

# IN WOMAN'S WORLD.

## NOTES AND REFLECTIONS.

THE August number of St. Anthony's Messenger contains the following series of striking paragraphs on the subject of family life. They are thoughtful, yet simple, and convey a pen picture of the happiness which exists in an ideal Christian home. They are as follows:—

If there is anything which makes life worth the living, it is to be one of an affectionate family.

Strange to say, however, most people could count up on the fingers of one hand the really nice families they know; the families, that is, in which there is not only a tender care for each other, but an unselfish department and a kindly interest always manifested by every other fellow member.

The daughter will always fetch the mother anything she may want, and brush the brothers' top coats and hats for them before the male members of the house start off for work in the morning.

The lads, too, will often take their sisters for a walk, or pay little attentions which cost nothing and mean a great deal.

This is the household into which a young man, who wants a good wife, will do well and wisely to marry. There may not be much show about the girls, but he will find they are compassionate, and that their dispositions stand the test of wear.

It is easy enough to fall in love with a girl when she is arrayed for a party, and feels the flush of pleasure at the luncheon.

When life deepens and darkens, however, and little family worries come in, a man wants something more than a pretty drawing-room ornament for a wife; he needs a real, good hearted, honest, womanly soul and helpmate.

Evidences of the tenderness and courage of devoted wives are not wanting. The following instance of the devotedness and self-sacrifice of the wives of two Premiers of England are now related:—

Once when Gladstone was making an outdoor speech it began to rain. Gladstone, most motherly face in the world, and who always accompanied her husband, stood up and, opening a domestic-looking umbrella of the Gump species, held it over him. The spectacle which the old couple presented there standing together was so touching and appealed so thoroughly in the good feelings of the crowd, because of the striking picture of a man and a woman, that when a burly caterwauler, who had been loudest in his catcalls and nothings of Mr. Gladstone up to that moment, suddenly shouted, "Three cheers for the Grand Old Woman!" every one responded with a will.

Lady Brasenfield showed similar devotion to Gladstone's great rival on more than one occasion. She, too, was devoted to her husband, and many old Parliamentarians recall the story of how, after having her hand terribly crushed in the carriage door while driving down to the House of Parliament with Disraeli, she refrained from uttering a cry or from saying a word about her injury lest his mind should be diverted from the great and important speech which he was to deliver that night. It was not until he reached home and found the doctor at her bedside that he was made aware that she had sustained any hurt.

Many of our contemporaries have been publishing articles pointing out the many advantages to be derived by women who are employed in factories and manufacturing establishments, by entering domestic service. The Sunday Democrat refers to the subject as follows:—

There are several classes of women workers who are wretchedly paid, and in the competition for the work the weakest are crowded to the wall. When American born women learn that domestic service is as lady-like as sewing on a machine or attending store there will be fewer victims of the needle and better for all who live by it.

### Keeping House for One's Own Comfort.

He was wise who wrote:—Half the sting of poverty or of small means is gone when one keeps house for one's own comfort and not for the comment of one's neighbors. Deny it as we will, few of us have the moral force to set up a standard of our own, based upon our own incomes and our own particular home environment. We commit the folly of regulating our expenses by the income of some one else. If the Browns across the street hang up expensive lace curtains, we are discontented until lace curtains have gone up to our windows, no matter how much smaller our income may be than that of the Browns. If the Smiths put down a velvet carpet, our neat and pretty ingrain becomes an eyesore to us. We are extremely mindful of what our neighbors will think about many things that ought not to concern them in the least.

Let us have a standard of our own, based upon our own incomes, our own needs, and let us cheerfully and bravely adhere to this standard, heedless of that dreadful bugbear: "What will the neighbors say?"

In Denmark a girl never knows the pure, unadulterated joy of receiving a diamond engagement ring, remarked a returned traveler. "She gets a plain gold band known as a wedding ring in that country, and it is worn on her left third finger. On the day of her marriage the bridegroom changes it to her right third finger, which is the marriage finger in that country of queer customs. When the husband dies his widow changes her ring again to her left third finger, and everybody knows that she is a widow. Being a girl can't mean a great deal of happiness in Denmark any way you take it. A girl is never under any circumstances permitted to see her betrothed one minute alone."

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## HOUSEHOLD NOTES.

