Random Notes For Busy Households. *****

since his death, about John Ruskin; the world has been told, over and over, that which the educated world guilt of it?" already knew about the great art critic, the eloquent prose writer, the thus preach lessons :-pure-minded generous-hearted lover of nature; but as a teacher and ad-This may be explained by the fact fore whose faces none may come but that the generation of young folks whom he guided has long since passupon the cars of the young in his day :--

"Learn thoroughly the economy of the kitchen; the good and bad qualities of every common article of praise, of Home. food, and the simplest and best two out of the garden to strew on who else were homeless." them. If you manage to get a clean table-cloth, bright plates on it, and say a short grace; and let your religious ministries be-confined to that much for the present."

England, Mr. Ruskin said: "Make carriages to the cemetery. stitched; embroider it or otherwise alone in the desolateness of newdle-work, such as a girl may be to take thought of the future. broud of having done. Accumulate There is perhaps twenty dollars in these things until you hear of some the house. There is an undertaker's honest people in need of clothing, bill of seventy-five dollars, seven-ywhich may often too sorrowfully five having been paid in cash before be." "You must be, to the best of the funeral. your strength, usefully employed during the greater part of the day. So next week. There are three little that you may be able at the end of mouths to be kept fed for many it to say, as proudly as any peasant, weeks; yes, many years to come. that you have not eaten the bread of There is a tombstone to be erected.

Now that war is being waged with all with. all the destructiveness of modern in- From the room where the coffin lay vention, it may be well to recall his comes the dying odor of roses and views of the horrors of the battle tuberoses-pretty marvels of the ñeld.

them by the labor of others,-to pro- been put to her children's use? vide them with destructive machines, varied daily in national rivalship of well it looked upon the plush triminventive cost; if you have to ravage [med box, will no longer pay the the country which you attack, -tc house rent. destroy for a score of future years, The eight carriages looked well beits roads, its woods, its cities, and hind the hearse, but will the dead its harbors;—and if finally, having man rest the easier in his grave for brought masses of men, counted by all that? of surgery, to starve and parch, penditure.-New York Herald.

INFLUENCE ON THE YOUNG .- | through days of torture, down into Much has been written, especially clots of clay-what book of accounts shall record the cost of your work;what book of judgment sentence the

And to mothers of families does he

". . . So far as it is a sacred place, a vestal temple of the hearth his visit to the Milk Supply Company viser of youth, little has been said. watched over by Household Gods, bethose whom they can receive with love so far as it is this, and reof ed away. It was thus his voice fell and fire are types only a nobler shade and light-shade as of the rock in a weary land, and light as of the Pharos in the stormy sea-so far it vindicates the name and fulfils the

"And wherever a true wife comes, modes of preparation; when you have this home is always round her. The time, go and help in the cooking of stars only may be over her head; the poorer families, and show them how glowworm in the night-cold grass to make as much of everything as | may be the only fire at her foot; but possible, and how to make that lit- home is yet wherever she is; and for tle nice; coaxing and tempting them a nobler woman it stretches far into tidy and pretty ways, and round her, better than celled with pleading for well-folded table-cloths, cedar, or painted with vermilion. however coarse, and for a flower or shedding its quiet light far, for those

WITHERED FLOWERS .- A man on a good dish in the middle, of your | moderate salary dies, leaving a wiown cooking, you may ask leave to dow and three little children behind without any means of support.

Kind friends, meaning well, spend from fifty to one hundred dollars on Extracts from Ruskin never fail to flowers. Kind friends, meaning well. instruct. To the young women of take charge of the funeral and go in

some little piece of useful clothing | When the funeral is all over, when every day; sew it with your own the kind friends are departed, when fingers as strongly as it can be the orphaned children are put to bed, beautify it moderately with fine nee- made widowhood, the woman begins

There is the house rent to be paid There is just twenty dollars to do it

florist's art. Does the thought cross "If you take masses of men from the widow's mind that the money all industrial employment, - to feed that these trifles cost might have

The silver coffin plate, however

hundreds of thousands, face to face, It is a mistaken idea that makes you tear those masses to pieces with funerals what they are. It is not riagged shot, and leave the living cre- respect of the dead, but the pride of atures, countlessly beyond all help the living that results in such ex-

THE MILK QUESTION.

