

Household Hints.

If we wish to prolong our lives, we should put one day between washing and ironing.

People who chew plenty of good beef and eat pork are healthy.

Tough beefsteak may be made eatable by mincing it pretty fine with a chopping knife, and cooking it quickly in a pot with a close cover, to prevent the steam from escaping.

Salt pork will be nice nearly as fresh if soaked in sweet milk and water, equal parts.

Clabbered milk is better than water for freshening salt fish.

Half a cup of vinegar in the water will make an old fowl cook nearly as quick as a young one, and does not injure the flavor in the least.

Liver should be thrown into boiling water after being sliced thin, and then fried in lard or dripping.

Pie crust will not be soggy if it is brushed over with the white of an egg before the fruit is put in.

A piece of cork is better than cloth for applying brick to knives.

Ripe cucumbers make a good sweet pickle.

Apples which take a long time to bake should have a little water in the pan.

To keep steel knives from rusting, rub with mutton tallow, wrap in paper and put in a baize-lined chest.

A tablespoonful of turpentine boiled with your white clothes will greatly aid in the whitening process.

Zinc may be scoured, with great economy of time and strength, by using either glycerine or creosote mixed with a little diluted sulphuric acid.

The easiest method of removing rust from iron is rubbing it with a rag dipped in the oil of tartar. The rust will disappear immediately.

Iron or steel immersed in a solution of carbonate of potash or soda for a few minutes, will not rust for years, not even when exposed to damp atmosphere.

If every pot, pan, kettle, or any utensil used in the cooking of food be washed as soon as emptied and while still hot, half the labor will be saved.

Stoves blackened when entirely cold will keep the clean look a great deal longer than when they are polished when the stove is warm.

After you have swept your carpets quite clean, you may brighten them with a flannel cloth wrung out from beef's gall and water.

White paint may be cleaned as well as windows, by using whitening and water, while grained woodwork should be wiped with a flannel cloth wrung out from cold tea.

Words of Wisdom.

If the past is not to bind us, where can duty lie? We should have no law but the inclination of the moment.

All our relaxations, and every holiday we enjoy, are but means to that important end, the better discharge of our duty.

It is not until we have passed through the furnace that we are made to know how much dress was in our composition.

No man was ever so completely skilled in the conduct of life as not to receive new information from age and experience.

If you would be pungent, be brief, for it is with words as with sunbeams, the more they are condensed, the deeper they burn.

If any man says he has seen a just man in some place where there was no other just man.

A snob is that man or woman who is always pretending to be something better—especially richer or more fashionable—than they are.

There are moments when petty slights are harder to bear than even a serious injury. Men have died of the festering of a gnat bite.

The essence of true nobility is neglect of self. Let the thought of self pass in and the beauty of great action is gone, like the bloom from a soiled flower.

As the shadow follows the substance, so the sting of conscience follows an evil deed; one dies only with the sunlight, the other expires with intelligence.

It is no disgrace not to be able to do everything; but to undertake, or pretend to do, what you are not made for is not only shameful, but exceeding trouble and vexation.

A certain amount of opposition is a great help to a man. Kites rise against and not with the wind. Even a head wind is better than none. No man ever worked his passage anywhere in a dead calm.

Ten persons will repent for a sin for one who will confess to the person wronged. Yet such confession is in truth far more needful to the wronger than to the wronged. It is a small thing to be wronged, but a horrible thing to wrong.

MOTHERS.—Have you delicate, weakly children, who are always taking cold and subject to Croup? Remember, there never was a case of Croup which did not originate in a Cold! ALLEN'S LUNG BALSAM is your remedy.

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Farm and Garden.

Take Good Care of the Horses.

If at work, they need a regular allowance of grain. If worked hard, ten quarts of ground-corn-and-oats-mixed will not be too much. The hay may be cut and moistened, and the feed mixed with it. Such a ration is not over bulky and contains sufficient nourishment to keep a working horse in good trim. At this season the coat begins to loosen, and the skin is irritable. When much so, it may be corrected by giving daily, for a week, an ounce of equal parts of sulphur and cream of tartar. Good grooming with a soft brush and a blunt curry-comb is decidedly useful. Everything about the stable should be kept neat and clean, as the warm weather approaches. Turn brood mares loose into a box stall as foaling time approaches. They should receive gentle treatment, as this is likely to influence the disposition of the foal.

What is to be Done in the Orchard?

On many farms there are old trees, the fruit of which is worthless, that by grafting would be in a few years productive of excellent fruit. There is nothing about grafting that a man or a boy who can use a jack-knife without cutting his fingers, can not perform. There is no secret about it, though these travelling grafters who go about the country, would make one think so. The various works on fruit culture describe the operation, those who have the back volumes will find it described in April 1877, and that number can be purchased separately at this office. Grafts can be had by mail from any of the leading nurseries. Having the stock (the old tree, and the grafts, the work may be done without other tools than those at hand. The wound must be covered with grafting wax, directions for making which are given in the books and in the paper referred to. If any branches of fruit-trees have been broken by storms or the weight of snow, saw off the stub that may be left close to the trunk or to the branch from which it starts, and cover the wound with paint, unless grafting wax is at hand. There are many places about the farm, especially near the barns and out-buildings where a fruit tree may be planted; such a tree may often be of use in affording shade to the poultry-house, icheuse, or dairy building, and at the same time afford acceptable fruit. Peach trees may occupy such places.—[Agriculturist.

