

During the long centuries that have elapsed less change has taken place in scissors than in any of the other implements used in sewing. The forging of steel scissors is so difficult and costly a job that so far the United States has never been able to compete with Great Britain and Germany. This may explain to the housewife why really good scissors always command a fair price and if you buy cheap scissors they are almost invariably nasty.

From my scrapbox for the month I have picked the following verses that I think are worth remembering, the one about boys particularly for the mother who is so anxious that her boy "should behave like a little gentleman."

About Boys.

Show me the boy who never threw
A stone at some one's cat;
Or never hurled a snowball swift
At some one's high silk hat.
Who never ran away from school,
To seek the swimming hole;
Or slyly from a neighbor's yard
Green apples never stole.

Show me the boy who never broke
A pane of window glass;
Who never disobeyed the sign
That says: "Keep off the grass."
Who never did a thousand things,
That grieve us sore to tell;
And I'll show you a little boy
Who must be far from well.

"Somebody did a golden deed;
Somebody proved a friend in need;
Somebody sang a beautiful song;
Somebody smiled the whole day long;
Somebody thought 'Tis sweet to live;
Somebody said 'I'm glad to give';
Somebody fought a valiant fight;
Somebody lived to shield the right;
Was that somebody you?"

A Little Prayer.

That I may not in blindness grope,
But that I may with vision clear
Know when to speak a word of hope
Or add a little wholesome cheer.

That tempered winds may softly blow
Where little children, thinly clad,
Sit dreaming, when the flame is low,
Of comforts they have never had.

That through the year which lies
Ahead
No heart shall ache, no cheek be
Wet,
For any word that I have said
Or profit I have tried to get.
—S. E. Kiser.

Referring to my
Dinner for Six. talk on oil stoves
last month, let me
tell you of a dinner which I saw
cooked for six people on a single
burner stove. The woman's equip-
ment was a large galvanized
iron pail, so large, in fact, that
it gave room for placing three
five pound tin jam pails on its bot-
tom. I am not sure that a pail of this
size can be bought ready made, but any
tinsmith can make one. It had an
ordinary tin lid that fitted it closely,
this I know had been made to order.
Early in the morning the dinner was
started, a piece of beef that promised
to be tough was cut up and put into
one of the jam pails and a big cup of
washed rice and nearly a quart of
skim milk went into one of the others.
While the meat was being prepared a
teakettle of water was on the oil
stove getting hot. Cold water and
some red peppers were added to the
meat, and the two small pails were
stood inside the large one, some of
the boiling water poured round them
and the flame of the stove lowered so
that it would keep the water boiling
gently and no more. The housewife
went upstairs and did the work and
sat down and sewed. About half
past ten she took off the lid and added
the third jam pail nearly full of water,
took out the rice, which was beauti-
fully plump and rainy. Potatoes
and little young carrots were pre-
pared, and for the pudding currants
were washed and together with a
good custard were added to the rice

which was now put into a big round
pudding dish. Shortly after 11
o'clock the potatoes were put on in
two of the jam pails, the carrots were
added to the beef and the pudding
dish was set on top to steam the cus-
tard. Sharp at 12 o'clock the pudding
came out done to a turn, the potatoes
were drained and last of all the
thickening was added to the stewed
beef, now as tender as chicken, and
by the time the men had their faces
washed the dinner was on the table,
hot, appetizing and nourishing. The
table was set in the kitchen, which
thanks to the little oil stove was cool
and comfortable. The stove had not
been turned out entirely but the big
pail had been more than half filled
with water. By the time dinner was
finished the water was hot to wash
the dishes. This woman told me that
cooking in this way, of course some

days it would be a meal that did not
require so long, she had never ex-
ceeded a gallon of oil a week. Where
there are two or more neighbors
near enough it is an excellent plan to
buy the oil by the barrel. It can be
rendered perfectly safe and harmless
by sinking the barrel in the ground
and taking the oil out by one of those
syphon arrangements that are used in
grocery stores when the oil is kept in
the basement.

If the housewife has succeeded in
persuading her husband to provide
her with one of the fireless cookers,
which have been described in these
columns more than once she can with
a single burner oil stove do all the
summer cooking, even to the bread
baking of a family of six for the oven
of a single burner stove will bake
four large loaves of bread at the
same time.

The Month's Bright Sayings.

Wm. Whyte: A busy binder makes
a busy railway.

Goldwin Smith: Most things suf-
fer when they get mixed up with
politics.

Lord Grey: Giving advice is the
cheapest mode of philanthropy
known.

Right Hon. A. J. Balfour: The busi-
ness in life of politicians is to dis-
agree with each other.

Hon. W. S. Fielding: Savings banks
reflect the result of fore-thought,
self-denial, and frugality.

Mark Twain: Those people who
travel much are the most humble
about their own country.

Principal Patrick: It is not the
amount known but the use of it that
gives knowledge its vital power.

Mrs. Humphrey Ward: When a
woman is kind she is very kind, but
when she is cruel she is horribly
cruel.

Bandmaster Innes: In the earliest
music imagination had no part. The
barbarian yelled from mere instinct.

Sir W. C. Van Horne: The hum of
the Eastern factory is the echo of the
hum of the Western thresher.

Rudyard Kipling: The average
Englishman will grumble when he
goes to heaven. The marble steps
will be cold.

The Duke of Norfolk: The prin-
ciple of self-government is at the
root of all our colonial imperial
policy.

Agnes Deans Cameron: Courtesy is
"the beauty of the heart;" and no
one class of society has a monopoly
in this kind of beauty.

J. M. Barrie: A suit of clothes, like
a pair of carpet slippers and a briar
pipe, is not comfortable until it is
worn out.

Thomas A. Edison: As we get
older we lose our curiosity. Few men
know how a watch works, or want
to; but every boy does.

Sir Conan Doyle: Advice is cheap,
but unfortunately one has to find out
the result of evil very largely by
one's own experience.

Sir Frederick Bridge: It is said
that we as a nation are not musical;
but England possesses as many beau-
tiful songs as any nation in the world.

Rev. Dr. Bryce: College prizes
sometimes represent a power of ac-
quiring rapidly knowledge which
slips away perhaps equally rapidly.

Gen. Baden-Powell: You are not
going to teach soldiers much by
marching them along a hot and dusty
road; except perhaps endurance and
blasphemy.

Rev. Dr. Campbell: Knox Church,
Regina, is as fine a structure as Old
Knox Church, Toronto, which is say-
ing a good deal for the Western city.

Agnes C. Laut: All true education,
from the mother's arms to ripeness
of knowledge, is an unfolding of life
from within, a continuous process of
development.

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Sir W. C. Macdonald: Had I my
way about it, there should be one
clause added to every creed in the
world—"I believe in work." And an-
other commandment we should have
—"Thou shalt not remain idle."

Sara Jeanette Duncan: We get a
great deal of the machine-made smile
nowadays. It has become the correct
thing for women to possess a smile.
It is worn like the latest frill or fur-
below. But it has been fixed there
by fashion or some other irresistible
power, and it will "not come off."

Premier Asquith: The special fea-
ture of the British Empire has been
that it has combined, and has suc-
ceeded in combining in a degree un-
known in any other combination in
history, a loyal and affectionate at-
tachment between the centre and the
parts of the Empire, and between the
various parts themselves with com-
plete practical independence.

R. L. Borden, M. P.: Let us strive
to know what is best for our coun-
try, and, with that end in view,
patiently study our history, our insti-
tutions and the lives of our great
men. Let us value rightly our great
inheritance and strive to be worthy
of the best traditions of Canadian
patriotism. And let us always put
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