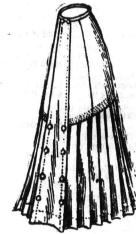






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Woman's Realm.

By-Low Song.

Softly and softly the wind does blow: Bye-low, Lye-low; Brighter the little star glances grow;

Brighter the little star glances grow;
Bye-low, Baby.

Moon-mother puts on her silvery crown,
Rock-a-by, Baby, in your white gown;

Bye-low, Baby, in your white gown;
Bye-low, Baby.
Softly and softly the wind does blow,
Bye-low, bye-low;
Waving the lily-buds to and fro,

Bye-low, Baby. Kissing them gently, "Good-night, good-

night,
Sleep till the morning, and wake in the light,"
Bye-low, Baby.
Softly and softly the wind does blow,

Bye-low, bye-low;
Up in the elm where the cradle-nests

show,
Bye-low, Baby.
Little birds drowsily swing the night
through,

Warm and content, my own Baby, like you; Bye-low, Baby.

Softly and softly the wind does blow, Bye-low, bye-low; Softer and sweeter his whispers grow;

Bye-low, Baby.

Far and away, o'er the waters dim,
Baby shall dreamily follow him.

The First Last.

The Paris papers have been discussing the six essential virtues of woman. The result is somewhat amusing, and gives us a new idea of the working of the Latin mind.

Economy is placed first, with 1,420 votes; fidelity and modesty each received 1,357; kindliness received 1,182, and maternal love 539. Cleanliness and patience were last on the list.

Here we have the acknowledgments of the Frenchmen, given by the recent newspaper vote, that the woman who saves a man expense stands higher in his estimation than the one who is faithful to him! A litle infidelity he does not mind, if she is economical in her financial expenditures!

Were I a man and knew women as I do (which would, of course, be impossible), I would wish a wife to possess the six virtues in the following ratio: First of all kindness. I would place kindness first—because the absolutely kind nature could not fail to be faithful to the highest obligation.

Fidelity would come second, as the natural result of innate kindness. Cleanliness, too, would follow, as the kind, womanly woman could not offend or hurt her husband's feelings by being untidy in any way.

Patience, also, would be an outgrowth of a kind heart, and so would modesty; and, lastly, the ever kind wife would look to her husband's best interests and see that she was not extravagant. Kindness of thought would act as the one great quality needed in the world, in the church, in the market, in the family. The progress of the world comes not through saving, but through using.

System in Housework.

It is hard to over-estimate the value as a time-saver, in picking up the house at night before going to bed. If newspapers, magazines and books are left scattered around the living room, with perhaps the confusion augmented by a pair of boots taken off and left on the spot by a tired father, and if in the bedrooms each member leaves his clothes in disorder upon undressing, the effect on the mind next morning, to the housekeeper who must reduce all this chaos to order is very disheartening. Let every member of the family help in keeping order. The kitchen, dining room and living room must be neat in the morning, if those hours are to be used to the best advantage. Then teach the occupants of every bedroom to hang up such garments as are not to be used that day, to put away shoes and slippers, and above all, to leave the dresser in neat condition, besides opening the bed and putting bed-

clothes and pillows to air beside the open window before leaving the room to come down to breakfast. It is a mistake to hang away in closets garments that have just been taken off, but after airing all night they may be hung up in the morning, and every child should be taught these orderly habits early in life. Where this is not done, through mistaken kindness on the part of the mother, or through lack of force to insist on it till neatness grows to be a habit with children, not only do they grow up careless and selfish, but the housewife's work in the home is never done. Teach them as well not to throw hats and wraps down upon entering the house, instead of putting them in their place; teach them to look each time they come to the head of the stairs to see if there is anything deposited there to be carried down and put away; teach them never to leave a washbowl or bathtub after using without scrubbing clean, and that a used towel is not to be flung down in a heap on the floor, but spread out to dry before being consigned to the clothes hamper. If there is no servant, it is easy to clear the table after a meal, if each member of the family piles up his own dishes and carries them to the kitchen sink. Let your boys see that helping mother is not alone a daughter's work. At a luncheon given a few of her friends not long ago, in a home where there was no maid, the hostess' little son of twelve served a five course meal in a manner that would have done credit to the best trained waitress,

His Mother's His Sweetheart.

"His mother's his sweetheart—the sweetest, the best!"
So say the white roses he brings to my breast;

The roses that bloom when life's summers depart; But his love is the sweetest rose over my

heart!
The love that hath crowned me

A necklace around me,

That closer to God and to Heaven hath
bound me!

"His mother's his sweetheart."
Through all the sad years
His love is the rainbow that shines
through my tears;

My light in God's darkness, when with my dim eyes

I see not the stars in the storm of His skies.

When I bow 'neath the rod

And no rose decks the sod,
His love lights the pathway that leads
me to God!

"His mother's his sweetheart." Shine bright for his feet,
O lamps on life's highway! and roses,

lean sweet
To the lips of my darling! and God
grant His sun

And His stars to my dutiful, beautiful one!

For his love—it hath crowned me—

A necklace around me, And closer to God and to Heaven hath bound me!

Prize-Winner.

We make a present of a book each month for the best original story. The prizewinner this month is Bella Mc-Irwin, Foxwarren, aged 14. Evidently the people in that district require the services of a missionary.

A Cautious Answer.

Here is another good story forwarded by a correspondent.

A gentleman who was no longer young, and who never was handsome, said to a child in the presence of her parents:

"Well, my dear, what do you think of me?"

The little girl made no reply and the

The little girl made no reply, and the man continued:
"Well, you don't tell me. Why won't

you?"
Two little fat hands tucked the corners of a pinafore into her mouth, as she

said in a timid whisper:
"Cause I don't want to get whipped,"