

Battles.

Nay, not for place, but for the Right,
To make this fair world fairer still—
Or lowly lily of a night,
Or sun-topped tower of a hill,
Or high or low, or near or far,
Or dull or keen, or bright or dim,
Or blade of grass, or brightest star—
All, all are but the same to Him.

O, pity of the strife for place!
O, pity of the strife for power!
How scarred, how marred a mountain's face!
How fair the fair face of a flower!
The blade of grass beneath your feet
The bravest sword—aye, braver far
To do and die in mute defeat
Than bravest conqueror of war!

When I am dead say this, but this:
"He grasped at no man's blade or shield,
Or banner bore, but helmetless,
Alone, unknown, he held the field.
He held the field, with sabre drawn,
Where God had set him in the fight!
He held the field, fought on and on!
And so fell, fighting for the Right."

—Joaquin Miller.

Instruction on Confirmation.

Confirmation follows Baptism; and the Fathers speak of the latter as giving *innocence*, and of Confirmation as giving *strength*. Baptism is the Sacrament of our new Birth, in which our original sin was washed away, and we were "made children of grace," and Temples of the Holy Ghost. St. Paul says, "God saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost." So likewise does the Church teach in her Confirmation Office, where the Bishop prays to God, "Who has vouchsafed to regenerate these Thy servants by water and the Holy Ghost, and hast given unto them the forgiveness of sins; strengthen them, we beseech Thee, O Lord, with the Holy Ghost the Comforter." Confirmation, therefore, is the completion and perfection of Baptism, in which, by the laying on of hands, God sanctifies and consecrates us again to Himself, sending down the Holy Spirit into the souls of all who are rightly prepared to receive Him, that He may dwell there, as the light of the soul, to enlighten, instruct and strengthen us, making us perfect Christians, and enabling us to resist all the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil.

Besides these effects, it confirms all the blessings of our Baptism, and gives us strength to keep our baptismal vows. It admits us to the Holy Communion, and all the privileges of Church membership, and it always conveys, by the imposition of the hands of the Bishop, to all those who sincerely and devoutly prepare themselves for it, the seven-fold gifts of the Holy Ghost in all their fulness, viz., the Spirit of Wisdom, to draw our affections from the world to the love and service of God—the Spirit of Understanding, to believe and submit to all the mysteries of the faith, and to comprehend them—the Spirit of Counsel, whereby to choose what is for the Glory of God, and for the good of our souls—the Spirit of Ghostly Strength, to resist the devil, to overcome sin, and to be faithful in God's service—the Spirit of Knowledge, to perceive and know the will of God in all things—the Spirit of True Godliness, to delight in the service of God, and to walk therein—the Spirit of Holy Fear, to reverence and adore God, and to dread above all things to offend Him.

Tired, Weak, Nervous.

Means impure blood and overwork, or too much strain on brain and body. The only way to cure is to feed the nerves on pure blood. Thousands of people certify that the best blood purifier, the best nerve tonic and strength builder, is Hood's Sarsaparilla. What it has done for others it will also do for you—Hood's Cures.

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Hope.

The triad of Christian graces is completed by Hope. Without her fair presence something is wanting to the completeness of her elder sisters. The great Campanile at Florence, though it be inlaid with glowing marbles and fair sculptures, and perfect in its beauty, wants the gilded skyward-pointing pinnacle of its topmost pyramid; and so it stands incomplete. And thus faith and love need for their crowning and completion the topmost grace that looks up to the sky and is sure of a mansion there.

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—Keep a sunny temper and a good digestion. In the line of preferment, live for others, forget self. If the tendrils of a vine fall through the lattice into a dark cellar they continue to grow, but in a feeble way; leaves pale green, dwarfed, yielding no bloom or fruit; so if we do not seek the sunshine, our social natures become shrunken. Our love is chilled in this selfish atmosphere. The growth, the life of love is reflex. If we give we may receive. The spring which pours its crystal offering from the mountain's heart, swelling the brook, the river, giving greenness to the meadow, beauty to the flower, loses its identity in the sea, and returns to its mountain, clothed in the garb of showers, with coolness and verdure in its wake.

A Humorous Fact

About Hood's Sarsaparilla—it expels bad humor and creates good humor. A battle for blood is what Hood's Sarsaparilla vigorously fights, and it is always victorious in expelling foul taints and giving the vital fluid the quality and quantity of perfect health. It cures scrofula, salt rheum, boils, and other blood diseases.