Principal McEachran addressed to the when it was bottled. The manager Department of Agriculture, in 1898, attributed his success to heating and which described the methods of pre- cooling. The sterilizer is simply an serving and sterilizing milk in Ger- iron box with a close-fitting iron many and Denmark,

the cattle, he had to give assurance experts consider it unnecessary to that he had not been near any cattle keep it for more than a minute. affected by foot and mouth disease. cessary as a precaution against insomewhat extensively in Germany.

The bottles are white glass, with porcelain stoppers and rubber washtion. They are then inverted over a months' journey to Austria, and pipe with a strong stream of water, thence back to Hamburg, and on beafter which they are sterilized by heat, and are ready for receiving the to be excellent at the end of that milk. The milk is strained through | period. three very fine brass wire sieves, thus freeing it from all extraneous matter. It is then allowed to cool sterilizer which is raised to the temperature of a hundred and ninety degrees Fahrenheit. It remains here ducts to their customers in Berlin. for an hour, when it is cooled to

+++++++++++++++ In view of the agitation for a pure principal was informed that it had milk supply in the city, it may be of been sent around the world, and interest to recall the report which brought back as sweet and good as

door, fitted inside with shelves which Describing a visit paid to the Milk slide to receive the bottles. It is Institution, Victoria Park, Berlin, heated by coils of steam pipes. The the principal stated that before be- | manager kept the milk for an hour ing allowed to inspect the byres and on the sterilizer, although scientific

One hundred and sixty cows were First, the principal visited the bot- kept in the byres, which were beautling room, which is at one end of tifully fitted up, the wall being covthe byre, separated from it by a ered with glazed white tiles; the feed glass partition, through which a view boxes and hay benches are made of of the whole of the ground flat cement, the fittings of iron. The bed-(there being two flats), can be ob- ding is peat moss, and the whole tained. Usually, it is only through place is kept scrupulously clean. The this partition that visitors are all cattle are fed on chopped hay and lowed to see the cattle. This is ne | meal. The object of the institution is to supply Berlin with a pure milk, termediate infection, especially with nutritious in quality, and suitable foot and mouth disease, which exists for children and invalids. Children fed upon this milk have developed into healthy individuals. The milk is supplied not merely to the city, but ers, fastened by wire. They are the suburbs. Indeed, this milk has washed and brushed in a soda solu- been sent before now on a five

The principal also visited the Bole Milk Company's institution in Berlin, which is the largest creamery in and is bottled, and the stoppers | Europe. Its employees number over loosely placed; it is then put into the twelve hundred; it has two hundred and thirty horses and a hundred and sixty waggons to deliver dairy pro-

ing examined its quality was found

This institution is wenderful for its forty degrees Fahrenheit, and the completeness. It has a bacteriologistoppers put tightly on; it is then, cal department and experts are conlabelled and boxed for export. The tinually at work, upon guinea pigs, dressed women.

The principal goes into minute particulars and also describes at length of Copenhagen, where the most elaborate arrangements are made for guaranteeing the absolute purity of the milk supply, not merely in the exhibited by those charged with the lite time without deteriorating.

rabbits, mice and the like. In the public health in Canada, more cape- from Cincinnati Bill had never once lost the trail and before he left I sterilizing room the men and women cially in relation to that very im- lost the trail, and before he left I are dressed in white. The milk flows portant article of human food in a steady stream from the receiving milk, contrast very strikingly with vats, passing on its way through the European punctiliousness in every degravel filters, thence through the tail. The weekly inspection of the sferilizer, and then poured over coils cattle, the giving of exact directions of pipes, through which circulates ice for feeding them, the drainage, venwater. By this process it is cooled tilation and sanitary environment of and subsequently bottled by neatly the animals supplying the milk, the precautions enforced to prevent extraneous matters getting into it, such as the clipping of the quarters and the udders, washing of the teats, the cleanliness of the dress of all handling the milk, the low temperature at which the milk is kept, the weighing, tasting and testing in matter of sterilization, but in the laboratories, filtration, sterilizafeed given to the cattle, in the man-tion, and care in bottling-all unite ner in which they are housed and to furnish the consumers of milk with kept, etc. The principal remarks that the indifference and want of method sale that it will keep for an indefin-

STATISTICS OF MIXED MARRIAGES.

