

RULES FOR HOUSE-WIVES.

1. When you arise in the morning, never be particular about pinning your clothes so very nicely; you can do that any time.
2. Never comb your hair, or take off your night cap till after breakfast. It is your business to take time by the foretop and not let him take you so; therefore keep all right in that quarter till 10 o'clock at least.
3. When you begin the business of your toilet, you may do it before the window in the front entry: but the most proper place is in the kitchen.
4. Never have any particular place for any thing in your house; and then you may rest assured, that nothing will be out of place; and that is a great comfort in a family.
5. Never sweep your floor, until you know some person is coming in; he will then see how neat you are; and, besides, in such cases, even your enemies cannot shake off the dust of their feet against you, though they may the dust of their clothes with which you have covered them by your sweeping.
6. When you have done sweeping leave your broom on the floor it will then be handy; and being always in sight, and in the way, it will be constantly reminding your husband, when he is in the house, what a smart, nice pains-taking wife he has.
7. Never follow the barbarous practice of brushing down cobwebs. A man's home is his castle, and so is a spider's.—It is a violation of right; and a shameless disrespect to the fine arts.
8. Keep your parlor and bedroom windows shut as close as possible in dog days; this will keep the hot air out—and you will have excellent fixed air inside.
9. Never teach your daughters to mend or make any of their own clothes: it is "taking the bread from the mouth of labor"—besides, it will make them crooked and give them sore fingers.
10. But, if they should insist on mending their own garments they should do it while they are on; this will make them fit better, and girls can't leave their work: if they should attempt it their work would follow them.
11. Keep your Summer cheeses in your bed chambers;—they enrich the qualities of the atmosphere; and, if a stranger should sleep in one of your beds, if he could not sleep, he could eat for his refreshment.
12. Never spoil a joke for a relation's sake; nor suppress the truth for any body's sake. Therefore, if you don't like your husband as well as you ought—out with it, and convince him you are not a respecter of persons.
13. If, on any particular occasion, you are at a loss as to the course you are to pursue in the management of your family affairs take down the Almanack which contains these rules, and read them over and over till you have satisfied your mind—and then go on.