

HOME INTERESTS.

Conducted by HELENE.

The girl who makes friends wherever she goes is delightful. She comes into a room like a sea breeze fresh, laughing, nodding right and left with happy impartiality.

A TRAINED NURSE WHO HAS BECOME AN EMBALMER.

A new field for the trained nurse has been recently opened up, and a way for her entrance therein is pointed out by one of the profession.

In answer to the question as to why she left the ranks of trained nurses to go into a profession that heretofore has not been entered into very largely by women, Mrs. Walters said:

"I felt for a long time that there was an opportunity for the trained nurse in the ranks of embalmers, and my experience has shown me how much she is appreciated in this new role. The trained nurse is, as a rule, a well educated and refined young woman, and her training fits her without much extra preparation for the examination she is required to take in order to become a licensed embalmer. It is a calling suitable for women, though not one which many women would choose. My work is confined entirely to embalming women and children. I expect to lecture on this subject before nurses' training classes before two or three of Brooklyn's hospitals, and I hope to induce many trained nurses to join me and become embalmers."

Brooklyn has a number of women undertakers, many of whom are licensed embalmers, but they do not care to do the actual work of embalming, so hire men for this task.—Brooklyn Eagle.

ARTISTIC CHRISTMAS DINING TABLE.

A very effective Christmas table had for a centerpiece a Jerusalem cherry tree, with many berries, the earthen pot being concealed by tissue papers matching the red fruit, bound in place by a bit of green ribbon. This in turn was practically concealed by a mass of fruit—apples, grapes and raisins—with green leaves at intervals, all so arranged as to form a kind of pyramid toward the top of the plant.

HOW TO DISTRIBUTE SMALL GIFTS.

One of the prettiest suggestions for distributing small Christmas gifts is to have them imbedded in artificial oranges. This may be done with muslin or paper, and though many of the articles will not fit the receptacles they can be made to do so by a little padding with cotton or tissue paper. Orange colored crepe paper makes the most realistic oranges. They are not only pleasing to the children as novelties, but add

greatly to the appearance of the tree itself. They should be suspended from the tree by orange satin ribbon or by braided lengths of crepe paper, which is more effective to carry out the idea. When nestling among the dark green boughs of the tree they look exceedingly pretty and suggestive.

THE CHOCOLATE CURE.

In an obscure but picturesque little village of far-off Germany there is a place called the "Chocolate Cure," where thin people go to become stout. The patients eat and drink cocoa and chocolate all the time while they rest, admire the scenery, gossip and grow fatter every day. The true secret of the great success of this treatment is the happy way chocolate has of fattening just the right places, settling in the hands, the arms, the neck and the shoulders, making the fair patient prettier and plumper all the time. The really effective part of this cure may be tried at home by any persevering woman, and the medicine is so very palatable and the method so simple that there is actually, it seems, no reason why all of us should not be of just the desired weight; anyway, the suggestion deserves an honest trial, and even if nothing is gained, why, surely nothing can be lost.

MOTHERHOOD.

Gray gloomed the hillside. Through the solemn hush Of dole, the third dark hour—reluctant, shamed— Slow yielded to its close.

Below the doors The Holy Mother knelt in quivering calm, Her waiting arms in anguish upward reached To take again her Son, her little boy— Her baby!—while pale thru the mystic dusk, Her lifted face in adoration dwelt Upon her Lord!

Then near at hand, there broke A woman's sobbing, low and wrenched and fierce. The cry of one whose hurt is worse than death; And Mary, bending sweet within her veil, Laid her high grief aside, to pray, "Dear God! Ah, comfort Thou the mother of the thief!" —Edith Brownell, in Independent.

TRUE HOSPITALITY.

In a home that I have in mind the real spirit of hospitality is shown at its best. There is often no maid, and sometimes the mistress of this household is nearly overworked, but invariably the guest is made comfortable. If it is a hot day a tray bearing lemonade, iced tea or ginger ale and wafers is brought at once to refresh the caller, or on a cool day it will be hot cocoa or tea or a bouillon cup of hot soup. Invariably there is something to express a kindly feeling for one's comfort, and it is never preceded with the query whether you will have the cup if it should be prepared.

Many a hostess will ask her guest if he will have refreshment, and it is rare that one replies that he will, for the question itself implies effort, something that should never appear in a hospitable offering. The overconscientious hostess, who fears that her beverages may not be made just right or that her china is not quite fine enough, misses much pleasure for herself and guest. The beginner in housekeeping would do well to acquire the habit of putting the true spirit of hospitality into her homelife at the outset, and as she grows older her home will have acquired a reputation for comfort and cheer that an ostentatious dinner or luncheon now and then will never confer.—Chicago Inter-Ocean.

CHRISTMAS RECIPES.

Christmas Mince Meat—Here is a recipe that has always given satisfaction. Take a large beef tongue—if dried, soak it over night in plenty



Was In Untold Misery.

