

Household Hints.

Remove flower-pot stains from window sills by rubbing with fine wood ashes and rinse with clean water.

Grained woods should be washed with cold tea, and then, after being wiped dry, rubbed with linseed oil.

Let all girls have a share in house-keeping at home before they marry; let each superintend some department by turns.

Avoid a rich mixed diet for children, it taxes their delicate digestive organs, and causes inflammatory conditions to ensue.

If the wall above the stove has been smoked by the stove, cover the black patches with gesso and they will not strike through either paint or wallpaper.

Lamp wicks should be changed often enough to insure having a good light. If they seem clogged they may be washed in strong soda and put into the lamp again.

A young babe should not be fed more frequently than once in two hours, and by the time it is three months old, once in three hours is preferable. A child is not hungry every time it nestles and frets.

A butter stamp should always be washed in cold salt water before it is used. If soaked in hot water the butter will stick to it, but never if soaked in cold brine. The salt absorbed by the wood keeps it moist while in use.

To save stair carpets nail several thick pieces of old carpet or canvas over the edges of each stair. It is a good plan to buy more carpeting than is needed to cover the stairs and move it each season so that the whole will wear evenly. If stair carpets cannot be changed in this way they will not wear nearly so long.

Meat fed children are cross, and irritable, and quarrelsome. Meat once a day is sufficient; the other meals should consist of milk, toast, cracked wheat, graham gems, oatmeal, gluten, fruit, fruit puddings, milk and such food. Eggs, fish and fish balls are better than meat, and should be eaten at breakfast; the other meals being farinaceous.

A very excellent carminative powder for infants subject to colic, may be kept in the house and prepared by the nurse or mother; it consists of five grains of oil of aniseed and two of peppermint on half an ounce of lump sugar rubbed into a mortar with a drachm of magnesia into a fine powder. A small quantity of this may be given in little water with good results.

"Infantile convulsions usually accompany teething, indigestion, whooping cough, fevers, worms, indeed, any disease that causes a reflex action upon the brain. When a child is seized with convulsions act promptly. Get the child into hot water as soon as possible; do not wait to remove its clothing, put it into a foot-tub or a child's tub nearly full of water, as hot as can be safely borne, supporting it on your two hands. Add from time to time much hot water as the hands will bear. Keep the child in the water until relaxation of the muscles is produced, and have blankets heated mean, and ready to wrap the baby in."

Of a truth, suspicion is the "worm in bad" of friendship. It is a dry rot when it lays hold of society. It can become a paralysis in a body politic. He is to be pitied who makes himself a committee of one to ferret out all the ugly rumors he hears. He is living a dog's life of it who is all the while attributing ulterior motives to those who are doing the simplest and very natural things. Better it is to run the risk of being imposed on sometimes, and preserve happiness, than to surround oneself with barbed fence of this sort of "eternal vigilance."

Horace Tails.

A little skill and training on the part of the driver will prevent annoyance and danger from the horse getting his tail over the reins, and every horse should be especially broken to feel the rein beneath his tail and to bear the pull necessary to remove it without any exhibition of nervousness. So sensitive is the tail that if a horse has not been accustomed to feeling a rein under it, when it occurs for the first time, he may, if spirited, prove fractious and even unmanageable. As it is an occurrence likely to happen at any time, every horse should be broken to it; that is, not only to not mind it, but not to turn his head when he feels the pull upon one rein, which is intended to disengage him. In general, this is easily accomplished, and as this is the only inconvenience to the driver arising from long tails, we are particular in showing how both the annoyance and trouble from it may be avoided. The annoyance which sometimes comes from mud or grit being splashed upon the tail and then being flicked about by its switching is avoided by tying the switch up in muddy weather.

Election in the Parlor.

What a fashion this reading, or to be more correct, recitation has become. Ten years ago only the professional electionist, the Shakespearean reader, ever thought of doing anything of the kind, while now everybody stands up in a parlor and repeats his or her little verse in excellent style. I say "everybody," because people never before suspected of having this gift are constantly popping out and surprising their friends with this favorite accomplishment. Judging by them, I imagine all the others are meditating on the possibility of their being asked next time. If one hasn't a voice to sing with, some providential that reading has come in vogue, as it gives the much desired opportunity to shine before man and women of society. When a pretty girl stands up and recites something having all the earmarks of her teacher in elocution about it, the crudeness of her effort is overlooked in the pleasure her youth and loveliness afford the spectator. One who forgives anything in a beautiful young woman, even parlor parrotting—Boston Herald.

Temperance puts wood on the fire, meat in the barrel, flour in the tub, money in the purse, credit in the country, contentment in the house, clothes on the back, and vigour in the body.—Dr. Franklin.

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