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## ENTERTAINING MISCELLANY

VARIOUS SUBJECTS CLEVERLY TREATED

### Negro Version of "The Ninety and Nine."

"Po' lil' brack sheep dat strayed away,  
Away in de win' an' de rain—  
De Good Shepherd He say, "O hirelin,  
Go fin' My sheep agin."  
But de hirelin' say, "O, Shepherd,  
Dat sheep am brack an' bad."  
But de Shepherd He smile, like dat lil'  
brack sheep  
Wuz de onliest lamb He had."

"An' dat lil' brack sheep am lonesome,  
For de win' an' de rain am col',  
An' He say, "O, hirelin', hasten,  
Out dere, so far 'f um de fol."  
But de hirelin' frown, "O, Shepherd,  
Dat sheep am ol' and grey!"  
But de Shepherd He smile, like dat lil'  
brack sheep  
Wuz fair as de break ob day."

An' He say, "O, hirelin', hasten,  
Lo! here is de ninety an' nine,  
But dere, 'way off 'f um de sheepfol',  
Is dat lil' brack sheep ob Mine!"  
An' de hirelin' frown, "O, Shepherd,  
De res' of de sheep am here!"  
But de Shepherd He smile, like dat lil'  
brack sheep  
He hol' it to be mostes' dear."

An' de Shepherd go out in de darkness  
Where de night was col' an' bleak,  
An' dat lil' brack sheep He fin' it,  
An' lay it agains' His cheek.  
An' de hirelin' frown, "O, Shepherd,  
Don' bring dat sheep to me!"  
But de Shepherd He smile, an' He hol'  
it close.  
An' dat lil' brack sheep—wuz—me."

### Miscellaneous.

Hearthstones, if painted with two or three coats of white enamel, will only require to be wiped with a damp cloth when soiled.

Varnished paint can be kept looking as bright as though freshly done by soaking in water some time a bag filled with flaxseed, and then using it as a cloth to clean the paint.

Never rinse white lace in blue water under the impression that this will improve the color. Real lace should be finally rinsed in skim milk, which will give it the soft, creamy tint so much admired.

When cleaning grates, add half a dozen drops of turpentine to the black lead, stir well, and a beautiful polish will be the result when finished. It also keeps stoves from rusting when not in use.

A mixture composed of equal parts of turpentine and linseed oil, will remove white marks on furniture caused by water; rub it in with a soft rag and wipe off with a perfectly clean duster.

Iron rust on marble can be removed by rubbing with lemon juice. Another help for it and other stains, is to mix one ounce of finely powdered chalk, one ounce of pumice stone and two ounces of soda; mix with water and rub the mixture over the stains until they disappear.

An excellent polish for floors is made of half a pound of beeswax, shaved, put into a gallipot and covered with turpentine; stand by the fire to dissolve. When using, put some on a flannel and afterward brush with rather a stiff brush, such for instance, as a scrubbing or boot brush.

To wash embroidered linen, make a strong suds of some white soap and lukewarm water—castile soap is best—and wash the pieces carefully in that. The washboard should not be used. Rinse them immediately in lukewarm water, then in water slightly blue, and then hang them to dry; when half dry, lay them smoothly on a clean cloth, doubled or laid over a piece of double-faced white canton flannel, and press them on the wrong side with a hot iron until they are dry. If the embroideries are fringed, comb the fringe out carefully with a coarse comb.

Wall paper that has become bruised or torn off in small patches and cannot be matched, may be repaired with ordinary children's paints. Mix the colors till you get as nearly as possible the desired shade, and lightly touch up the broken places, and at the distance of a foot or two the disfigurement will be quite unnoticed.

A Hint in Cleaning Brassware.—To clean Indian or other brass trays much engraved, nothing is superior to plain spirits of turpentine rubbed on with a soft rag and carefully rubbed off with a clean duster. By this method no powder, etc., is left in the engraving or carving of the brass, which is often the case when paste is used. Turpentine is much better than lemon juice for brass.

### Items of Interest.

The Japanese lover, instead of an engagement ring, may give his future bride a piece of beautiful silk to be worn as a sash.

The King of the Belgians makes only one appearance at public worship in the course of the year. This is on the day which commemorates his accession to the throne.

The dislike entertained in Servia to fair hair is so great that it extends even to the white hair of old age. No Servian matron who respects herself would appear in public with white hair. Nor does she hide the fact that she dyes it periodically.

Preserved fruits hermetically sealed in earthenware vessels were found in Pompeii during some excavations. When opened they were found to be comparatively fresh, and it was this fact that gave the idea of canning fruits, meats and vegetables in chemically sealed vessels.

"Dead Sea fruit" refers to the fact that the beautifully yellow fruit commonly known as the apple of Sodom, flourishes in the neighborhood of the Dead Sea. It has a peculiarly inviting appearance, heightened by the dreary nature of its environment, but the fruit is extremely bitter.

Disappearing paper is a French novelty. Ordinary paper is first steeped in sulphuric acid, diluted according to the intended durability, and is then dried and glazed, the acid being partially neutralized by ammonia vapor. The material is adapted for temporary use. Sooner or later it falls to pieces.

The Czar's eldest daughter has one of the finest collections of penny toys in the world, which have been sent to her from Paris, London and Berlin.

In Stuttgart and some other South German cities fishes are imported by the carload under municipal supervision and sold at low prices for the benefit of the poor.

Women sailors are employed in Denmark, Norway and Finland, and are often found to be excellent mariners. In Denmark several women are employed as State officials at sea, and particularly in the pilot service. They go out to meet the incoming ships; they climb nimbly out of their boats; they show their official diploma and they steer the newcomer safely into the harbor. It is the same in Finland.

Many of the curiosity shops planted in the back streets of most country towns in England are kept up by large London firms, who, from a prolonged study of human nature, have discovered that people who are shy of buying old furniture or old silver in Bond Street or Piccadilly are ready and eager purchasers of precisely the same objects at a rather higher price when they come upon them in the back streets of a country town.