

The HOME CIRCLE

A HOUSEKEEPER'S TRAGEDY. One day as I wandered I heard a complaining. And saw a poor woman the picture of gloom; She glared at the mud on her doorstep (twas raining), And this was her wall as she wielded the broom:

"Oh, life is a toil and love is a trouble, And beauty will fade and riches will flee; A pleasures will dwindle and prices will double, And nothing is what I could wish it to be."

"There's too much of worryment goes in a bonnet; There's too much of ironing goes in a shirt; There's nothing that pays for the time you waste on it; There's nothing that lasts but trouble and dirt."

"In March it is mud; it's slush in November; The midsummer breezes are loaded with dust; In fall the leaves litter; in muggy September The wallpaper rots and the candlesticks rust."

"There are worms in the cherries and slugs in the roses, And ants in the sugar and mice in the pies; The rubbish of spiders no mortal supposes, And ravaging roaches and damaging flies; With grease and with grime from corner to center, Forever at war and forever alert, No rest for a day lest the enemy enter— I spend my whole life in a struggle with dirt."

"Last night in my dreams I was stationed forever; On a bare little isle in the midst of the sea; My one chance for life was a ceaseless endeavor To sweep off the waves as they swept over me."

"Alas, 'twas no dream. Again I behold it; I yield, I am helpless my fate to avert." She rolled down her sleeves, her apron she folded, Then laid down and died and was buried in dirt.—Selected.

Often what appear to be the most trivial occurrences of life prove to be the most momentous. Many are disposed to regard a cold as a slight thing, deserving of little consideration, and this neglect often results in most serious ailments entailing years of suffering. Drive out colds and coughs with Bickel's Anti-Consumptive Syrup, the recognized remedy for all affections of the throat and lungs.

RECIPES.

Caramel Custard.—Four cups of scalded milk, five eggs, one-half cup of sugar, one-half teaspoonful salt, one teaspoonful vanilla. Place sugar in pan until melted, stirring all the time until the sugar is a light brown, then gradually add the hot milk. Care should be taken that it should not bubble over. Beat eggs until light, add the milk mixture to them, also salt and flavoring. Butter custard cups, pour in the mixture and bake, setting cups into pan full of hot water. When a knife inserted comes out freely, the custard is done. Serve with caramel sauce made by melting one-half cup of sugar in the same way as for custard, adding one cup of boiling water. Strain and serve cold on the custard.

Apples, one quart of molasses, one quart of sugar, liquor in which meat was boiled, three-quarters of a cup of salt, two scant tablespoonfuls of cinnamon, two teaspoonfuls of cloves, two nutmegs, two quarts of fresh cider, not boiled or bottled, fruit to taste.

Plum Pudding.—Grease pudding-dish, put in twenty common crackers, pounded fine, rolled or put through food chopper; add two and one-half quarts of milk, nine eggs, three cups of sugar, one teaspoonful of cinnamon, taste of ginger, most of a nutmeg, salt; add one and one-half cups of raisins. For sauce save the whites of two or three eggs, beat them up stiff; add sugar, a tablespoonful for each white, and flavor with vanilla.

Lemon Pie.—The juice of three lemons and the rind of one grated, two cups of white sugar and four eggs, one cup of milk or cream and two small common crackers pounded fine. Cook in double boiler until it thickens. The pie-crust, with an edge tart fashion, may be baked first, and the lemon may be spread on it when cold, or the cooked lemon mixture may be baked between two crusts. It will make two large or three small pies.

Oyster Chartreuse.—This recipe makes a very delicious dish for a luncheon or family dinner. Pare six potatoes, put them on to boil, put one pint of cream or rich milk on to boil in a double boiler; mix two tablespoonfuls of flour with a little cold milk, and stir into the cream. Season with salt and pepper, and cook for eight minutes, butter a large mold and sprinkle bottom and sides with bread-crumbs, letting them adhere thickly to the butter on the mold. When the potatoes are cooked drain and mash them; add half a cupful of milk, one tablespoonful of butter, salt, and the well-beaten whites of four eggs. As soon as the potato is cool, line the mold thickly with it, being careful not to rub off the crumbs. Bring oysters to a boil in their liquor, skim out and add to the thickened cream; pour them into the mold, filling it to within half an inch of the top; begin at the edges and cover with the potato, working from the edges out. Bake one-half hour in a hot oven; let stand ten minutes after taking from the oven, then turn out carefully on to a platter.—The Designer.

THE WAY TO SUCCEED. Men who become successful in the latter years of their life sometimes give out the set of guiding rules to which they attribute their success. The following rules are said to have been formulated by Andrew Carnegie for his own guidance:

- 1. Never enter a bar-room, nor let the contents of a bar-room enter you.
2. Do not use tobacco.
3. Concentrate. Having entered upon a certain line of work, continue and combine upon that line.
4. Do not shirk; rather go about your task. Do not let any young man think he has performed his full duty when he has performed the work assigned him. A man will never rise if he acts thus. Promotion comes from exceptional work. A man must learn where his employer's interests lie and push for these. The young man whom capital wants for a partner and son-in-law. He is the young man who, by-and-by, reaches the head of the firm.

- 5. Save a little always. Whatever be your wages, lay by something from them.
6. Never speculate. Never buy stock or grain on margin.
7. Never indorse. Whenever you enter on business for yourself, never indorse for others. It is dishonest. All your resources and all your credit are the sacred property of the men who trusted you. If you wish to help another give him all the cash you can spare.

