

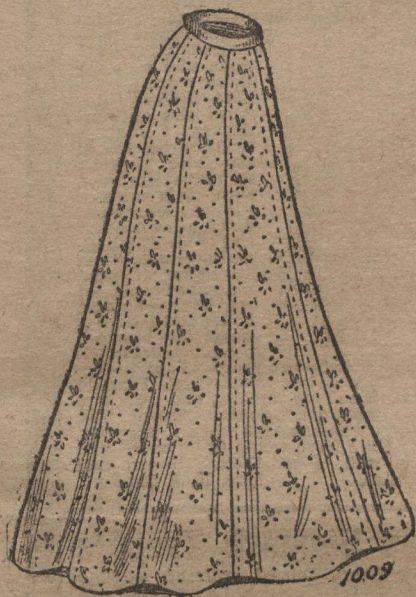
HOUSEHOLD.

'If I Were Rich.'

Have you observed how some people always have these words on the tip of the tongue, 'If I were rich?' When they are called upon to give to some generally useful work they say, 'If I were rich I would give so much and so much!' Failing that, they give a ridiculous amount, very much below what they might give. Experience proves that this sort of people in general are of very little use to any one. They are the discontented and the selfish ones, and are actuated by the most evil spirit. In saying, 'If I were rich,' they blame those who are rich, and accuse them of a want of generosity. On themselves, however, they bestow the gratuitous brevet of liberality. If they were rich they would give by handfuls!

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men who go about saying: 'If I were a man I would do thus and so!' 'If I were a man I would not permit this one or that one to do this or that injustice!' etc. Nine times out of ten these women are contented with the easy rôle of critic, but the good they do is nil.

Does the wren say, 'If I were a nightingale I would sing at night?' No! She is a wren and sings in the daytime and at her very best. Do likewise, young ladies! Do not waste your time in regretting that you are not men, but show us what may be done by a woman who is a real woman, a good woman, a woman after God's own heart.—Pastor Wagner, in 'Harper's Bazar.'

Such a Little Way.

They are such dear, familiar feet that go Along the path with ours,—feet fast or slow And trying to keep pace,—if they mistake, Or tread upon some flower that we should take Upon our breast, or bruise some reed, Or crush poor Hope until it bleed, We may be mute, Not turning quickly to impute Grave fault; for they and we Have such a little way to go,—can be Together such a little while along the way,— We will be patient while we may.

Frances E. Willard.

Religious Notes.

The missionary conference at Philadelphia, representing a church membership of 20,000,000, has called upon President Roosevelt and King Edward to interpose in the affairs of the Congo Free State, to the end that cruelties there practiced may be brought to an end.

The foreign mission boards of the United States and Canada, at their thirteenth annual conference was discussed plans for a world-wide evangelization campaign. The conference was composed of ministers and laymen of nearly all Protestant denominations.

Dr. Wilfrid T. Grenfell, whose beneficent work in Labrador and the northern peninsula of Newfoundland has awakened widespread interest, is spending a few months in the United States. His lectures and addresses have led to the organization of the Grenfell Association, of which Dr. Henry Van Dyke is president, and whose purpose is to secure annually at least \$25,000 to enable Dr. Grenfell to carry on and extend the humane ministry of the hospital and other institutions which have proved of such advantage to the fisher folk of those inhospitable regions.

The Brahmin editor of the 'Daily Hindu,' of Madras, one of the strongest native papers in India, said: 'The glory has departed out of our religious institutions, and what once contributed to purify the minds of millions of men and women is now the governing-ground of some of the most ignorant and wretched of human beings. The vast majority of the pious endowments are corrupt to the core. They are a festering mass of crime and vice and gigantic swindling.' Of the Brahmin priesthood of to-day the same editor says: 'It is the mainstay of every unholy, immoral and cruel custom and superstition

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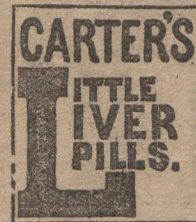
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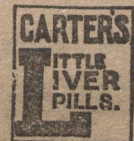
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