

## BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

When washing wood or paint, always begin at the top, so that dirty water may not drip down into the parts newly cleaned.

A delicious hot weather drink is made by preparing a quart of lemonade and adding a cupful of stewed rhubarb. Stand for ten minutes, then strain and ice.

To prevent knots in cotton while sewing always thread your needle before cutting the length of cotton from the reel. This will prevent both knots and twisting.

When it is desirable to store a pair of shoes for any length of time, they should, after being wiped clean, be rubbed over lightly with vaseline applied with a flannel cloth. This preserves the leather.

**Transparent Pie.**—One cup butter, 2 cups sugar, yolks of 8 eggs, whites 4 eggs. Beat yolks with butter and sugar, beat the whites last; whip in with the other ingredients. Bake without an upper crust. This makes 3 pies.

After removing the skin and coarse threads from bananas, cut in half, roll in egg and sifted breadcrumbs seasoned with salt and pepper, and fry for a minute and a half in deep, hot fat, draining on soft paper before serving.

**Prupe Pudding.**—Cook twenty-five prunes and remove the seeds and chop fine, whites of five eggs, well beaten, and three table-spoons of sugar. Beat all together and bake in a moderate oven. Let get cool and serve with whipped cream.

To keep bread and butter fresh and moist, put in a cool place, cover closely with a serviette or clean cloth wrung out of cold water, and many hours after it will be as moist as when cut. Sometimes it will be found convenient to prepare bread and butter for afternoon tea in this way.

**For Pancakes.**—Mix three beaten eggs, a pint of milk, a little salt, and sufficient flour to make a thin batter. Grease an omelet pan, pour in sufficient batter to coat it to the thickness of a penny, shake the pan to prevent its sticking. When one side is brown cook the other. Turn out on a paper, place sugar and lemon juice on it, roll up, and serve hot.

At the first indication of diphtheria in the throat of a child make the room close; take a tin cup and pour into it an equal quantity of tar and turpentine; then hold the cup over a fire so as to fill the room with the fumes. The patient, in inhaling the fumes, will cough and spit up the membranous matter, and the diphtheria will pass off. The fumes of the tar and turpentine lessen the trouble in the throat, and afford instant relief.

**Raisin Biscuit.**—Into one quart of flour stir one-half of a teaspoonful of salt and two teaspoonfuls of baking powder, then rub in two tablespoonfuls of butter. Add one cupful of seeded or sultana raisins, and lightly mix to a soft dough with sweet milk. Turn out on a floured board, knead for a moment and roll out two-thirds of an inch thick. Cut into round or square biscuit, place on greased tins, brush the tops with milk, and bake in a hot oven.

**Apricot Dumplings.**—Make a good, rich baking powder dough; roll out, cut into rounds with a large cookie cutter; have ready some stewed apricots; drain juice from same; place two halves within each round of dough; fold, press edges together and bake in moderately quick oven. For sauce, add water to juice to make required quantity of sauce; add generous lump of butter; take flour in proportion to amount of sauce, with sufficient sugar to make flour mix smoothly; boil and add a half cup chopped apricots.

## THE ELDER.

On this subject "An Elder" writes to the United Presbyterian as follows:

From the earliest ages the elder occupied an important place as an officer in the Church and State. Under the patriarchal dispensation the office of elder was the keystone of the social and political fabric. The earliest mention we have of elders is, when Joseph went up out of Egypt to bury his father. "And with him went up all the servants of Pharaoh, the elders of his house, and all the elders of the land of Egypt." And there went up with him both chariots and horsemen, and it was a very great company including the courtiers of the throne of Egypt. It was a funeral of state, perhaps one of the grandest pageants on record. Here the elders of Egypt united with the elders of God's Israel in doing honor to the distinguished patriarch.

In Exodus, 24th chapter, we read of Moses and seventy of the elders of Israel being called up to the Mount of God. "And they saw the God of Israel, and under his feet as it were a paved work of a sapphire stone and as it were the body of heaven in his clearness." God made the place of his feet glorious in sight of the elders of Israel. What a magnificently glorious sight for mortal eyes to behold! what a distinguished honor to the elders of Israel!