WHEN a man endeavors to solve the little mysteries surrounding the cooking department he invariably becomes somewhat mystified. As an evidence of this a New York householder, in the course of an interview with a local writer on domestic subjects, said:—

"I suppose the housewife or the cook or the baker must know about it," said a householder, "but I don't. I buy rolls every morning at the baker's, always of the same kind, if they have them. Sometimes when the kind I usually buy is all gone I have bought another kind, which is made from the same dough, and is different only in shape, but the rolls taste different to me. Of course, it may be that the difference exists in my imagination only, but I don't think so. I think they are different. I think it may be that the different handling required to put them into the different shapes results about in some way different results, but that's the thing, as I said, I don't know about myself; the housewife or the cook or the baker perhaps does."

In nearly all families, at intervals, some member is suddenly stricken with illness, and as a writer on domestic topics says, it is well in such emergencies, when it is difficult to secure the services of a medical practitioner, to be able to prepare some simple remedy. The following suggestions in this regard are considered by competent judges to be effective in most cases:—

Scarlet Fever.—An eminent physician says that if he were confined to one single remedy in cases of scarlet fever, he should choose lard. Rub the little sufferer with it thoroughly and often. It allays the fever and softens the parched skin. The amount thus absorbed is simply astonishing.

Inflammation of the Bowels.—Of course the safe way is to send for the doctor without delay. But in the country, one is often obliged to wait a long time. Anxiety makes the time seem long any way, and simple remedies are often very efficient helps. So, while you are waiting, make a paste of lard and salt, add a wide pillow-case (as that is always at hand) into a large square, spread on the paste and lay the cloth smoothly, paste side down, over the bowels, stomach, sides and as far toward the back as you can. When the inflammation is severe, the lard will be absorbed in a very short time. Be prepared to change the paste as often as needed. Never mind wasting the salt. There is no particular rule, only be sure to stir it enough. All that is not needed will remain on the cloth. One always has this remedy in the house. Salt can be made ready in a moment, and the quicker the better is the order in such cases. I have used it where the patient was in a perfect agony of suffering and the doctor far away. The result was always more than satisfactory, there being a very perceptible decrease of pain in a wonderfully short time. Of course the doctor smiled knowingly when I told him, but then I was quite willing he should smile, for the patient was comfortably sleeping when he arrived.

A successful American medical practitioner recently said that one of the most beneficial features of a sea bath is the salt water inadvertently swallowed by bathers. It is a wonderful tonic for the liver, stomach and kidneys. In many cases it will cure biliousness when all drug preparations have failed. It is particularly effective in ordinary cases of indigestion, disordered stomach and insomnia, and has been known to produce excellent results in many cases of dyspepsia.

Clean sea water, such as is to be had at any of your numerous fashionable seaside resorts, is full of tonic and sedative properties. It won't hurt anybody. Indeed two or three big swallows of it would be of positive benefit to nine bathers out of ten. It is not, of course, a palatable or tempting dose to take, but neither is quinine or calomel. You seldom, if ever, see an old sailor who is bilious or dyspeptic, or a victim of insomnia—and why? For the reason that an ocean of good medicine spreads all about his sky and he does himself copiously with it whenever his physical mechanism becomes the least bit deranged.

In another case all other remedies failed, and it was said that the patient must die—but she didn't.

Croup.—Cover the throat and chest with the lard and salt paste, adding to it a sprinkling of mustard or yellow snuff.

Pleurisy.—Apply flannel cloth a wrung out of hot mustard water and change often, or a mustard paste.

Cool the blood by drinking cold water in which a little pure cream of tartar has been dissolved.

For a severe cold on the lungs use the following excellent remedy: A teaspoonful of strained honey, one half teaspoonful of olive oil and the juice of one lemon, cook all together and take one teaspoonful every two hours.

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## WHIMS OF FASHION.

THE comments of the editors of the New York Sun, in dealing with the subject goes to prove, in some measure, the truth of the observations. They are as follows:—

Women who follow all of fashion's guises cannot take the hot weather coolly. Why? Because when the time comes for them to revel in their diaphanous gowns of crepe de chine, organdie, muslin, silk and the like, they have to turn their attention to autumn styles or else fall hopelessly behind the procession of the well dressed. Man and woman are different in their ways of looking at everything, even clothes. Man supplies himself with a hot-weather wardrobe suitable to his position in society and then proceeds to enjoy it. Not so with woman. She supplies herself with no end of clothing that makes her fairly cool to look at, but she does not enjoy it, for when the mercury is at the sizzling point she is racking her brain to know what will be worn in the fall.

