

The HOME CIRCLE

THE COST OF WAR. Give us the gold that war has cost, We'll clothe each shivering wretch on earth...

HOUSEHOLD HINTS. A dull or smouldering fire may be cleared for broiling by throwing over a handful of salt. If salt is thrown on any burning substance it checks the blaze...

Fresh ink stains on carpets or tablecloths can be removed by repeated applications of dry salt. Carpets are refreshed and colors brightened if wiped with clean cloths wrung from salt water.

Sheets and tablecloths are so folded that the selvage edges will pass through the wringer first, they will be less likely to curl and will be smoother. Never hang articles singly on a windy day...

A few touches of real worth such as tapestries and soft cushions make Oriental corners bright and attractive, and their brilliant reds and yellows are calculated to drive away the blues which are apt to come with the rain in the country or at the seashore.

HINTS TO MOTHERS. In the case of small children, or of any sick person where great nausea is present or there is a weak, delicate stomach, it is both possible and easy to administer bitter or otherwise disagreeable tonics, such as quinine, by absorption; in fact, it is sometimes much better to do so, and it is always safe.

er and some pure white soap, take a tooth or hand brush and scrub the parasol, or an easier method is to wet the parasol, then soap it, then scrub it with the brush. After it has been scrubbed all over rinse it thoroughly by throwing first luke-warm water over it, rubbing suds out with the hand, and finish rinsing with cold water. Then stand out in the sun and it will dry in thirty minutes. Do not close parasol until perfectly dry.

There are occupations which cause disease and occupations that may be prescribed as cures for certain diseases. In selecting an occupation for life it is as important to consider its effect on any physical disorder as to count on its wages. As an example, take hay fever. This complaint is considered a rich man's disease, associated with frequent ocean trips. The occupations which a hay-fever patient will find most healthful are those that tend to keep the body at a low temperature.

SULPHUR A PREVENTIVE OF MOSQUITO BITES.

One of our readers informs us that, having seen a statement in some English medical journal to the effect that sulphur, taken internally, would protect it as a preventive of mosquito bites. Accordingly he began taking effervescent tablets of tartar-lithine sulphur, four daily. He provided himself with several lively mosquito totes, and having them put into a wide-mouthed bottle inverted the bottle and pressed its mouth upon his bare arm. The mosquitoes settled on his skin but showed no inclination to bite him.

CANADA AT THE FAIR.

The Dominion of Canada has erected at the Pan-American Exposition what is in many respects the finest and best furnished of the foreign buildings at that great assemblage of the achievements of Pan-America. The dedication of this building on July 1st, Dominion Day, was a notable event and will do much to draw closer the relations between Canada and the United States and other portions of the three Americas.

The Canadian building is a handsome structure, 60x108 feet in dimensions, and two stories high. The style of architecture is Elizabethan, and staff work representing stone in the first and timber in the second story. The shingled roof is stained with creosote. There are two wings extending from the front at the sides of the main entrance to the building and between these a veranda and a balcony. Over the north wing is an octagonal tower. In this corner are the ladies' reception room, and a meeting room for the Canadian exhibitors. In the south wing are the offices of the Commissioners of the Dominion Government and the Province of Ontario and their staffs.

The Canada building had been opened for two weeks previous to its dedication. The ceremonies in connection with the dedication afforded opportunity for a most imposing military display, which was participated in by the 48th Highlanders of Toronto and officers of other Canadian military organizations, the Governor-General being represented by the Minister of Militia and Defense, Hon. Frederick W. Borden, M. D. The construction of the Canada Building and the arrangement of its exhibits were authorized and arranged for by the Department of Agriculture of the Dominion, of which Hon. Sydney A. Fisher is Minister. The building is located on the north of

