

What Shall I Do ?

BY MRS. FRANCES DANA GAGE.

"What shall I do?" My boy, don't stand asking;
Take hold of something—whatever you can.
Don't turn aside for the toiling or tasking,
Idle, soft hands never yet made a man.

Grasp with a will whatever needs doing,
Still standing ready, when on work is done
Another to seize; and thus, still pursuing
In duty your course, find the victory won.

Do your best for to-day, trust God for to-morrow;
Don't be afraid of a jest or a sneer;
Be cheerful and hopeful, and no trouble borrow;
Keep the heart true, and the head cool and clear.

If you can climb to the top without falling,
Do it. If not, go as high as you can.
Man is not honored by business or calling,
Business and calling are honored by man.

—Herald of Health.

Quills are things that are sometimes taken from the pinions of one goose to spread the opinions of another.

IMPROVEMENT IN CISTERN PIPES.—An improvement in the arrangement of cistern pipes has been invented and patented by Mr. W. H. Rodden, of Toronto. The peculiarity of the system consists in such a disposition of the overflow and withdrawing pipes that the pure water from the top is pumped out for use, while the overflow is drawn from the bottom of the cistern, where, naturally, the sediment will collect and render the water less fit for use. The new arrangement is highly recommended by medical men. Mr. W. Hewitt is the Patentee's Agent for this city.

ABOUT SUN-STROKES.—Since sun-strokes have been so common, it may be well to give some hints concerning remedies for them. It is said that cold water should be immediately poured over the head of the person thus affected, and that mustard or other stimulants should be applied to the back of the neck, the wrists, knees, and soles of the feet. Of course these remedies should not preclude the calling of a physician in any case where the patient does not immediately rally. As a safeguard against sun-stroke it is well to have something more than the usual covering over the head on venturing into the rays of the hot sun—for instance, a handkerchief, or still better, green leaves in the hat, those of the common plantain being excellent, and frequently used.

PHILOSOPHY FOR THE LADIES.—PIE JUICE.—The time has now come for fruit-pies, and therefore for pie-juice; and as our readers strive at all points for the practical and useful combined, we intend to offer a suggestion for "the better arrangement" of pie-juice. Some people place an inverted cup in the pie, thinking this catches juice that would otherwise boil over, but that is a mistake, for though juice is found under the cup when the pie has cooled, it never entered the cup while the pie was in the oven for this simple reason, the inside of the cup was as hot as the inside of the pie. The case of inverting a cup in the pie does more harm than good, for, as the heat cooks the fruit, it also expands the air in the cup, which tends to blow out the juice from the dish. But if a small hole, say a quarter of an inch, be made in the bottom of the cup, which, of course, comes to the top of the pie when inverted in the dish, the hot air will escape into the oven, and leave room for the juice to run into the cup, which, again, will descend amongst the fruit on the pie cooling. "Now how are we to make this small hole in the bottom of the cup?" says the reader. "Listen and you shall hear," says the writer. "Take a six-inch flower-pot, fill it with dry sand or mould; then take your cup, invert it, and push it down into the mould or sand till only the top is just seen, by which means the inside of the cup is as full of sand or mould as it will be of juice when in the pie; then take a sharp-pointed instrument, like an old pair of scissors or a one-pronged fork, and begin to peck away little by little, and you will soon have a small hole, which can then easily be made bigger before taking the cup from the flower-pot. The sand or mould prevents the cup from cracking or breaking during the chipping process. When the cup is used invert it in the pie, but take care that the small hole is free from the crust." Here is a very simple contrivance that will soon prove itself. A grand plan is to make three pies, one without any cup, one with a cup, and one with the cup with the hole in; then you can see the difference.—Gardener's Magazine.

Miscellaneous.

The Borrowing Nuisance.

My neighbour wanted to borrow my shovel—would return it in the evening. Evening came, but no shovel. The next evening it was quietly returned to its accustomed hook in the wood house, the blade covered over one-half its surface with a coating of dry mortar. I pride myself on my clean and bright shovels and hoes. Half an hour's work with an old knife blade, and the use of a sheet of sand paper, restored it.

Another time he was building a pig pen. The posts were too long, and they were very hard, and his saw very dull. Of course he borrowed mine, and he sawed off a nail with it—the posts had been used before. He sent his little boy to return the saw with the message—"Pa would a' sent and got it fied, but he knowed you allus fied your own saw, and it wouldn't take but a few minutes to sharp it again."

Another neighbour "borrows" the privilege of getting water at my well. The well is deep, and we draw with a windlass. It is hard for my wife to draw up a bucketful, for she is feeble, and to save her, I usually fill the bucket before going away to my business. As the well is in an out kitchen, I leave the filled bucket hanging in the curb. My neighbour sneaks in, empties the bucket, and is mean enough to go away without refilling it. Wife and I conclude it is better to suffer wrong than to have a difficulty with a near neighbour, and so, for the sake of peace, we submit to this wear and tear of soul and body. When the same person borrows flour, for the best article a poor one is returned. Eggs, matches, a "drawin' o' tea," are never returned.

I might increase to great length a record of these examples, but my object is only to illustrate the position taken, that the habitual borrower's code is a lax one. This may be partially accounted for by the fact that the independent, self-reliant portion of the community seldom borrow, and the practice is mostly left to people of the opposite kind. The unscrupulous borrower usually belongs to one of two classes; the easy, shiftless sluggard, or the greedy, grasping victim of avarice. The first borrows with a dim expectation of paying some time, and the hope that he may be able to do so; the other borrows with a full design never to make an honest return if he can avoid it; it shall be clear gain, if he can make it so. Both are knaves, and unreliable in all matters of trust.

Among honest men, borrowing may be made a convenience, and mutually beneficial. Yet I think the question is worth considering, whether it does not demoralize a man—weaken his self-reliance. We get to relying on our neighbours more and more for the thing ourselves ought to procure. On the whole my advice is, to borrow only in cases of great need, when you can get along without doing so.—North Western Farmer.

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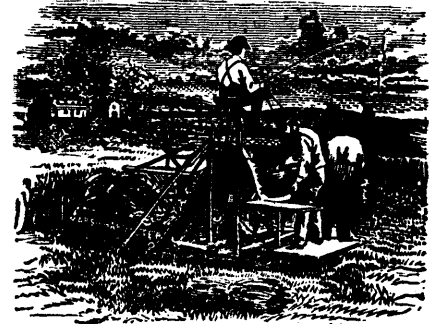
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