- Another set of rules for young men to follow are those laid down by a man who built up an immense business, the ramifications of which extended all over the United States. They will bear perusal and are as follows:
If your hands can not be usefully employed, attended to the cultivation of your mind.
Always speak the truth, make few promises.
Live up to your engagements. Keep your own secrets, if you have any.
When you speak to a person, look him in the face.
Good company and good conversation are the very sinews of virtue.
Good character is above all things else.
If any one speak evil of you, let your life be so that none will believe him.
Drink no kind of intoxicating liquors.
Ever live (misfortune excepted) within your income.
Small and steady gains give competence; with tranquility of mind.
Earn money before you spend it.
Never run in debt unless you see a way to get out again.

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Never borrow, if you can possibly avoid it. Do not marry until you are able to support a wife. Never speak evil of any one. Save when you are young to spend when you are old. Read over the above maxims at least once a week.—Our Young People.

Not a Nauseating Pill.—The excitement of a pill is the substance which enfolds the ingredients and makes up the pill mass. That of Parmelee's Vegetable Pills is so compounded as to preserve their moisture, and they can be carried into any latitude without impairing their strength. Many pills, in order to keep them from adhering, are rolled in powders, which prove nauseating to the taste. Parmelee's Vegetable Pills are so prepared that they are agreeable to the most delicate.

PROVERBS. No news is good news. No one is bound to incriminate himself. No one is a fool always, every one sometimes. No one knows better where the shoe pinches than he who wears it. No one provokes me with impunity.—The motto of the Order of the Thistle. No pains, no gains. No safe wading in unknown waters. No smoke without fire. No tree takes so deep a root as prejudice. No weeping over spilt milk. No wind ever blew that did not fill some sail. Nobody is fond of fading flowers. Our care should be not so much to live long as to live to some purpose. None but the brave deserve the fair. None but the contemptible are apprehensive of contempt. None lied that would not seal.—Irish. None so blind as those who will not see. None so busy as those who do nothing. None so deaf as those who will not hear. Not to repent of a fault is to justify it. Not worth a rap. A rap was a coin of infinitesimal value current a few centuries ago. Nothing dries sooner than tears. Nothing is difficult to a willing mind. Nothing is impossible to a man who can and will. Nothing is impossible to a willing heart.—German. Nothing is more injurious to the common good than indiscriminate charity or profuse indulgence.—Cicero. Nothing is wholly bad. Nothing overcomes passion sooner than silence. Nothing so easy to revenge as an

existence of a calm and strong nervous temperament, and nothing lends itself more to peace and prosperity in a household. It is a blessed thing that such a trait can be established; that repression here and expression there, and determination everywhere will make it grow and thrive and become a habit. It is the outer embodiment of love, and the man who is the happy possessor is the one to whom the town turns, on whom the beggars smile, after whom the children run, whose presence soothes trouble and whose wife is sure that even if she wears her old bonnet she is lovely in his eyes.

Father Allain to Leave For the past four months Rev. Father Allain has been suffering greatly from inflammatory rheumatism and a change of climate is ordered him by his medical adviser. He intends taking a well earned rest and travel abroad. His bishop has kindly granted him leave of absence for a couple of years, if necessary, to recuperate, after which we are pleased to know he will return to the diocese of Seattle. Rev. Father Allain announced to the faithful ones of his congregation who attended Mass on New Year's morning that next Sunday will be his last at Bremerton. The announcement saddened the hearts of those who heard it, and as it becomes generally known that Father Allain is to leave Bremerton a note of disappointment and regret is sounded from all sides. Father Allain is loved not only for the pronounced piety and uncompromising christianity of his life and ministrations; but also for the material vigor and virility and of his personality in the cause of good morals

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offense, nothing so grand as to forgive it. Nothing succeeds like success. Nothing travels more swiftly than scandal. Nothing venture, nothing have. Nothing without God. Nurse's bread is sweeter than mother's cake. A warning to mothers who do not nurse their children, that the affections of the infant will be transferred to those who have the care of them. O wad some power the giftie gie us To see ourselves as others see us; It wad frae monie a blunder free us And foolish notion!—Burns.

How to Cleanse the System.—Parmelee's Vegetable Pills are the result of scientific study of the effects of extracts of certain roots and herbs upon the digestive organs. Their use has demonstrated in many instances that they regulate the action of the liver and the kidneys, purify the blood, and carry off all morbid accumulations from the system. They are easy to take, and their action is mild and beneficial. VALUE OF A GOOD TEMPER. If it were necessary to give an opinion concerning the chief constituent of a happy marriage one might hesitate a moment over the thought of many and indispensable virtues, and daily over that of almost trustfulness on both sides; but after weighing deliberately we naturally conclude that the real requisite for happiness in marriage is good nature. Not that tempers occasionally do not clear the domestic atmosphere, but in the long round year sunshine and faith weather are most welcome. What will you not pardon a sunny-faced rogue? He may commit a thousand peccadilloes, a thousand offenses against good taste and even be guilty of moral lapses, but an unflinching sweetness of disposition will win forgiveness for them all. A poor man may be extravagant, a woman may be a scold, a housekeeper, even slatternly, or a profligate of scandal, but there is no disruption in the house over which she reigns so long as she acknowledges with a smile her fault. A pair of dimples has saved many a little scamp from a whipping; they are just as useful when the scamp is older and the dimples are slipping into wrinkles.

Who can rebuke sharply or frequently when reproach is always received without return, without affront? Who is not made to feel right then and there that good nature is a shining virtue? It is a charm that never dies. Beauty fades, accomplishments fail, but good nature survives till all else falls to dust. It blends the opposing and contradictory elements like a fortunate solvent. It acts precisely as sunshine does, and when you find it happiness flourishes and life is enriched. In an individual it announces the

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