

Cleanings.

FANCY runs most furiously when a guilty conscience drives it.—*Thomas Fuller.*

LET friendship creep gently to a height; if it rushes to it, it may soon run itself out of breath.—*Fuller.*

UPLIGHT simplicity is the deepest wisdom, and perverse craft the merest shallowness.—*Darwin.*

THE great ends of life are best gained by him who in all his conduct is animated by the love of Christ.—*McLeod.*

THE most beautiful thing in human life is attainment to a resemblance of the Divine.—*Quintilian.*

THERE are some men so exquisitely selfish, that they go through life not only without ever being loved, but without even wishing to be.—*Richter.*

GOD'S laws were never designed to be like cobwebs which catch the little flies, but suffer the large ones to break through.—*Matthew Henry.*

WHEN bad men combine, the good must associate; else they will fall, one by one, an untried sacrifice, in a contemptible struggle.—*Edmund Burke.*

AS in nature, as in art, so in grace; it is rough treatment that gives souls, as well as stones, their lustre. The more the diamond is cut the brighter it sparkles; and in what seems hard dealing, there God has no end in view but to perfect His people.—*Dr. Guthrie.*

SALVATION by faith is a grand doctrine, provided the word "faith" be properly defined; but if a man who wilfully cheats can hope to be saved by faith, then he is wrapping himself in a covering too short and narrow to envelope his soul. His faith will prove inadequate.—*D. Swing.*

MOST of the recent popular reasoning against Sabbath and Temperance laws grounds itself on the assumption that the State is pagan, anti-Christian, and atheistic, oblivious of the fundamental fact that it is a Christian people who constitute this State and make the laws.—*Interior.*

THOSE churches and the ministers of our times and of our own land who have deliberately and habitually lowered the standard, and have introduced sensational and irreverent novelties into their methods of church work and into their pulpits, have set bad examples and done irreparable mischief.

I HAVE found nothing yet which requires more courage and independence than to rise even a little but decidedly above the par of the religious world around us. Surely, the way in which we commonly go on is not the way of self-denial and sacrifice and cross-bearing which the New Testament talks of.—*Dr. J. W. Alexander.*

How much better were it that thou shouldst even lose something for thyself, and win others thereby, than thou shouldst remain on thy height, and let thy brother perish! Like the servant who hid his Lord's talent, though thou fastest, sleepest on the earth, strewest thyself with ashes and ever mournest, if thou art of no use to others, thou doest nothing great.—*Chrysostom.*

ENLIGHTENED people laugh at the heathen who twirls a revolving plate on which his prayer is written, and fancies that he has thus done his duty to his god. But thousands of our comfortable, well-fed, and benevolently-inclined citizens are doing all their charity by machinery. And that is one reason why the silent poor are not reached.—*Times.*

GIVING to the Church is not only a means of grace in the sanctifying work it does, but also in securing interest in the Church and the cause of religion. One of the first things to do in seeking to reclaim a man is to get him to identify his life with the work of the Lord by giving it practical help. When one has invested in an enterprise he will be attached to it.

WE are continually forgetting the benefits of God, and not reflecting on His goodness and loving kindness, and its manifestations and fruits. This is our disposition to forget the benefits of God. The contemplation and remembrance of them is the source of thankfulness, of praise to God, of cheerfulness. So the Psalmist combines praising the Lord and remembrance of His benefits. This is the road, the way, to thankfulness.

Scientific and Useful.

TUMBLER CAKE.—Two eggs, one and one-half tumblers of sugar, one-half tumbler butter, one tumbler sour milk, one-half tumbler molasses, one tumbler raisins, three tumblers flour, one teaspoon soda, spice if you like.

FILLING.—One pound sweet almonds; whites of four eggs, whisked stiff; 1 heaping cup powdered sugar, 2 teaspoonfuls rose-water. Blanch the almonds; let them get cold and dry; then pound in a Wedgewood mortar, adding rosewater as you go on; save about two dozen to shred for the top; stir the paste into the icing after it is made; spread between the cooled cakes; make that for the top a trifle thicker, and lay it on heavily; when it has stiffened somewhat, stick the shred almonds closely over it; set in the oven to harden, but do not let it scorch. You will like this cake.

