

House and Household.

Hints for Boarding-House Keepers.

Many a woman will start out this autumn with the idea of "keeping boarders," without any more accurate conception of what she has to encounter than does a child. To such, especially, let me say a few direct words; if you have carefully weighed the requirements necessary for the successful management of a boarding-house, then I say God-speed to your efforts. But be certain first of kind of woman you must be. In brief, you must be a good financier; you must know how and what to buy; you must be versed on all the seasons and what those seasons bring to the market; you must have a correct knowledge of men and women, and know how to meet their tastes; you must be a manager in all that that term implies; you should be a perfect housekeeper, as every thing you have ever known about house-keeping will seem little enough to you; you must be economical and yet not parsimonious; your help of executive ability must be naturally well developed; you must know how to perfect an excellent domestic system, and train others to adhere to it; you must be a thorough disciplinarian to your servants, and possess the utmost civility for your boarders; you must be a mind to remember the past, think of the present, and look into the future; an artistic taste must be yours, and your knowledge how to please people must be keen and accurate. These are some of the things you must know at the outset, and once into your venture you will need to know a few additional things which at the beginning you cannot see.

A WOMAN WHO STARTS A BOARDING-HOUSE should do one or two things: conduct an unpretending house at good prices, fixed accordingly, or a good house at good prices. There is no place between the two. An effort at combination works only injury to the one who ventures it. If you charge your boarders good prices, my good woman, set for them an attractive table, carefully watch your service, and have the best of whatever you serve with such liberality as your income will allow with a margin of profit for yourself. And so that the same principle is carried out all through your house. But do not attempt this at prices which fail to allow of an equivalent expenditure. There are enough people in this land willing to pay good prices for good things, but they demand that you shall give them. A high standard for the first two months will have no effect upon the dissatisfaction which will arise when you lower it during the following months. Never set a table any more lavishly on the first day than on the last. That only sets a false standard which you cannot sustain. Calculate carefully when you can do, and lead up to your best, always retaining some little surplus or extra pleasure for the following day. Don't draw too freely upon your resources at the start; you will have need for them all before you get through. An even, substantial table, with sufficient variety to render it monotonous, finds far more favor than the table which grows one day under its weight and has nothing upon it the next.

THE TABLE OF A BOARDING-HOUSE should be made a special object of study. If that is a success, one-half of the battle is won. What appears there, and how it appears, either makes or retards the success of a house. There is nothing more unmeaning to a boarder than to come to the same table with the same things on it day in and day out. To know this morning just what will be the breakfast three weeks hence; to come to the table in the morning when everything should be fresh and sweet—to find last night's remains on the table; to be compelled to open the same napkin used throughout the previous day; to have cleared and blackened chops served to tempt a morning appetite which it is difficult enough to coax with the most deliciously flavored chop laid in a bed of green parsley; to come to a cold and cheerless breakfast in winter, or a stuffy, heated room in spring or summer; to know that at lunch you will have served up in cold the meats of the previous evening's supper; to see a vision of the same old dinner at night, repeated over and over again; to be asked to drink your coffee from a cup so thick as to make it an even thing between the vessel and the concoction in it—these are the things which make up the experience of a majority living to-day in boarding-houses. And they are the very things easiest to avoid by just a little common sense and a trifle expenditure of trouble.

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Unfair Discrimination—A Fable.

A horse, made restless in the night by reason of the sounds of revelry in his master's palatial mansion at the other end of the lot, slipped his halter, and in the absence of the hostler, who was in the basement making love to the chambermaid, he strolled leisurely out into the back yard and came to the house. Peering into the windows, which were open for ventilation, the horse heard the conversation of numberless nice young men present, and the old ones also, and observed, too, the general style of them. The more he heard, the less favorably he became impressed, and when one at a rear window blew a cloud of cigarette smoke into his face, the limit was reached, and the horse boldly walked up through the portico, and was half-way into the large and elegant hall of the mansion when his master hearing the unusual disturbance, came forth. "Get out!" he exclaimed angrily. "What in thunder are you doing here?" "Going into society," replied the horse, in a soft, pleasant voice. "Well, you can't come in here. This is no place for you." "Why not?" inquired the horse very respectfully. "Because it isn't. You belong in the stable." "Rats," answered the horse, forgetting his training and manners; "Society relegates a horse to the stable, when it welcomes so many Donkeys to the parlor."

Beating Milk.

The practice of beating milk is an evil which I came across in some of the very best boarding-houses. A woman always effectually ends her economy when she begins at the milk picher. To see a white watery streak at the top of a goblet of milk is enough to drive a sensitive person to whisky. Water is a delicious beverage, but I should think our boarding-house women would see the wisdom of keeping it in its place, or allow the boards themselves to mix it with their milk if they preferred that course. I have selected the smaller evils of the boarding-house table, because in them lie the greatest danger of future success. The little things of a table go far to make a good dinner, and where they are neglected there is only one result. But let close attention be paid to them, and those who receive the benefit will not be slow to notice them. Care in little things generally means perfection in larger ones, and the woman who, at the head of a boarding-house, keeps her eyes on the former can be trusted for the latter. Bitter may taste just as well when each boarder helps himself from one piece; but the taste of the hostess is noticed when it is served in forms found beneath a covering of chopped ice. These are the little things which make up a successful whole, and she is a wise woman who appreciates the fact.

Hullin Receipts for Mincroft.

MACARONI WITH SAUCE.—Put in a pot three ounces of lard, one onion cut very fine, and one can of tomatoes; season

with salt and pepper; cook on a hot fire for half an hour, stirring constantly. When done pour half a tumbler of water in the tomato sauce. In another pot, put three quarts of water; when boiling, take one pound of Macaroni and let boil for fifteen or twenty minutes. Drain off the water, and put it in a large dish; scatter over the Macaroni one tablespoonful of grated Swiss cheese, and pour over the tomato sauce. Serve hot.

