HOME INTERESTS.

Conducted by HELENE

Nothing in Carlyle's lurid pages burns with a fiercer light than his pathetic plaint over his dead wife when he exclaimed: "Oh, if only I could have five minutes with her to assure her that I loved her through all that." Carlyle had the merited reputation of being cross and crabbed with his wife during their whole married life, as he was in some degree with everybody else. but he repented bitterly of his lack of appreciation and kindness after her death, when it was too late. How often does this pathetic plaint find utterance in our lives. Many a home knows little expression of kindness and love, even when it lies abundant in the deeps of the heart, until separation or death comes, and then the great deeps are broken up and floods of regret and remorse pour forth as it is realized that the loved one is gone beyond our power to express our love. Let us diffuse our love through all our life and let our loved ones know how much we love them. Better one warm word now than a thousand regrets after they are dead. Better put one red rose in their living hands than smother their coffins with flowers. We are together here for but a little time; let us so live in love with one another that there shall be no passionate plaints when the parting comes.

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DRESSER SCARFS.

Spachtel work is used on the attractive new bureau and dresser scarfs. The novelty of the season in this style of work is the introduction of figured Swiss borders and centres. To make this scarf still more attractive, many women line it with some delicate shade of pink, blue or yellow. Cretonne covers come with all-over floral designs, and also with plain centres and borders in floral patterns.

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BE WARM-HEARTED AND GENIAL

If you wish to be loved and have friends, throw away your reserve and your suspicions. Believe in your friends for pure friendship's sake. When you meet one do not offer him or her the tips of your fingers, on give your sympathy stingily and grudgingly as if you were afraid you would commit yourself by being cordial. Grasp your friend's hand warmly. Put your heart into your fingers. Do not give him a cold, formal "How do you do?" but a hearty, whole-souled salutation. Throw your personality, love and good will into your "How are you?" Do not be afraid to let yourself out. Do not be on your guard every moment. Do not think that every one in this world is a thief. Give yourself up heartily.

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FASHION NOTES.

Heavy kid gloves in one of the dark brown shades are correct for traveling.

A plain tailored coat and skirt suit in light weight material is a necessity in a summer wardrobe.

Parasols of linen, both in white and in the natural color, are to have quite a vogue. They are either plain or show handwork in self color.

The bridge coat is a very pretty little affair made of lace with silk belt. It is worn with a shirtwaist and will go with any handsome skirt.

Much hair must be worn with the new dish shaped hats. Many of the hats have no bandeau at all, but set flat on the head and are, as a rule, very trying.

When striped material is used for a waist a very distinctive effect is obtained by cutting the material on the bias.

Border effects on both blouse and dress patterns are prime favorites.

Hand embroidery is lavished without stint upon sheer materials of all kinds.

Foulards will be very smart during the summer, although the summer silks of all grades are prime favorites, and it is the most serviceable material one can get.

Short sleeves will be more worn than ever this season, but they are not appropriate for the street.

The Eton continues a favorite model for spring and summer wear and may be developed in the material of the skirt or a different material, but it must match the skirt in color.

Smocking in every possible form is reappearing. It forms yoke, girdle and cuffs of many smart sheer frocks.

The heavy travelling dress is a thing of the past. This year it will be fashionable to be comfortable when travelling, and to wear thin dresses. In addition to being cleaner and more comfortable the present mode enables women to dress in a way that will be appropriate for any occasion. These gowns may be worn on the train and there are many pretty summer wraps that can be worn over them. They are modeled something like the old-fashioned linen duster, but are built of pongee or one of the other fashionable silks.

KIDNEY COMPLAINTS The kidneys form a very important channel for the outlet of disease from the system, carrying off accumulations that poison the blood.

The kidneys are often affected and cause serious disease when least suspected. When the back aches, specks float before the eyes, the urine contains a brick-dust sediment, or is thick and stringy, scanty, highly colored, in fact when there is anything wrong with the small of the back or the urinary organs then the kidneys are affected.

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NEWMAN'S STYLE.

I have been going through Newman's Apologia for the twentieth time, and as usual have fallen completely under the spell of that incomparable style; its perfect lucidity, showing the very shape of the thought within, its simplicity (not in Newman's case, I think, the result of labor, but of pure instinctive grace), its appositeness, its dignity, its music. I oscillate between supreme contentment as a reader, and envious despair as a writer; it fills one's mind up slowly and richly, as honey fills a vase from some gently tilted bowl. There is no sense of elaborateness about the book; it was written swiftly and easily out of a full heart; then it is such a revelation of a human spirit, a spirit so innocent and devoted and tender, and, moreover, charged with a sweet naive egotism as of a child. It was written, as Newman himself said, in tears; but I do not think they were tears of bitterness, but a half-luxurious sorrow, the pathos of the past and its heaviness, viewed from a quiet haven.