Fashion rules the world, says a writer in the Catholic Witness of Detroit, and a most tyrannical mistress she is—compelling people to submit to the most inconvenient things imaginable for her sake. She pinches our feet with tight shoes, and chokes us with a tight neckerchief or squeezes the breath out of the body by tight lacing. She makes people sit up by night when they ought to be in bed, and keeps them in bed in the morning when they ought to be up and doing. She makes it vulgar to wait upon one's self and genteel to live idly and uselessly. She makes people visit when they would rather stay at home, eat when they are not hungry and drink when they are not thirsty. She invades our pleasures and interrupts our business. She compels people to dress early, whether upon their own property or upon that of others—whether agreeably to the word of God or the dictates of pride.

One might suppose that it was still too early to prophesy concerning the styles for the next season. Before woman learns how her next season's gowns are to be made she wants to know what they are to be made of. An authority who has just returned from London and Paris says that broadcloth of an exquisite quality is in great demand for early fall gowns and that it will play a prominent part in fashion's domain all winter. Mixed Meltons and Venetians are high in favor for what are known as severe costumes, which, by the way, are far less severe than ever before. What the trade calls piece goods have a decided preference over the novelties so fashionable during the spring and even at the moment. True, a few extreme things in novelties are promised as the cool season advances, but they will not be used for entire dresses. They will be combined with plain materials. For instance, the frill of a skirt or its apron-like overskirt and the sleeves and trimming of the waist will be made of fancy material, while the rest of the costume will be plain.

In point of color light grey holds its own for dressy gowns, and castor effects prevail for street wear and for general use at fashionable autumn resorts. Blue is a cold color, and will not be used in all of its varying shades as it has been since early spring. The conventional blues, reds, greens, and browns will, of course, be in vogue for those of a practical turn of mind, as they always are. A feature of the new materials is the lightness of their weight, which manufacturers have succeeded in procuring without loss of body.

The garterless stocking is the latest thing in the way of hosiery. It is made with eyelet holes on either side, which are crossed and laced like a shoe. The stockings keep up admirably, and are pretty to look at.

Pink is the color that leads just now for evening wear. When prettily managed, no other shade lends itself to such charming contrasts.

The very latest thing in millinery is the halo. It is a large plaque of straw, with the outer edge gathered Tam o' Shanter fashion. The trimming is placed underneath instead of on top and usually consists of plumes, which hug the hair closely.

Shaded feather boas and also coarse white net ruffles wrought in big chenille dots are much used.

Parisian women are wearing shoes and stockings to match their gowns. In mastic and cream tones this will do, but when it comes to bright greens, red and blues the women of really refined taste shudder at the mere thought of such a fad.

This notion of a plain velvet band passed through a paste buckle so noticeable in summer millinery, has extended to woman's arms. She now wears a piece of black velvet, fastened garterwise through a small jeweled buckle, as an armband. It heightens the whiteness of the arm wonderfully.

Cream serge is getting in its inning now. Gowns of this material are frequently made with a plain skirt and a short saque coat with deep sailor collar, over which is worn another collar of rich cerise fish lace.

Fashion permits great audacity in the matter of color in London and Paris. A hyacinth blue gown, with touches of light green introduced in the trimming,

is frequently worn with a rose pink toque and a parasol to match. Orange is also blended with royal blue and scarlet or violet with sky blue.

The tan shoe, so far as woman is concerned, has about had its day, writes an American authority. For the last two or three years it has held its own over all others for summer wear, but this year finds its popularity on the wane. Like everything else in life, the tan shoe has its good and its bad points. It does not show dust and mud like other shoes, and is admirably adapted to country and seaside wear, but there is something in the dressing of tan leather which draws sensitive feet into almost double and twisted bow knots. Perhaps this is the reason that so many women have discarded tan shoes for plain black or linen-colored ca. shoes and ties this season. At any rate, swell bootmakers say that the tan shoe does not occupy the place in the estimation of womankind that it once did, and chiropractists and boot-blacks, who profited by this fashion, are mourning its departure.

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### PATENT REPORT.

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608 514—Harold J. Bell, Niagara, Can. Acetylene gas generator.  
608 442—George Cronmiller, Welland, Can. Casket stand.  
608 209—James McAllister, Owen Sound, Can. Gang way doors for box cars or steamboats.  
611 086—Charles Pickering, Richmond, Can. Smoke stack (re issue).  
608 527—David Ross, Vancouver, Can. Door for closing steam retorts.  
29 138—Cyrille Leveque, Toronto, Can. Index book. (Design).

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