

HOUSEHOLD.

Janet's Idea.

The Hemphills were a wealthy family, consisting of the father, mother, and four children. The eldest son had graduated from college and was now practicing medicine in a western city. The eldest daughter was married and lived in the west also. Only Gertrude, now nineteen, and Janet, aged eleven, were at home. One summer, Mr. and Mrs. Hemphill and these two daughters went to visit the Speedwells.

The Hemphills had attended, more or less regularly, a fashionable city church. They had contributed liberally to its support and the children went to Sunday-school—when they were not at their country home, nor in Europe, nor travelling about various mountains and shores in search of amusement. As this was not a very large proportion of the time, the children, as such things were not much talked of at home, had not received the average amount of religious instruction among the class of people to which the Hemphills belonged.

The Speedwells had been intimate with them for many years, but it so chanced that the children had never stayed in the Speedwell home until the occasion of this visit. The religion of the Speedwells was of the genuine, unobtrusive, living kind. Their home was a thoroughly Christian one and every morning, before breakfast, father, mother and children gathered together and enjoyed readings from the scriptures and prayer. Little Janet, singular as it may seem, had never been before in a home where family prayers were observed. She was of a serious and thoughtful temperament, and was deeply impressed with the beautiful exercise. Her father afterwards told Mrs. Speedwell the following story:

"On our way home from your house Janet and I had a quiet little talk together, and she said, 'I like the Speedwells very much, papa, and I would like to do a good many things that they do. Now their way of reading and praying in the morning is very nice, I think. Why don't we do that way?'"

"I told her that it was pretty hard to get our family together in the mornings. Mamma wasn't very well, and she got tired going out with Gertrude, and they both wanted to lie in bed in the morning. I didn't believe that we could manage it. Janet had to admit the truth of what I said, but she thought a minute and then broke out with, 'But you and I could have prayers together, papa. Why couldn't we?'"

"Oh," I said, "you think that you could be up for it, but you would want to sleep over, too, and papa would have to go down town—and we couldn't keep it up." "Yes we could, papa," she persisted. "I know that I could keep it up. I wouldn't let anything hinder me. Now you try it, will you?"

"Of course I promised that I would. That was two years ago, and Janet and I have had prayers together ever since. Never, when she has been well, and we have been at home together, has she lost a morning. It has been a crown of blessing to us both." "Verily," breathed the good woman, who heard this touching story, "verily, a little child shall lead them!"—Congregationalist.

How Tot is Neglected.

Taking the little child out for exercise too often means a promenade for personal pleasure, in which the well-being of a child is not for a moment considered. He is held in with a tight rein, made to walk slow or fast, to suit his conductor, jerked away from sights that attract his attention, snubbed when he asks questions, and scolded in a hard, mechanical way that has the inevitable effect of dulling his sensibilities, and either making him rebellious or cowardly, as his disposition inclines towards boldness or timidity. One hour's untrammelled freedom were worth, for health, days of such perfunctory outings, and the moral effect would be far happier.

Doubtless much of the docility of the country child indoors is owing to the liberty he enjoys out of the house. If our city children had playgrounds of their own, there would be much less insubordination among them. But if we cannot altogether satisfy their natural desires, let us at least do what we can. Let us give them every innocent liberty, recollecting that staid as we ourselves are now, there was a time when the feeling

of the sunshine and fresh air mounted like wine to our heads, when our blood stirred in quicker currents, our muscles twitched with the impulses of motion, and a little physical freedom, of the kind young animals enjoy, seemed to us the finest thing in the world.—Florence Hull Winterburn, in 'Ladies' Home Companion.'

On Instalment.

'The Christian Intelligencer,' has some very just words on the increase of advertisements offering costly articles for sale on the instalment plan. The plan, while within the line of legitimate methods, is connected with much that is evil. It is often a direct inducement for persons to go into debt, and chiefly for articles of luxury which they could very well do without, such as pianos, melodeons, and bicycles. These latter toys, indeed, seem to be within the scope of almost every one without regard to their financial ability, and under the delusion of saving car-fares and promoting health, there are too many who use them and find it hard to pay for them. If the money is in hand, it is by no means always wise to invest in articles of pleasure and luxury, for we have known many seriously embarrassed by such indulgences, but when they are purchased on the instalment plan, they introduce the unhappy purchaser to a system of debt, and shifts to get out of it, which are far from conducive to happiness, and aid in forming most objectionable habits. If you must have a thing, buy it, if you have the money in hand, but don't hang a weight around your neck, by going into debt for it, by the instalment plan of paying for it.—'Episcopal Recorder.'

Selected Recipes.

Baked Spring Lamb Chops.—Season and cover with egg and breadcrumbs. Bake in the oven until brown, and serve with green peas or tomato sauce. If winter lamb chops are used, it is well to pour melted butter on them the day before using, and to scrape it off before dipping in the egg.

Soft Molasses Cookies.—Two cups molasses one tablespoonful each of salt, vinegar and ginger, one-half cup lard or butter filled up with cold water. Stir thick with flour and add two teaspoonfuls of soda dissolved in two tablespoonfuls of warm water. Roll thick.

Cocoanut Pudding.—One heaped cup cocoanut cakes broken in small pieces. Soak them half an hour in one pint of milk. Beat yolks of two eggs and two tablespoonfuls of sugar, one-half teaspoonful of salt. Stir into milk and bake about twenty minutes.

Apple Tapioca Pudding.—Pare and core a dozen apples; fill the halves with sugar, and stick a clove or two into each apple. Place in a pudding dish and pour over them a cupful of tapioca which has been soaked in water several hours. Eat with cream.

To Take out Oil.—If oil is spilled upon a carpet, immediately scatter cornmeal over it, and the oil will be absorbed. Oil that has soaked into a carpet may be taken out by laying a thick piece of blotting paper over it and pressing with a hot flatiron; repeat the operation, using a fresh piece of paper each time.

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