Going to a Church Fair.

It was at a church fair, and he had come there at the special request of his "cousin," who was at the head of the flowery table. He opened the door bashfully and stood, hat in hand, looking at the brilliant scene before him, when a young lady rushed up, grabbing him by the arm said:

"Oh, you must, you will take a chance in our cake. Come right over here. This way."

Blushing to the roots of his hair, he stammered out that "really he didn't have the pleasure of knowing—"

"Oh, that's all right," said the young lady. "You'll know me better before you leave. I'm one of the managers, you understand. Come, the cake will be all taken if you don't hurry," and she almost dragged him over to one of the middle tables. "There, now, only fifty cents a slice, and you may get a real gold ring. You had better take three or four slices. It will increase your chances, you know."

"You're very good," he stammered. "But I'm not fond of cake—that is, I haven't any use for the ring—I—"

"Ah, that will be ever so nice," said the young lady, "for now if you get the ring you can give it back, and we'll put it in another cake."

"Y-e-e-s," said the young man with a sickly smile. "To be sure, but—"

"Oh, there isn't any but about it," said the young lady, smiling sweetly. "You know you promised."

"Promised?"

"Well, no, not exactly that, but you will take just one slice?" and she looked her whole soul into his eyes.

"Well, I suppose—"

"To be sure. There is your cake," and she slipped a great slice into his delicately gloved hands as he handed her a dollar bill. "Oh, that is too nice," as she plastered another piece of cake on top of the one she had just given him.

"I knew you would take at least two chances," and his dollar bill disappeared across the table, and then she called to a companion: "Oh, Miss Larkins, here is a gentleman wishes to have his fortune told."

"Oh, does he? Send him right over," answered Miss Larkins.

"I beg your pardon, but I'm afraid you are mistaken; I don't remember saying anything about—"

"Oh, but you will," said the first young lady, tugging at the youth's arm. "It's for the good of the cause, and you won't refuse," and once more the beautiful eyes looked soulfully into his.

"Here we are. Now, take an envelope. Open it. There! you are going to be married in a year. Isn't that jolly? Seventy-five cents, please." This time

the youth was careful to hand out the exact change.

"Oh, I should just like to have my fortune told. May I?" said the first young lady.

"Of course you may, my dear," said Miss Larkins, handing out one of her envelopes.

"Oh, dear, you are going to be married this year, too. Seventy-five cents more, please," and the poor youth came down with another dollar note.

"No change here, you know," added Miss Larkins, putting the greenback in her pocket.

"Oh, come, let's try our weight," said the first young lady, once more tugging at the bashful youth's coat sleeve, and before he knew where he was he found himself standing on the platform of the scales.

"One hundred and thirty-two," said the young lady. "Oh, how I should like to be a great heavy man like you," and she jumped on the scales like a bird.

"One hundred and eighteen. Well that is light, \$1, please."

"What!" said the youth, "one dollar! Isn't that steep? I mean, I—"

"Oh, but you know," said the young lady, "it is for charity," and another \$1 was added to the treasury of the fair.

"I think I'll have to go. I have an engagement at—"

"Oh, but first you must buy me a bouquet for taking you all around," said the young lady. "Right over here," and they were soon in front of the flower table.

"Here is just what I want," and the young lady picked up a basket of roses and violets. "Seven dollars, please."

"Oh, Jack, is that you?" cried the poor youth's "cousin" from behind the flower-counter, "and buying flowers for Miss Giggles, too. Oh, I shall be terribly jealous unless you buy me a basket, too, and she picked up an elaborate affair.

"Twelve dollars please, Jack," and the youth put down the money, looking terribly confused, much as though he didn't know whether to make a bolt for the door or give up all hope and settle down in despair.

"You'll excuse me, ladies," he stammered "but I must go. I have—"

"Here, let me pin this in your button-hole," interrupted his "cousin." Fifty cents please," and then the youth broke away and made a straight line for the door.

Tilley's Bogus List.

Sir Leonard Tilley has included in his list of new industries started under the N. P. the "Woodstock Barbed Wire Works." If this is a sample case, the whole list is—like the N. P. itself—a fraud. The works referred to are those of the Ontario Metallic Spinning Company, and were established in 1875, for the manufacture of oil cans and stove boards. When barbed wire—a recent invention—became known, the company began to make it, along with the other products of their works, to supply a growing demand. The establishment of the industry has no connection whatever with the N. P.—which has not helped it in the least. The fact is, that all the barbed wire of Canada is now manufactured under license from the American patentee and monopolist, who guarantees protection from competition, here and from abroad. The addition of ten per cent. duty by the N. P. upon the raw material to that extent injures the Canadian manufacturers of barbed wire. There are no artisans in Woodstock or the county of Oxford who would not be here if the N. P. had never been heard of. Sir Leonard had better try another place.—[Sentinel Review.

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