MACARONI WITH BUTTER.—As much macaroni as you wish should be boiled as above; then put in a hot plate. Take one tablespoonful of butter and heat in a cup on the stove; pour it over the macaroni, with a little grated Swiss cheese, salt and pepper, and serve hot.

MACARONI WITH EGGS.—Boil one pound of macaroni, as referred to above, and put in a pan take one egg, beat well, one cupful of macaroni, season it with salt and pepper; turn all together and put it on a hot oven; when brown put it on a hot plate and serve.

MACARONI A LA GRAPE.—Boil one pound of macaroni, as above; then put in a large hot bowl; take two tablespoonfuls of butter and put it in a small pan on the stove; take two slices of toast, mash very fine; put the crumbs of toast in the pan with the butter; turn for a few minutes; put the macaroni in. Stir all together for a few minutes more; season it with salt and pepper, and serve hot.

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Tag, Rag, and Bobtail. In the article on "The Mariners of England Before the Armada" in the June issue of the English Illustrated Magazine, tag, rag and bobtail appears. The reference there is to a statement presented to the Queen in 1585 of the advantages that would be gained by increasing to the extent of one-half the average pay of the seamen. State Papers, Dom. Ediz., clxxxv. 331. Their ye no captain or officer exceeded in service but wolde vnder take with more courage any enterprises with 250 able men then with 300 of tagg & ragg, & maye assure hym self of better successe. —Vols and Queries.

Aunt's Advice. "My brother had severe summer complaint about a year ago and no remedy seemed to relieve him. At last my aunt advised us to try Fowler's Extract of Wild Strawberry, and before he had taken one bottle he was entirely cured."—Adelaide Critchfield, Baldwin, Ont.

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As regards the Protestant claim to the name "Catholic," a correspondent of the Boston Transcript tells the following story which recalls St. Augustine's advice to those who tried to rob the Catholic Church of its significant title. The rector of an Episcopal congregation had been preaching to his people on the

use of the word "Catholic." "Let not this word," said he, "be usurped by an alien religious body. You are Catholics every one. Glory in the name; be ever ready to answer it; claim it as your birthright on all occasions." A few minutes later he was taking off his surplice in the vesty, when a big Irishman put his head into the room and asked, "Av you please, Sur, is this the Catholic Church?" "No, my good man, no," was the parson's ingenuous answer. "The large red brick church round the first corner on the right. The one with the gilt cross."

GOOD NEWS, IF TRUE.

The Disease of Drunkenness Alleged to Be Curable—An Example of the Cure Described.

No one who has not been similarly cursed with drink can know the joy of the moment in which my cure came to me as fact. I do not believe, I know, that I am cured, and am satisfied as to its permanency. I did not doubt twenty years ago that I was cured of the chills and fever; I did not doubt, when this last May came around with its blossoms of spring, that my cure was permanent, and that the appetite for drink was eradicated. I do not understand the processes, but I know the fact. Said Mr. Mr. George Work, of this city, who was one of my companions at Dwight, "I tell my friends that all I know about it is that I went to Dwight, and there Dr. Keeley cured me," and he said this I thought unconsciously of the blind man by the pool of Siloam, and his reply to the doubters who gathered around and tormented him. "To all of us who suffered and have been healed, it is a resurrection. As I passed along the streets a year ago and was greeted by my friends, I knew that they looked upon me as a slave to habit. They knew how well I had fought, but they had no belief in my final victory. However strong and healthy I might appear at the time, they looked on me as doomed. I felt it, and could see the pity in their eyes. I always moved among them as the gladiator of old Rome who, with the blue sky of Italia over his head, Cesar before his face and a shouting multitude surrounding him, knew that whatever temporary triumph he might win, the white sands at his feet would one day drink his blood. Always, as I walked among my fellows, the words of doom came to my lips, "Mortui te salutamus." To-day I meet my fellow man with open gaze, knowing that I have conquered the black lion of the desert; and my sense of freedom and happiness no man can paint."—John P. Mues, in North American Review.

Wit and Humor.

Wet to the skin—Rain. White hair—Widow's caps. Nautical morning—Sea-weeds. A cold reception makes the average man hot.

The ring of coin is often the knell of friendship.

Electricity is a dangerous fire; but many people make light of it.

"This is a burning shame," said the man who was smoking a bad cigar.

The biggest waterfall is but a drop of water.

"I had to hammer every thing into my boy's head." "Ah, then he acquired knowledge by the pound."

He: I have been here every night for a fortnight. Do you not begin to suspect something? She: Yes, I begin to suspect that I shall never have an evening to myself.

It is a remarkable peculiarity with debts that their expanding power continues to increase as you contract them.

Duke of Norfolk's Pilgrimage.

The Duke of Norfolk has been on a visit to the famous shrine of St. Joseph, Glastonbury, in hope of benefiting his crippled son, on whose behalf he has prayed, probably, at every well known holy spot in Europe. The duke is, next to the Marquis of Bute, the wealthiest of the Catholic peers in England, and his visit to Glastonbury has been followed by a report, which is probably well founded, that the ruins of the grand old abbey are to be purchased and made habitable for the settlement of monks of the Benedictine order. Three-fourths of the visitors to Glastonbury are Americans.

Beautiful Banff, N.W.T.

I was induced to use your Burdock Blood Bitters for constipation and general debility and find it a complete cure which I take pleasure in recommending to all who may be thus afflicted.—James M. Carson, Banff, N.W.T.

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