A volume of ecclesiastical statistics of Germany, lately published by the Lutheran Pastor Pieper, of Gerresheim, throws some startling light upon the question of the effects of mixed marriages in Prussin. The following summarized figures speak cloquently for themselves. number of children of mixed marriages (Protestant and Catholic parents) under the age of 16 was:

Protestant.

Catholic. Dec. 1, 1885 231,712, or 54 p. c. 194,542, or 46 p. c. Dec. 1, 1890 259,668, or 55 p. c. 211,325, or 45 p. c. Dec. 2, 1895 332,947, or 56 p. c. 264,648, or 44 p. c.

(All ages) Thus, not only is the number of children of mixed marriages who are brought up Protestants in all cases more than that of those brought up Catholics, but the proportion is steadily increasing in favor of the former. Again, between 1895 and 1897 it is calculated that an annual average of 65,070 children were born of mixed marriages; judging from the proportion of losses in 1895, we may conclude that at least 4,000 children per year or 40,000 per decennium, of children are being lost to the Catholic Church in Prussia alone. Sad to relate, it is especially Catholic men who engage in these unhallowed unions. From 1887 to 1896 there were 91,679 cases of Protestant bridegrooms and Catholic brides, as against 105,860 Catholic bridegrooms marrying Protestant brides. And a large number of these Catholic bridegrooms belong, apparently, to the higher classes. No wonder that Pastor Pieper is able to conclude with great satisfaction that "an ever-increasing majority of the children of mixed marriages is becoming Protestant."-Sunday Democrat.

METHODS OF TRAMPS.

"We have a good many tramps up Sparks,' said the hobo, 'but everyin our part of the country," said a body calls him 'Appetite Bill,' on acall other members of the fraternity, nonsense, of I have known several instances in which one tramp would leave a trail, so to speak, for the guidance of a partner who might not put in an appearance for months. The first case of that kind I ever encountered was rather amusing.

"I was riding, one spring day, down a road that passes through my place when I noticed a typical hobo industriously carving a sort of hieroglyphic on a big post standing the fence. The mark consisted of a square and triangle, side by side, and he was just putting on the finishing touches as I arrived. My curiosity was at once aroused, and I determined to find out if possible exactly what the thing meant, so I proceeded to collar the fellow, and after a little vigorous bluffing, he told me he was putting up directions for his partner. who would be along some time in the ididn't feed you very well at Cincinfall. He assured me that the marks | nati. meant nothing in particular, except in the direction of the point of the triangle.

water tanks, depots, barns, and fence story of his journey across the counposts. When the first tramp struck a try. good place to loaf, he proposed to "A professional hobo will follow good place to loaf, he proposed to

and when he reached the big post I saw him stop, scrutinize the carving, and then start off with a new and confident step. That settled it, and the house, half a mile further on. "'Hello, Bill!" I said, "How's your appetite this evening?"

" 'Appetite?' he stammered, and gave such a violent start that he dropped his gunny sack.

"At the word Cincinnati he turned that he had passed, and was going livid, and glared around with such evident intention of bolting that he made haste to explain. 'Don't be "His partner, according to the alarmed," I said. I met your side story which I dragged out of him partner a few months ago, and he piece-meal, was doing a six months' told me to look out for you.' It took jail sentence for slugging a policeman me some time to dissipate Bill's susin Cincinnati, and when he got out picions, but when I finally succeeded on September 1 would strike South, in convincing him that it was all fractions horse in a livery stable, following a trail of carvings on right, he told me a most interesting. The effect on the audience was ma-

stop and wait for the other to catch the track of another hobo with an up. 'What's your partner's name?' accuracy that is curiously suggestive I asked. 'It's by rights William of woodcraft. All the way down

count of his always being hungry. He sugar-planter at the St. Charles yesterday, 'and I've made something of a study of their peculiarities. The old idea that they carve marks and satisfied from my prisoner's manner wart on one side of his nose.' I was that he was telling me the truth, so I took him up to the house, gave him a good dinner, and sent him on his way rejoiding.