I should have written before now about that precious Pastor Koenig's Nerve Tonic, but I thought I would first see what effect it would have. I have used only one bottle this time and am happy to state that I have improved wonderfully. I was not able to leave my bed and could not sleep nor eat, and was in untold misery. Now I can sleep the whole night and am feeling better, and getting stronger every day.

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of cold water, then in the morning put over the fire in a large boiler, well filled with cold water. Let the water gradually come to a boiling point, then let it boil steadily but gently for an hour. At the end of that time put in three pounds of lean beef from neck or round (if the tongue weighs more than three pounds take same quantity of beef). Add a tablespoonful of salt and let it boil gently for three hours longer, keeping covered. Then remove from the fire, take out the tongue and skin it and then return to the liquor in the boiler and let both the tongue and beef cool in the water in which they were boiled.

It is well to know that brooms of green straw do not wear as well as those of the natural color. More brooms are used in the kitchen than almost any other part of the house, so do not buy green ones under the impression that they will outlast the others.

To remove those distressing white spots on your polished mahogany, rub gently with a white flannel cloth moistened with spirits of camphor or even eau de cologne if the former is not in the house at the moment. Old fashioned arm chairs may be brought right up to date by covering them, arms and all, with prettily flowered chintz, cretonne or denim in brown, green or dark red. When a liquid which evaporates quickly is used to clean any article of clothing, place a clean white blotting paper under the soiled portion to keep the liquid from spreading. When massaging the face and neck do not neglect to include the ears in the treatment, else they will lose their color and freshness.

before using, one-half pound of currants, two ounces of citron chopped fine, one-half pound of suet chopped fine and salted. The fruit should be well dredged in flour before adding to the bread. Now mix in two ounces of lemon peel, one-half a grated nutmeg, juice of one lemon, and two ounces of sweet almonds chopped fine. Beat well together, and, the last thing, add the whites of the eggs whipped to a stiff froth. Pour into a pudding bag which has been previously scalded and dredged with flour. In tying the bag allow better, and getting stronger every day.

Oyster Cocktails.—Two teaspoonsful of grated horseradish, one-fourth of a teaspoonful of tabasco sauce, two tablespoonsful of tomato catsup, the juice of two lemons and a teaspoonful of salt. Mix these and allow the mixture to get very cold. Just before the oysters are served divide into six portions and put into cocktail glasses and set in the centre of the oyster plate, the stems of the glasses half buried in cracked ice. Arrange the half shells around the glasses. As the oysters are eaten they are dipped in the sauce. Little brown bread and butter sandwiches are served with the oysters.

TIMELY HINTS.

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Disease Born of Carelessness

Because Poisonous Impurities are left in the Blood which can be removed by the use of

DR. CHASE'S KIDNEY-LIVER PILLS

Disease results in most cases from the presence of poisonous waste matter in the body, and may, therefore, be said to arise from ignorance or carelessness.

Bilious spells, sick headaches, attacks of indigestion, kidney pains and backaches—such are the indications of failure on the part of the liver to remove the poisonous waste matter as rapidly as it accumulates. By the use of Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills the situation is promptly relieved, because liver, kidney and bowels are set in vigorous action and the filtering and excretory system thoroughly cleansed and strengthened.

Neglect to afford assistance at such a time is to invite the attack of such ailments as Bright's Disease, dropsy, rheumatism or appendicitis. Mr. John Wilson, 918 Esplanade avenue, Montreal, Que., writes:—

"Last February I was taken sick and had to have the doctor, who said my ailment was a disordered liver. A few weeks after completing this treatment I began to notice symptoms of kidney disease. The urine took on a reddish appearance and continued to get worse until there were brick dust deposits, and then I knew that the kidneys were seriously affected, and that I was threatened with Bright's disease. 'I obtained some of Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills and as a result of this treatment was completely cured. My water became a natural color and is still so. The cure was thorough and lasting.'"

By using Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills, one pill a dose at bedtime, as often as is necessary to keep the bowels in regular healthful action, you insure yourself against kidney disease and subsequent suffering from Bright's disease, dropsy, apoplexy or other equally dreaded ailments. Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills, 25 cents a box, at all dealers or Edmondson, Bates & Co., Toronto.

THE POET'S CORNER

THE DEAREST CORNER.

The dearest corner in our home— Which is it, do you say?

Where rich old heirlooms, queer and quaint, With Time are stowed away?

Where ancient gods of good and grace Smile from the dusk and dim—

Venus and Buddha's double face— Like spectres dark and grim?

The dearest corner? Can you guess? Where forebears proudly stare

From days that died long, long ago To days that are young and fair?

Is this the dearest corner? Ah! Think you I choose this spot?

(I love the dear old people, ah!) And yet, I choose it not.

The dearest corner? Do I seek The little flower hill

Where ivies climb the trellis tree And tumble from the sill?