To revert to Newman's literary genius, he seems to me to be one of the few masters of English prose. I used to think in the old university days, that Newman's style was best tested by the fact that if one had a piece of his writing to turn into Latin prose, the more one studied it, turned it over and penetrated it, the more masterly did it become, because it was not so much the expression of a thought as the thought itself taking shape in a perfectly pure medium of language. Bunyan had the same gift of later authors, Ruskin had it very strongly, and Matthew Arnold in a lesser degree. There is another species of beautiful prose, the prose of Jeremy Taylor, of Pater, even of Stevenson; but this is a slow and elaborate construction, pinched and pulled this way and that, and it is like some gorgeous picture, of stately persons in seemly and resplendent dress, with magnificently wrought backgrounds of great buildings and curious gardens. But the work of Newman and of Ruskin is a white art, like the art of sculpture.

I find myself every year desiring and admiring this kind of lucidity and purity more and more. It seems to me that the only function of a writer is to express obscure, difficult and subtle thought easily, but there are writers, like Browning and George Meredith, who seem to hold it a virtue to express simple thought obscurely. Such writers have a wide vogue, because so many people do not value a thought unless they can feel a certain glow of satisfaction in having grasped it; and to have disentangled a web of words, and to find the bright thing lying within, gives them a pleasing feeling of conquest, and, moreover, stamps the thought in their memory. But such readers have not the root of the matter in them; the true attitude is the attitude of desiring to apprehend, to progress, to feel. The readers who delight in obscurity, to whom obscurity seems to enhance the value of the thing apprehended, are mixing with the intellectual process a sort of acquisitive and commercial instinct very dear to the British heart. These bewildering and bewildered Browning societies, who fling themselves upon Sordello, are infected unconsciously with a virtuous craving for "taking higher ground." Sordello contains many beautiful things, but by omitting the necessary steps in argument, and by speaking of one thing allusively in terms of another, and by a profound desultoriness of thought, the poet produces a blurred and tangled impression. The beauties of Sordello would not lose by being expressed coherently and connectedly.

This is the one thing that I try with all my might to impress on boys; that the essence of all style is to say what you mean as forcibly as possible; the bane of classical teaching is that the essence of successful composition is held to be to "get in" words and phrases; it is not a bad training, so long as it is realized to be only a training, in obtaining a rich and flexible vocabulary so that the writer has a choice of words and the right word comes at call. But this is not made clear in education, and the result on many minds is that they suppose that the essence of good writing is to search diligently for sparkling words and sonorous phrases, and then patch them into a duller fabric.—The Upton Letters, by Arthur Christopher Benson.

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THE SIMPLICITY OF CHILDHOOD.

"It is the hardest thing imaginable," said a judicious mother, "for me to keep my little children away from the contaminating influence of the artificial conditions that exist in society. I have kept them to themselves as much as possible, and more than I felt was good for them, in other respects, because I cannot endure to have their minds filled with all sorts of speculative and worldly notions. Of course, in time, they must learn all these things; but I would like too lead up rather gently to them, and ground the little ones well in honest simplicity before I attempt to veneer them with the world's ideas. There are a number of children in my acquaintance who are absolutely cold-blooded in their discussion of their toys. and presents. One of them received a gift of a beautiful doll. She unwrapped it, her eyes dancing with delight. After a moment, she passed her hand over the doll's head and a look of annoyaace chased the brightness from her face.

"'It isn't real hair,' she said, with a gesture of disdain. 'I don't see why Aunt Kitty couldn't have given me a doll with real curls.'

"Another child whose mother had entertained a number of guests for some weeks, was delighted on receiving a handsome ring. She looked the gift over with a critical eye, and finally slipped it on her finger with a sigh of satisfaction and the remark:

"'I think this must have cost a good deal of money.'

"There was no appreciation of the sentiment of the present; no realization of what it might involve; merely the gratification of the desire to have something that cost a great deal of money.

"When children value things only for their cost, there certainly must be some fault in their education or they must have inherited some unfortunate predispositions that have not been properly checked.

"There are few more pitiful sights than to see children speculating on the cost of things that represent the good will of their friends. A mercenary spirit exhibited on all occasions is bad enough in grown people, but in children and youngsters it is simply intolerable."—Rupert's Magazine.

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TIMELY HINTS.

To prevent stoppers of smelling bottles getting fixed rub them lightly with vaseline.

Coffee is best when made in a pot which merely allows the water to pass through the pulverized berry.

A tiny pinch of carbonate of soda or salt put into the milk as soon as it arrives will help to prevent its turning sour.