The elders occupied an important place in the organization of the New Testament church. Paul and Barnabas ordained elders in every church. Paul directed Titus to ordain elders in every city. Paul, when at Miletus, sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church. It may be a question whether the Ephesian elders were teaching or ruling elders. But it is plain that he was both pastor and preacher, and gave very emphatic instruction in the line of duty. Acts 20:23. "Take heed therefore unto yourselves and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers."

It is therefore evident that the elder occupied an important and responsible place in the New Testament church.

Is it any less important in the present age of the Church? Is not the elder needed in the harness? They should be as wheel horses—good to pull or good to hold back. We once heard the venerable Doctor McElwee say from the pulpit that the older members were needed as a rough-lock to keep the church from going too fast down hill.

These things being so, what is the duty of the elder in the vineyard of the Lord? is it not—to every man his work? Neither Moses nor Paul sidetracked the elder. That was left for the modern Boanerges, the young sons of thunder. Our prayer, therefore, is that the dignity of the office be perpetuated, and that God may raise up able men qualified for the work who will stand pat."

## IN TOO MUCH HASTE.

A blackbird met a squirrel one day;  
"How do you?" said she;  
"But, indeed, I need not ask you that,  
You're well, I plainly see;  
For round as apples are your cheeks—  
Yes, round as round can be.  
But, pray sir, have you lost your tongue,  
Why don't you answer me?"  
The squirrel smiled a crooked smile,  
And then essayed to speak,  
When, lo! out fell a lot of nuts  
And grain from either cheek.  
"Well, I declare!" the blackbird cried,  
"As off she quickly flew,  
"I will not stop a moment more  
"With such a fraud as you."  
"Oh, oh," the squirrel said, "if she  
Had made a longer stay,  
She'd learn that squirrels carry home  
Their marketing in that way.  
A fraud, indeed!" And then he picked  
Up all the nuts and grain.  
And stuffed them in his cheeks until  
They grew quite plump again.  
—Margaret Eytinge, in New York Tribune.

## SPRING ADVICE.

**Do not Dose with Purgatives and Weakening Medicines—What People Need at this Season is a Tonic.**

Not exactly sick—but not feeling quite well. That's the spring feeling. You are easily tired, appetite variable, sometimes headaches and a feeling of depression. Or perhaps pimples and eruptions appear on the face, or you have twinges of rheumatism or neuralgia. Any of these indicate that the blood is out of order, that the indoor life of winter has left its mark upon you and may easily develop into morose and morbid trouble. Don't dose yourself with purgative medicines in the hope that you can put the blood right. Purgatives gallop through the system, and weaken instead of giving strength. What you do need is a tonic medicine that will make new, rich, red blood, build up the weakened nerves and thus give you new health and strength. And the one medicine to do this speedily and surely is Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. Every dose of this medicine makes new, rich blood which makes weak, easily tired and ailing men and women feel bright, active and strong. If you need a medicine this spring try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and you will never regret it. This medicine has cured thousands and thousands in every part of the world and what it has done for others it can easily do for you.

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## SPARKLES.

The following story is an amusing instance of the way in which boys mix their stories, historical or scriptural:

"When asked for the reply of Naaman the leper to the command to wash seven times in Jordan, a boy gave the answer as:

"Is thy servant a dog that he should do this thing?"

Professor to Student—How would you punctuate this sentence: Miss Gray a beautiful young girl of seventeen walked down the street.

Student—I would certainly make a dash after Miss Gray.

Addressing a political gathering the other day a speaker gave his hearers a touch of the pathetic. "I miss," he said, brushing away a not unmanly tear, "I miss many of the old faces I used to shake hands with."—London Globe.

"Say Dick, what is this new fad they call phonetic spelling?"

"It's the kind, Jim, they used to flog you and me at school for using."

Some people will swipe anything they can lay their hands on, and yet they won't take a joke.

For six months after marriage a man addresses his wife as "darling," after that he says "Hy, you!"

Aunt Alice—I hope you were a little gentleman at the party yesterday, Arthur.  
Arthur—Well, I guess! Why, when Tommy Smart made a face at the girls I pushed him off the sofa on his head.

"What books have benefited you most?" asked the literary woman.

"I forgot the authors' name," answered Mrs. Trimm, "but they were mostly cook books."

Mistress—"Bridget, why didn't you finish winding the clock? You only gave it a couple of turns."

Maid—"Yeze must remember that I'll be havin' yer to-morrow morn, and I'd not be after doin' anny of th' new gyrd's wor'rk!"