"One afternoon in the fall I was drivinghome from the station when I passed a very dilapidated hobo with red stubble on his chin and a gunny Appetite Bill, had at last arrived. He | Brockville, Ont. seemed to be looking for landmarks, I drove ahead and intercepted him at

"Why yes,' said I, 'perhaps they

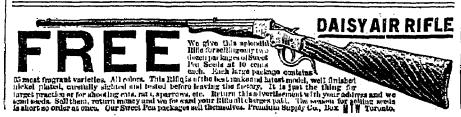
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gave him an addressed postal-card, and got him to promise me he would put it in the mail at whatever point he caught up with his partner.

"Less than a month later I receive ed the card, bearing a Houston, Tex., date mark, so I presume it was there they met. Both of these tramps could read and write, and I asked Sparks particularly why his friend didn't use some brief message in place of the hieroglyph. He replied that it would attract too much attention, and other hoboes would be likely to add misleading words, while the little square and triangle passed unnoticed. Since then I have encountered two other nearly similar cases, in each of which a tramp was leaving a cipher trail for a crony to follow when he got out of jail, and I infer that the practice is tolerably common."-New Orleans Times-Democrat.

PAINS IN THE BACK

FREQUENTLY DUE TO BLUGGISH LIVER OR KIDNEY TROUBLES.

Mr. Frank Walters, of Excter, Tells of Suffering, and How Dr. Williams' Pink Pills Cured Him After Other Medicines Pailed.

From the Advocate, Exeter.

Mr. Frank Walters is a young man personally known to most of the residents of Exeter, where he has lived nearly all his life. Talking with the editor of the "Advocate" recently Mr. Walters said :- "In justice to Dr. Williams' Pink Pills I think it my duty, in view of what they have done for me, to add my testimenial to the thousands of others that have been printed. For some months I suffered most severely from pains coursing up and down my back. It was thought that these pains were due to liver and kidney trouble, but whatever the cause they frequently left me in terrible agony. The pains were not always confined to the back, but would shift to other parts of the body. As a result I got little rest, my appetite became impaired, and I fell off greatly in weight. I tried different remedies suggested by friends, which having no effect almost disgusted me with medicine. Then a personal friend urged me to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, I was not easily persuaded because I had about concluded that medicine would not relieve me, but he insisted and finally I decided to try them. I purchased one box at first, and to my astonishment before it was finished I was greatly relieved. Then I got a couple more boxes and these restored me to my former good health. I do not hesitate recommending this medicine that others may profit by my experience, and not suffer tortures as I did.'

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HIS MAIDEN SPEECH.

Congressman Charles B. Landis, of Indiana, whose speech gaainst Brighant H. Roberts caused him to be dubbed the new Demosthenes of the House, tells in the March "Success" the following story of his first experience in public speaking:-"It seems but yesterday," he told

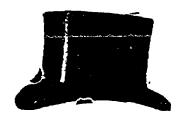
me, "that I got up and faced that first public audience of mine. I had spoken a few sentences in fear and trembling, complimentary to the farmers on taking so much interest in public questions, when my brother yelled, 'Good! Good! Brave! Hear! Hear.' He wanted to encourage me, you see. When he grew quiet, I proceeded. A few minutes later, when I had scored a good point,-in John's opinion,-he broke loose again in such applause that it sounded like a gical. No one knew he was my brother. What my speech failed to accomplish, John's enthusiasm brought about. I got to laughing, and so did the crowd. It was easy for me then, for I abandoned all my set phrases and told a few good stories such as all country audiences enjoy. the meeting was dismissed, John was the first one to rush up and say, 'You did great.' I did not have the heart to scold him, for I had learned through him, the great lesson of success in public speaking, -- the getting in touch with one's audience by talking to them, not at them."

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