To remove skins of cooked beets, let them lie a few minutes in cold water and the skins will slip off easily.

Boil three or four onions in a pint of water, apply with a soft brush to gilt frames, and flies will keep off them.

A little cream tartar or vinegar improves boiled frosting. It will not grain so readily and will be more creamy.

If boiled or roasted meat is to be eaten cold, wrap a piece of dampened cloth about it when it is put away after cooking. It will be more moist and tender after this treatment.

If potatoes for baking are placed on the back of the range or in the warming oven until they are heated through, they will bake in less than half the time when placed in the oven.

LITERARY REVIEW.

DONAHOE'S FOR JUNE.

"From Chancellorsville to Bull Run" is the title of a very interesting feature of Donahoe's Magazine for June; "The Making of a Member," by T. M. Kettle; "Some Women of a Mediaeval Century," by Dr. James J. Walsh; "The Late Rev. Anthony D. Ubach," by James Connolly; "First Communion Day," by Mary B. O'Sullivan; and "The Regent of Bavaria," by Ben Hurst, are other illustrated articles that will hold the attention of readers.

Richard Aumerle contributes a story of unusual character, "The Gray Path"; the Rev. P. J. Cormican, S.J., pays tribute to the Sacred Heart in a poem, "God is Love," and Mary West has a greeting to the season, "Summer, Hail and Farewell."

"The Flight of Innocence," by Sister M. R.; "The Meaning," by Mary M. Redmond; "Cuchulain Coming to the Ford," by the Rev. Jas. B. Dollard; "Miss Selina's Mistake," by M. C. Keogh; "Kitty's Letter," by Mary Tynan O'Mahony; a lengthy installment of the seriel, "The Desert and the Sown," by Anna C. Minogue; "People in Print," numerous book reviews, and the Question Box completes the make-up of the issue.

FUNNY SAYINGS.

HE OBEYED

In his "Autobiography," now running in the "North American Review," Mark Twain recalls an incident in connection with a visit to the White House in the days of President Cleveland. He presented to Mrs. Cleveland a card on which he had written the words, "He didn't," and asked her to sign her name below the words. She demurred, not liking to commit herself in any way.

"Who is it that didn't and what is it that didn't?"

"Oh," said Twain, "time is flying, flying, flying. Won't you take me out of my distress and sign your name to it? It's all right. I give you my word it's all right."

She yielded and signed. Then he showed her a note which his wife had sent her, which ran:

"Don't wear your arctics in the White House!"

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"My husband is so poetic," said one lady to another in a car the other day.

"Poor dear!" interrupted a good-natured looking woman with a market basket at her feet, who was seated at the lady's elbow, and overheard the remark. "Have you ever tried rubbin' his jints with hartshorn liniment, mum? That'll straighten him as quick as anything I know of."

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The Flagging Energies Revived.—Constant application to business is a tax upon the energies, and if there be not relaxation, lassitude and depression are sure to intervene. These come from stomachic troubles. The want of exercise brings on nervous irregularities, and the stomach ceases to assimilate food properly. In this condition Parmelee's Vegetable Pills will be found a recuperative of rare power, restoring the organs to healthful action, dispelling depression, and reviving the flagging energies.

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Jamie, a fine little fellow, had failed to sense the meaning of the verse he had been taught, "Moses was an austere man, and made atonement for the sins of his people." imagine the laughter which greeted his rendition of it: "Moses was an oyster man and made ointment for the shins of his people."

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GETTING READY FOR THE GAME.

A fond mother, hearing an unusual noise in the nursery overhead, hurried upstairs to find out what was the matter.

She found Johnny sitting in the middle of the floor quietly smiling.

"Oh," said he, "I've locked grandpa and uncle Henry in the cupboard and when they get a little angrier I am going to play Daniel in the lion's den."

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"And now little boys," said the pretty Sunday School teacher, "we have seen that it is ordained that every human being must some day come to his death, and what comes after dying?"

"Cleaning and pressing," answered a boy who was familiar with window signs.

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The poultry editor of the Buckeye County Gazette received this letter from a poetical summer cottager:

"Dear Editor—What shall I do? Each morn when I visit my henhouse I find two or three fowls on their backs, their feet sticking straight up and their souls wandering through fields Elysian. What is the matter?

"Yours in trouble,

"——"

The prosaic editor replied by return mail:

"Dear Friend—The principal trouble with your hens seems to be that they are dead. There isn't much that you can do, as they will probably be that way for some time.

"Yrs resptfly,

"The Editor."

"WHAT IS DYSPEPSIA?"

There is no form of disease more prevalent than dyspepsia, and none so peculiar to the high living and rapid eating of the present day mode of life.

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