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HOUSEHOLD.

Family Prayers.

(Sunday-School times.)

As all gathered for family worship, after breakfast, in that home, the father, opening the Bible to the place for the day, would ask one of the children, 'What did you read about yesterday morning?' The child would begin the story of yesterday's lesson. Then another child would be asked to take up the lesson where the first child left off. In that way the day before's lesson was reviewed and brought freshly to mind, and all were ready for the new day's Bible lesson. Then all who could read found their place for the day in the Bible. Father and mother and children read. If a child could not read, the father read a verse, and the child repeated the words. Difficult words were explained, all the reading through. At the close the father asked, 'What have we been reading about?' Children in turn told what had been read. Then the father led in prayer, concluding with the Lord's Prayer by all. Thus day by day, the lessons were linked, and all knew the lesson that had been read. That plan was found pleasant to all.

Waiting for the Baby.

A troopship in Southampton, with 1,800 soldiers on board, had got steam up, and was ready to start at the appointed hour. But there was one thing lacking—a very little thing—only a baby!

Its mother was on board all right. She had come on by an early train to do some pressing business at Southampton; the nurse was to follow on with the baby by the next train, and she was too late for it. The mother was distracted.

'I must go by this ship,' she wailed, 'and how can I go without my little baby? It's only six months old. Oh, captain! What shall I do?'

The captain had babies of his own, and he was, moreover, a brave tender-hearted man; so that baby's little hand held back the big ship and the eighteen hundred warriors, and all else on board. It was not long before the train came steaming in, and behold! there was the nurse with the baby in her arms, and those 1,800 men sent up a ringing cheer of welcome to it. —'Gospel News.'

School Pupils' Dissipations

Teachers generally agree on one thing: they say let night entertainments, if they have to occur in the school child's life, come on Friday or Saturday night, but do not let them break in on study days. One teacher tells me she would much prefer it did not occur at all, and she points out as her best student the rosy-faced, plainly-gowned little girl with her hair neatly parted and hanging in a long braid down her back.

'Not only my best pupil,' she adds, 'but my best girl; sweet tempered, courteous and kind to all her fellows, rich or poor. She is simple in her manners as in her clothes, and just a girl, not a young lady, yet. You ask why? Simply because she has a lovely, wise, womanly mother, with

the best interests of her child and the interests of the whole school at heart, yet she is one of the wealthiest women in the city.'—'Good Housekeeping.'

The Home Light.

The light of home's a wondrous light,
So tender is its shining,
So soft it follows through the night,
Our weary road outlining.
Though lonely and for years we roam,
Far from the ones who love us,
Yet ever shines the light of home,
Like God's grace spread above us.

The light of home's a wondrous light,
Through life it follows, seeming,
Yet when with age the hair is white,
Clear in the front 'tis gleaming.
It shines from where our loved ones are,
Oh, this is love's divining!
And through the gates of heaven ajar
At last we see it shining!

—Ripley D. Saunders, in St. Louis 'Republican.'

Selected Recipes

Baked Indian Pudding.—Boil one quart of milk and pour it gradually on three tablespoonfuls of granulated Indian meal. Put it back into a double boiler and boil one hour, stirring often. Then add one heaping tablespoonful of butter, one teaspoonful of salt, half a cup of molasses, two eggs and one quart of cold milk. Mix well, pour into a well-buttered dish and bake one hour. Serve cream with it.

A Delicious Cake.—Beat a quarter of a pound of fresh butter to a cream with a wooden spoon, then add by degrees a quarter of a pound of sugar, and continue to beat the mixture until it is quite white; then stir in the yolk of an egg, and when this is thoroughly blended with the butter and sugar add a second yolk in the same way. Add a pinch of salt to the whites of the eggs and whisk them to a very stiff froth.

Have ready the grated rinds of two large lemons, add them to the cake mixture, and then stir in lightly the whites of the eggs and four ounces of flour, and lastly half a teaspoonful of baking powder. Butter a cake tin, pour in the cake mixture, and bake it at once in a well-heated oven. If the cake becomes brown too quickly after it has risen it should be protected with a thick piece of white paper. To ascertain if the cake is sufficiently done thrust a knife into the middle of it; if when it is withdrawn it is quite clean the cake is ready to be taken out of the oven, and should be turned onto a sieve to cool.—'Philadelphia Ledger.'

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