ENGLISH MIXED PICKLES.—One-half peck of small green tomatoes; three dozen small cucumbers; two heads of cauliflower; one-half peck of tender string beans; six bunches of celery; six green peppers, and a quart of small white onions. Chop the vegetables quite fine, sprinkle with salt and let stand over night. To six or seven quarts of vinegar add an ounce each of ground cloves, allspice and pepper, two ounces of turmeric and one-fourth pound of mustard seed. Let the vinegar and spice come to a boil, put in the vegetables, and scald until tender and a little yellow.

THE EYES.—Take care of the eyes. Looking into a bright fire, especially a coal fire, is very injurious to the eyes. Looking at molten iron will soon destroy sight. Reading in the twilight is injurious to the eyes, as they are obliged to make great exertion. Reading or sewing with a side light injures the eyes, as both eyes should be exposed to an equal degree of light. The reason is, the sympathy between the eyes is so great, that, if the pupil of one is dilated, by being kept partially in the shade, the one that is most exposed cannot contract itself sufficiently for protection, and will ultimately be injured. Those who wish to preserve their sight, should preserve their general health by correct habits, and give their eyes just work enough, with a due degree of light.

A GOOD WORD FOR APPLES.—Apples, in addition to being a delicious fruit, make a pleasant medicine. A raw, mellow apple is digested in an hour and a half; while boiled cabbage requires five hours. The most healthy dessert that can be placed on a table is a baked apple. If eaten frequently at breakfast, with coarse bread and butter, without meat or flesh of any kind, it has an admirable effect on the general system, often removing constipation, correcting acidities, and cooling off febrile conditions, more effectually than the most approved medicines. If families could be induced to substitute them for pies, cakes and sweetmeats, with which their children are frequently stuffed, there would be a diminution in the total sum of doctors' bills in a single year sufficient to lay in a stock of this delicious fruit for the whole season's use.

WONDERS IN MUSHROOM GROWTH.—Mushrooms are very prolific, and are eaten largely in Paris. A French baron cultivated them, in large quantities, in his cellars, his apartments, and his attics. He grew them in caves underground made expressly, in long trenches; and for large products he preferred this last method. He grew them on the staircase of his hotel, in his handsomely furnished vestibule, in a boudoir, whose elegant jardiniere, filled in with plants in full flower, concealed under them precious collectors of mushrooms in growth. He grew them in his stables in the form of a gastronomic library, in his offices and kitchens of his hotel, under the tables on which his cooks prepared them for the saucepan. It was sufficient to intrust to him a broom for him to return it with a magnificent crop of mushrooms in full growth. He asserts that one day a friend doubted the success of the skillful grower of mushrooms, when he bet him that he would grow them under the bed of the doubter, and while he slept, a plentiful crop of mushrooms, and that, too, during a whole season without any smell, without any inconvenience, and without any of those disagreeable effects that one would fear to produce in a well-kept household. All of which goes to prove the extreme facility of generating the mycelium or mushroom spawn, and its development into mushrooms.

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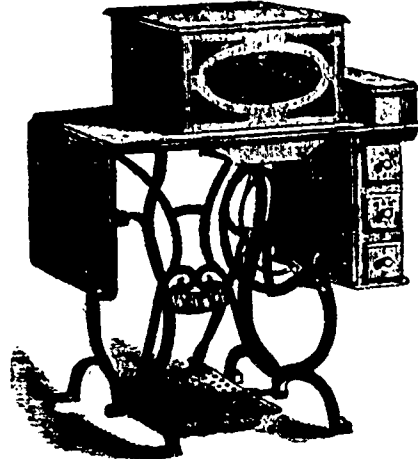
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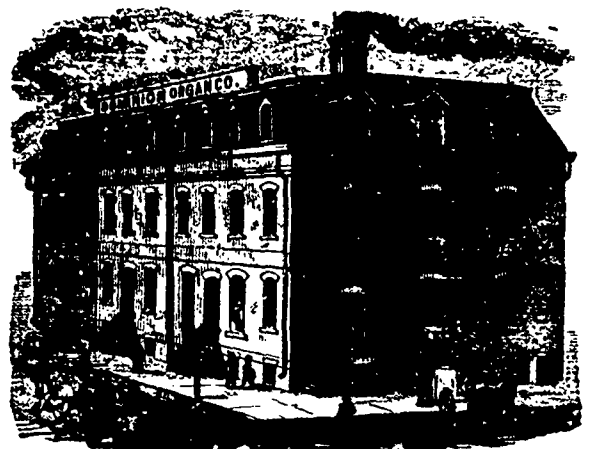
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