Where orchids turn their pointing lips Up to the lover sun?

Think you I love this corner best? Or choose this shining one?

The dearest corner? Not for gifts Of gold, and time, and space

I choose a cozy little spot And bless the precious place;

To love's own gift I softly steal, And watch, and pray, and peep

And bending o'er the cradle, kiss My little babe, asleep!

—Aloysius Coll.

THE WAYSIDE CROSS.

A wayside cross at set of day Unto my spirit did say:

"O soul, my branching arms you see Point four ways to infinity.

"One points to infinity above, To show the height of heavenly love.

"Two point to infinite width, which shows That heavenly love no limit knows.

"One points to infinite beneath, To show God's love is under death.

"The four arms join, an emblem That in God's heart all loves will meet."

FUNNY SAYING.

A CHILD'S REASON.

The late Henry N. Pillsbury, the famous chess player, was fond of children, and delighted in incidents that illustrated the originality of the child mind.

At the Mercantile library, the haunt of the Philadelphia chess players, Mr. Pillsbury said one day:

"I cultivate children because they teach me new ways of looking at things. They give me new points of view.

"I showed a little girl an aquarium of Japanese goldfish the other day.

"How would you like to be a little fish?" said I.

"Not much," said the little girl. "Why not?" I asked.

"Because," she said, "if you were a little fish your mamma wouldn't have any lap."—Philadelphia Bulletin.

BACKWARD IN COMING FORWARD.

It was on a suburban train. The young man in the rear car was suddenly addressed by the woman in the seat behind him.

"Pardon me, sir," she said, "but would you mind assisting me off at the next station? You see, I am very large, and when I get off I have to go backward, so the conductor thinks I am trying to get aboard and helps me on again. He has done this at three stations."

JOHNNIE AS A PROMOTER.

"I'm afraid you don't like me very well, Johnnie," said the young man who thought he was interesting to Johnnie's sister.

Johnnie shook his head. "I ain't down on you," he replied.

"I'm only sorry for you 'cause you ain't wise. If you'd put less money on sis' an' more on me you'd stand a blazesight better chance with her. See?"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

SILENCED THE RINGLEADER.

The head teacher in a Sunday-school was much worried by the noise of the pupils in the next room. At last, unable to bear it any longer,

I thanked the cross as I turned away For such sweet thoughts in the twilight grey. —Frederick George Scott.

GUARDED.

"I made believe," thus said my little maid, "That you were in the next room watching me.

All day I was as good as good can be, And tried to please you as I sang and played."

So strong the safeguard of a loving eye, The simple parable I read aright.

The Father sees me though hid from my sight. If only this I kept in memory.

And tried to do the thing to please Him best, How unafraid I'd see the close of day!

Or if he came at noontide, not cry nay. How free from fear my life, and death, how blest!

A SONNET.

What are we set on earth for? Say to toil, Nor seek to leave thy tending of the vines

For all the heat o' the day, till it declines, And Death's mild curfew shall from work assail!

God did anoint thee with His odorous oil To wrestle—not to reign; and He assigns

All thy tears over, like pure crystallines, For younger fellow-workers of the soil

To wear for amulets. So others shall Take patience, labor, to their heart and hand.

From thy hand and thy heart and thy brave cheer And God's grace fructify through thee to all.

The least flower with a brimming cup may stand And share its dew-drop with another near.

Harold O'Sullivan, Walter O'Sullivan, Mary Sanders, Emma F. Hunt, Maude C. Quet, A. Cecelia, St.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1908. TO P With the pu test closed, a names of suc next week's jo make an wers in th the morning day, will NO look back to first set you was the limit The names o fered will app ANSWERS NOV. 1. RIDD Plum puddin 2. DOUB Christmas. 3. BUR 1. Daisy. 2. Rose. 3. Pink. 4. Peony. 5. Pansy. 6. Yew. 4. BEHE 1. Grave, rav 2. Smart, me 3. Strap, tra 5. WHAT I A tree. 6. Tars, Rats, 7. WO C A L F 8. CHA Cabbage, For 9. Because he a trunk with him ANSWER Harold O'Sullivan, Walter O'Sullivan, Mary Sanders, Emma F. Hunt, Maude C. Quet, A. Cecelia, St. Letter to Dear Aunt Beck I am ten year school every day thers and one s brother is a bab old. He is a d name is Bernar printed, I will gettin' long, I close. Good-by cousins. "Your l Cranbourne, P "JUST L "What a beauti Said Faith! pansy bed; "With mornin tree, And dozens of red." "And may be, earnest tho Illuming her fa and fair, "We can make every sort, For the hotel la wear." "That's just lik dolent Joe, As he spilled h seeds; "But the worms I know; And the gard with weeds. "When the tender bake, And the others horns scrato You will find v mistake In counting you they are hav "What dire predi with a laug "Don't prophes beg!

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