the Mall to the east of the Agriculture Building and near the great Stadium for athletic sports, The Grand Canal of the Exposition, with its avenue of poplar trees, runs along in front of it. It is convenient of access from the big live stock barns to the south of the Mall. The building resembles somewhat the British Building at the Chicago World's Fair, of 1893, although it is by no means a copy of this building. Flowers and fruits are used to brighten the appearance of the building. The interior presents a most effective appearance, arranged as it is with the exhibits of Canada in a most attractive manner. Although Canadian exhibits are seen in the various exhibit buildings in greater extent and variety, the notable productions of the Dominion have been arranged so as to give on the whole a most interesting presentation of the products of this vast country. The cereal products of the Canadian farms are woven into figures and patterns suitable for the decoration of the walls of the building. Conspicuous in the display are the specimens of game animals and birds. The New Brunswick Legislature has loaned to the Intercolonial Railway for exhibition in this building some of the most interesting articles in its collection. One of the features of the decoration of the building upon the interior is a splendid buffalo. This stuffed buffalo is one of the largest specimens to be seen. There are also fine specimens of the musk ox. The bison shown was the giant of a herd in the Canadian Northwest Territory and was killed by Warburton Pike, an American writer, who had it stuffed and mounted and presented to the Dominion Government. Other stuffed animals shown are moose, elk, caribou, beaver, links, wild cat, mink, seal, marten, fox, bear wolf and different varieties of birds and fish. There is a splendid moose head with antlers spreading 68 inches, loaned by Col. Charles E. Turner, U. S. Consul-General at Ottawa, who shot it 150 miles north of the Dominion capital. It is said to be the most perfect specimen in existence. The Canada Building has apartments for visitors and for the officers of the Commission, and these are handsomely furnished throughout. Just off the main court is the office of Commissioner J. Hutchinson and his Secretary, Wm. A. Burns, and here there is a register where Canadian visitors are requested to inscribe their names. The Canada Building is illuminated at night in harmony with the other Exposition buildings, so that it is a beautiful sight in the evening as well as under the sunlight of the day. The Ontario Fruit exhibitors made special preparation for Canadian Day in the way of a complete display of choice apples from their ample supply in cold storage. There is also a very complete and attractive exhibit of strawberries, gooseberries and cherries. In addition to this a large number of patriotic Canadians sent over for the embellishment of the exhibit a plentiful display of the finest cut flowers of the season, including roses, carnations, lilies, sweet peas, verbenas and a multitude of other varieties.

CHILDREN'S CORNER. What do the robins whisper about From their homes in the elms and birches? I've tried to study the riddle out; But still in my mind is many a doubt, In spite of deep researches. While over the world is silence deep, In the twilight of early dawning, They begin to chirp and twitter and peep, As if they were talking in their sleep, At three o'clock in the morning. Perhaps the little ones stir and complain That it's time to be up and doing And the mother-bird sings a drowsy strain To coax them back to their dreams again, Though distant cocks are crowing. Or do they tell secrets that should not be heard By mortals listening and prying? Perhaps we might learn from some whispering word The best way to bring up a bird Or the wonderful art of flying. It may be they speak of an autumn day When, with many a feathered roamer, Over the clouds so cold and gray, Over the hills they take their way In search of the vanished summer. It may be they gossip from nest to nest, Hidden and leaf-enclosed; For do we not often hear it confessed When a long-kept secret at last is guessed, That "a little bird has told it?" Perhaps, but the question is wrapped in doubt, They give me no hint or warning. Listen, and tell me if you find out What do the robins talk about At three o'clock in the morning? —R. S. Palfrey, in Every Other Sunday.

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A BROKEN THREAD. It was one of the boy's duties to carry the mail from the summer hotel where he worked to the postoffice in the neighboring village. He was an honest boy, but apt to be careless at times. One day on his return from the office he found that a letter had remained in the bag unnoticed when he took out the others. He took it now and looked at it. It was directed to some town in France. He could still mail it in time for the moon train if he ran all of the way back; but it was a scorching day, the road was dusty and he was tired. Besides, there was a game of ball going on that he wanted to see. It did not look like an important letter. A thin, light thing, directed in a woman's hand! Pshaw! Women were always scribbling! He threw it into the bag and went whistling to the ball field. The letter was mailed two hours later. It reached New York just an hour too late for the steamer, and was thus delayed four days. Old Jeanne, the cook at the hotel, went about that summer crooning happily to herself, muttering and laughing when she was alone paring the potatoes. When her mistress asked her one day why she laughed, she said: "It's for Louis, madame my old Louis. He comes at last. It was for that I save and save, one—two year, He is lame and sick—not like me I come here with my boy, Jean, to earn money so that we can all make a home here. Jean is dead. Then I work here alone to bring my husband. We take the little cabin yonder. I cook for you; Louis, he makes us a little garden. He shall have care of the poulets. We shall talk over the old times. We shall be as happy as the birds." She went on to tell their plan. The old man was to walk from the hills to Havre, where he would take the ship. She had sent the money for his passage in a draft. He had it now. He would be here next week. They never would be separated again. The old man went to Havre on the day set, but he found no letter. Worn out with his journey, ill and penniless, he wandered about the quays of the great seaport for three days, and at last was taken to a house of refuge for paupers. The letter came at last, but it was too late. It never reached him. He died the following winter. Jeanne worked alone for the rest of her life in merciful ignorance that her life was so lonely and empty just because a well-meaning boy had failed in a trifling duty. Human lives are so closely woven together that the cutting of a single thread sometimes starts a rent which may extend beyond our knowledge or power to help.—Youth's Companion.

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