

## HOUSEHOLD.

### Things Worth Knowing.

That salt is not to be added to oatmeal until it has boiled about fifteen minutes.

That a lump of butter dropped into boiling molasses or maple candy will prevent it from running over.

That a piece of lace or thin muslin, starched and put over the holes or worn places in lace curtains will show very little and improve the appearance of the curtains.

That a handful of salt, thrown into the tepid water with which straw matting is wiped up, will make it look extra fresh and clean.

That the yolk of an egg gives richness to the milk you pour over asparagus; beat it well, add butter, salt and pepper, as usual.

That an ounce of alum stirred into hot milk makes a fine bath for parts affected with rheumatism. The curds which form when the mixture get cold makes an excellent poultice to put upon the parts over night.

That salt and soda, a pinch of each, put mixture get cold make an excellent poultice as one could wish.

That all white wool articles are thoroughly cleansed by rubbing with dry flour. Shake well afterwards.

That a silver spoon, knife or fork put into a glass jar or dish, will temper it so that it can be filled with anything hot, even to the boiling point.

That a raw egg, swallowed, will usually detach any foreign substance, like fish-bone, if lodged in the throat.

That ink-spots on linen can be removed by dipping the article in pure melted tallow. Wash out the tallow, and the ink will come with it.

That a teaspoonful of ammonia in the water in which silver is washed will keep it brilliantly bright.

That fresh lard will remove tar from either hands or clothing. Wash with soap and water afterwards.

That it takes less sugar for fruit and preserves if put in after they are well cooked.

That wet cooking soda, spread upon a thin cloth and bound over a corn will remove it.

That a paste made of equal parts of brimstone, saltpetre, and lard, if bound about a felon, will cure it. Renew as soon as it gets dry.

That a preparation of one ounce of flower of sulphur and one quart of soft water, if applied thoroughly to the scalp, night and morning, will remove every trace of dandruff and render the hair rich and glossy.

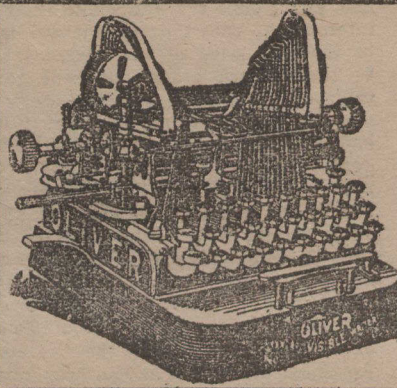
That a cloth wrung out of tepid water will not injure the most delicate wood.—'Vicks Magazine.'

### The Scolding Habit.

Scolding is mostly a habit. It is often the result of nervousness, and an irritable condition of both mind and body. A person is tired or annoyed at some trivial cause, and forthwith begins finding fault with everything and everybody within reach. Scolding is a habit very easily formed. It is astonishing how soon one becomes addicted to it, and confirmed in it. It is an unreasoning and unreasonable habit. Persons who once get into the way of scolding always find something to scold about. It is an extremely disagreeable habit, and when introduced into a family, it is pretty certain in a short time to affect all the members.

Women contract the habit more frequently than men. This may be because they live in a confined and heated atmosphere, very trying to the nervous system and the health in general, and it may be partly that their natures are more susceptible, and their sensitiveness more easily wounded.

One cause of irritability is the drinking of stimulants. Another cause is found in indigestion and dyspepsia. But 'bad air' is undoubtedly to be held as the cause of many scoldings which would never have occurred in well-ventilated apartments. If the reader has acquired the habit of scolding, and really wishes to be rid of it, she should try to remember each time she feels provoked that it only makes her look foolish in the eyes of the person spoken to and those around, and is the source of discomfort and unhappiness. By



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getting into the habit of speaking kind words, which never die, and seeking to benefit rather than wound others, she will escape much displeasure, and in time entirely lose the practice of speaking harshly.—Selected.

### Children's Sunday Afternoon.

'Hearing a Bible story and learning a text should form part of the children's employment every Sunday afternoon,' says a writer in the 'Ladies Home Journal.' 'However busy the mother may be in the week she should take time on this day to gather her children about her and teach them herself. She cannot delegate this duty to the Sunday-school without serious loss to them and to herself. It is said that children nowadays do not know the Bible. They are so unfamiliar with it that Biblical allusions in conversation or in other books are not understood, and its language is strange to their ears. Only the mothers can remedy this, as the Bible is not sufficiently read in the schools. The rising generation will never know their own sacred Book unless the mothers bestir themselves.'

### The Father's Share.

Every household owes largely the stamp, the hall-mark, the impression it makes on the community and the world to the father. Although less with the children than their mother, all day long his opinions, his character, his attitude to life deeply influence his boys and girls. When his example is one of piety, when his speech is kindly and his honor unimpeachable, the family reflect the fine and noble traits of the man. If uniformly courteous in his manner to his wife, uniformly polite and considerate, his boys will grow up with gentle and urbane manners to their own mother and sisters and to women in general. If habitually the father of the family dwells with God, communes with him and lives on an exalted plane, the family will not decline to low levels.—Aunt Marjorie, in the 'Christian Intelligencer.'

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