course, or with a sweet sauce for dessert. To make them, peel and core the apples and cut them in thick rings; mix together two tablespoonfuls of powdered sugar, one-half teaspoonful of cinnamon and the juice of a large lemon. Cover the apples with the mixture and let them stand half an hour, then dip into a fritter batter in very hot fat.

MOCK FISH.—When a very little girl I remember one day I went with my little brother fishing—his first experience with rod and line.

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I shall never forget how elated we were over the two little fish we were so lucky to catch that balmy spring afternoon. Of course, one was to be fried for him and one was to be for the two-year-old baby boy, too little to toddle along with us. But when supper appeared on the table mother had a plate full of 'mock fish,' she said. We were so hungry that they were as keenly enjoyed with our nice bread and butter as if we all had plenty of fish instead of salt pork. She had cut the fat bacon into thin strips, floured it and fried it, and though I've tried it a great many times, I have never succeeded in making such an appetizing dish out of fat meat as my 'mother used to make.' But recently I learned a way to fry this from a Southern housekeeper. Cut slices of fat pork, streaked with lean; let stand over night with water sweetened with molasses to cover it, and sprinkled on top with black pepper and powdered sage. Next morning cut thin and fine a tablespoonful of onion, and fry a golden brown in hot butter. Dip the slices of salt pork in meal, so that both sides will be thickly coated, and fry to a light brown. Try it for breakfast. When you have fish to fry, roll them in meal instead of flour.

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