

HOUSEHOLD.

A Guest Chamber.

A guest chamber may well dispense with the purely decorative features on which some housekeepers insist. Lace bed spreads and pillow shams are quite superfluous, so are beautiful bureau covers and satin pincushions. These are well enough, but the old Shunamite woman, great lady that she was, more accurately measured the essentials of the guest room when she put there for the prophet's use a bed and a table, a stool and a candlestick. Every guest room should be equipped with pens, ink and paper, with pins of several sizes and varieties, with a button hook, with a comb and brush, and a few needles and spools of thread. Let the hostess ask herself whether there is anything for a guest's comfort that she has omitted or forgotten. For instance, there must be an easy chair or a rocking chair, and an extra quilt or blanket at the foot of the bed. In many houses the family use the bathroom as a lavatory. It is not pleasant for a guest to take his or her turn here with the household, even if they are considerate enough to afford a half-hour for the purpose. Facilities for the toilet and hot water for morning and evening use should be provided in the guest chamber.

No room is completely furnished in which one looks in vain for a book. The Bible as a matter of course must go into every room in the house. One should always find a Bible ready for one's hand anywhere in the home. The guest room should have its own Bible and hymn-book, and a choice of some other literature, including light and entertaining books as well as grave and serious ones. True hospitality leaves guests much freedom in disposing of their time. The guest who is welcomed over and over is never a dead weight on the hostess, and no hostess in these days feels compelled to entertain a guest every minute. Books that she may read are a great addition to a guest's room.—Aunt Marjorie, in the 'Christian Intelligencer.'

Save the Boy's.

(The Rev. J. P. Gledstone, in the 'Philanthropist Leaflet.')

A child should not be brought up to fight the demon of impurity alone and unaided by the felt sympathy of God or man; almost better throw him to the lions. No; he should have the inspiring assurance that all goodness places its resources at his command. And let him know and be sure that he has in his own heart, in the presence of the Holy Spirit, a Guide who will never fail to teach and lead him aright. He should be taught to regard that Guide as an ever-present Friend, whose counsels, if they are followed, will keep his eyes from tears, his feet from falling, and his soul from death.

God sets a still small voice,
Deep every soul within;
It guideth to the right,
And warneth us of sin.

If we that voice obey,
Clearer its tones will be,
Till all God's will for us
Clear as noonday we see.

To put my thoughts into a few plain suggestions:

I. Let parents teach their boys, when very little boys, to be modest. A word, a look, a touch, may be enough to lay the foundations of a pure character. The notice of conscience is thus called to a great department of life and duty; the will is strengthened to be firm upon a vital point.

II. Boys should be taught to be modest with other children. They should be persuaded to tell their parents of anything which may have appeared to them a violation of proper behaviour. There may have been nothing in it, and so a boy may be kept from becoming morbid—a most important thing; there may have been a serious danger, and he will be saved in time.

III. Boys should be taught, at least by the time they are sent to a boarding-school, some-

thing of the nature of the body, of the temptations they will have to face, and of the fearful consequences to body and soul of yielding to sin. Parents will now find that they have to contend against serious and powerful competitors for the confidence of their own children.

IV. One would suppose that there could be no difficulty in aiding boys and girls by cautioning them not to receive pictures or papers from men and women who hover near schools of all kinds to disseminate impure literature, or if they should get hold of anything of the kind, to show it at once, and without fear, to their parents.

All may be summed up thus: a boy kept under his father's roof until he is at least fifteen or sixteen; taught sufficient to make self-control a binding duty upon conscience, but nothing to stimulate curiosity; fed with plain food (not over-fed); kept busy in his mind with good things; taught to care for others and not to live for himself; and sent to bed every night thoroughly tired, will have a good chance of 'escaping the corruption that is in the world through lust.'

True, he may not escape. Some who seem to have every advantage go astray; and some who have no help, save the inner teaching of God's Spirit, stand immovable. We cannot guarantee character; yet we believe in the principle that 'whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.' 'Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.'

Apple Puddings With Nutmeg Sauce.

Canadian Apple Pudding.—One pint of flour, a cupful of milk, one egg, three tablespoonfuls of butter, one tablespoonful of baking powder, one cupful of sugar, half a cupful of water, two quarts of pared and quartered apples, half a teaspoonful of salt, and one-fifth of a nutmeg. Put the apples, sugar—reserving two tablespoonfuls, however—nutmeg and water into a deep pudding dish. Place in a moderate oven for twenty minutes, mix well in a sieve, then rub through it the flour, baking powder, salt and two tablespoonfuls of sugar; and the milk and eggs, well beaten, and stir with a spoon until a smooth dough is formed, then add the butter, melted. Remove the dish from the oven, and spread the batter on top of the apples; return the pudding to the oven, and after increasing the heat, bake for twenty minutes. At serving time turn the pudding out on a flat dish having the crust underneath and the apple on the top in the dish in which it was baked. Serve with nutmeg or lemon sauce.

Nutmeg sauce.—Mix together in a saucepan one heaping teaspoonful of cornstarch and one cupful of cold water. Pour over this mixture one cupful of boiling water and place over the fire. Stir occasionally until it boils up,

then add one cupful of sugar, one-fourth of a teaspoonful of salt and one-half of a grated nutmeg. Simmer for one-half an hour, and after adding two tablespoonfuls of butter, strain and serve.

Selected Recipes.

Rye and Indian Bread.—Into a mixing pan put one quart of Indian meal, add one-half of a cupful of molasses, then pour over just sufficient boiling water to moisten. Cover and let stand for an hour to swell, then add one pint of rye flour, two teaspoonfuls of salt and one cake of yeast dissolved in a little warm water; add a little more water, if necessary, to make a stiff batter. Turn into the pans in which it is to be baked and stand in a warm room until the dough cracks on the top. Bake in a moderate oven for about two hours.

Mother's Raised Cake.—Two cups rising, two eggs, two cups sugar, teaspoon soda dissolved in ½ pint teacup boiling water, one cup lard and butter mixed, a little ground cloves, two tablespoons cinnamon, flour to make a good batter, two cups raisins, one cup currants. Pour into greased pan. Let it rise one hour or more. Then bake in a slow oven for one hour.

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