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—If we feel it irksome frequently to repeat things commonplace, and suited rather to children, let us unite ourselves to them by a brother's, a father's, a mother's love, and then, when our hearts are thus linked with theirs, to us no less than to them will these things appear new. For so great is the power of a sympathetic disposition of mind, that, whilst they are affected as we speak and we as they learn, we have our dwelling in one another; and so at once they, as it were, in us speak what they hear, and we, after a certain fashion, in them learn what we teach.—St. Augustine.

Have you ever noticed how your system seems to crave special assistance in the spring? Just the help required is given by Hood's Sarsaparilla.

—Clergy, says the *Record*, should really be careful about the banns of marriages. A few Sundays ago, the rector of a fashionable church forgot to publish them after the second lesson. To the relief of the expectant couples, he remembered the omission in time to take the banns book with him to the pulpit. He announced the banns. The last couple were "John —, widower, and Elizabeth —, spinster." He followed up these names by giving out the text: "Now the last state of that man is worse than the first."

Hints to Housekeepers.

LETTUCE DRESSING (without oil).—One-half pint cream or rich milk, one-half pint good vinegar (weak), one small teacup sugar, three eggs well beaten, a lump of butter size of an egg, one teaspoonful ground mustard. Pepper and salt. Mix all together cold, and cook until thick as custard.

CREAMED POTATOES.—Put one tablespoonful butter in a frying pan, and when it bubbles, add one tablespoonful flour. Add one cup hot milk, with salt and pepper to taste. Add one pint cold boiled potatoes cut into small dice; cook until thoroughly hot.

SARATOGA POTATOES.—Peel and slice *very thin* six large potatoes, lay them in ice water one hour, and thoroughly dry them with a clean towel. Drop each slice separately in a kettle of boiling lard, fry until crisp and brown. Take out with wire spoon, drain and sprinkle with salt while hot.

FINGER ROLLS.—Scald one pint of milk; add to it while warm one tablespoonful of butter, one teaspoonful of sugar and one teaspoonful of salt. When cool add one-half of a yeast cake dissolved in half a cup of lukewarm water, an egg beaten light and five cups of flour, or enough to make a very soft dough. Beat well and let it stand until light. When light and ready to shape divide the dough into pieces; roll each piece into a small ball, using as little flour as possible; then roll them carefully with the palms of the hands, on the board, into small finger-shaped rolls. Placed in a greased tin, let them stand three-quarters of an hour, or until they are light, and bake in a quick oven for fifteen minutes.

A CHICKEN PATTY.—Singe, draw and cleanse a pair of last fall's chickens. Cut them into eight pieces. Fry these, so as not to colour brown, in butter, moisten with water, season and cook slowly while covered; remoisten several times, then add some drawn butter, garnish the bottom of a pie dish with slices of fried ham, lay the chicken on top, interlacing the pieces with small, hard-boiled egg yolks and fine herbs. Pour the sauce over. Make a flat of pie paste, lay it over the top, pinch the edges, egg the surface twice, and bake the pie in a hot oven for thirty or forty minutes.

If you would some day like to try a Turkish dessert, you will find the following dainty and nutritious: Heat a pint of milk in a double boiler, moisten three tablespoonfuls of rice flour with a little milk or cold water, and use to thicken the milk. Add four tablespoonfuls of granulated sugar, cook until a smooth, thick paste, then flavour with a teaspoonful of rose water and two tablespoonfuls of chopped nuts. Use almonds, English walnuts, or the two nuts mixed. Pour on a flat dish and sprinkle with whole almonds. If you wish to be very truly Turkish, cut the almonds on top in crescent shape.

To make chestnut ice cream use two quarts of cream, a cupful and a half of sugar, the juice and rind of an orange, a cupful of water, a gill of wine and thirty French chestnuts. Shell and blanch the chestnuts, cover them with boiling water and cook for half an hour. Drain off the water, pound the chestnuts in a mortar, and then rub them through a puree sieve. Put the sugar, grated orange rind and water in a stew pan and place on the fire. Boil for twenty minutes, add the chestnut puree and cook for five minutes longer. Take from the fire and add the orange juice and wine. When cold add the cream and freeze.

SKIN DISEASES.—Skin Diseases are more or less occasioned by bad blood. B.B.B. cures the following Skin Diseases: Shingles, Erysipelas, Itching Rashes, Salt Rheum, Scald Head, Eruptions, Pimples and Blotches, by removing all impurities from the blood, from a common Pimple to the worst Scrofulous Sore.

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