

gether, half a pound of lean beef-steak, and half a pound of fat bacon, and then stir in half a pound of fine bread crumbs, pepper, salt and a little spice, to season. Last of all add a well beaten egg, and a little water. Form up the mixture into a roll, tie in a floured pudding-cloth, and boil for three hours, remove from the cloth, scatter over brown bread crumbs, and serve cold, cut into thin slices, with brown bread and butter.

Listen to the Children.

We must not only be ready to talk to and advise children, but also to listen while they talk, says a writer in 'Good Housekeeping.' Give the same attention as to the most welcome guest. Often some little incident of the day related starts a conversation quite broad and impersonal, and I am amazed at the grasp and reasoning of my son, not yet six, on the whys and wherefores and right and wrongs of things. Have I not reason to hope that the talks we have now, truly, 'heart to heart,' will help him to consider and decide for the right in after years? The acts and conversation of grown persons seem oftentimes coarse and defective when judged through the eyes and ears of a child. I have to be constantly making excuses to my boy for what he sees and hears. I am trying to develop in him the power to consider the character of people, and right and wrong. Both girls and boys need this equipment.—'Michigan Christian Advocate.'

We know not what we shall be, but are sure
The spark once kindled by the eternal breath,
Goes not quite out, but somewhere doth endure
In that strange life we blindly christen death.
Somewhere he is, though where we cannot tell;
But wheresoe'er God hides him, it is well.
—Sir Lewis Morris.

A Little Music.

We have grown so critical and so fastidious, not to say so exacting, in these latter days, that one of the old-time delights is on the wane. True, there is still a piano in almost every home, not invariably in tune, or there is a mandolin, a cabinet organ, a banjo, or a violin; but if you want a little music you find it an article almost as extinct as a pre-historic species. If there is a young girl in the family who has taken piano lessons for some years, and spent hours upon hours when she might have been out of doors in the sunshine, or in the kitchen helping her mother, in tedious practicing of scales and variations, her father naturally fancies that she might occasionally play for him. In the evening, when he is tired and has his slippers on, and has finished reading the paper, or when friends come in, and he innocently wishes to display her accomplishment. But Molly always has an excuse ready, and the finer artist she is, the swifter comes her apology, and the profounder and politer is her regret. It would really seem that the most musical people are those who are least likely, so to speak, to have any music in stock. They scorn the little, simple, merry tunes, the sentimental things that clutch at the heart-strings of the unsophisticated, and the deep, solemn, beautiful, lovable music that they adore, is beyond their presentation unless they are spending their lives at the keyboard, or at exhausting study of some sort. Plain, hard-working fathers and mothers who have paid large bills for their children's musical training, wonder where the money has gone, but they seldom say much about it.

Once upon a time, when Belinda's mother was a girl, she took piano lessons. They did not cost much, and they were perhaps rather superficial. But she went through an exercise book, and proudly took pieces at the same time. 'Mocking-Bird,' and the 'Silver Chimes,' and 'Monastery Bells,' and 'Home, Sweet Home,' were among the jingling melodies she learned to play, her slender fingers flashing over the keys, the 'four and twenty black slaves,' and the 'four and twenty white,'

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