

HOUSEHOLD.

Grandma's Moth Cure.

'Moths! yes, hundreds of them,' said Helen, holding up a fur garment from which the hairs were falling as fast as autumn leaves, and I believe they all come from that horrid roll of carpet that has been stored in the attic for two years.'

'You had better try my recipe, girls, it has never been known to fail,' said Grandma, who had caught us half buried in our winter trunks, from which we were taking garment after garment on which the 'pestilence that walketh in darkness' had left an imprint.

'Please, give it to us,' said Helen, shaking the hairs from her lap, and reaching for paper and pencil with which to copy the recipe.

'It's very simple; I found it years ago, just after your grandfather, and I were married. I had loads of things given me by my dear mother, feather beds, pillows, blankets, down-spreads and bed quilts, until I didn't know what in the world to do with them.'

'I thought the old-fashioned folks always had cedar chests and closets,' said I.

'Yes, so they did,' said grandma, 'but our supply soon outgrew the pace, and every year the moths played havoc with my best belongings. Since I have tried this recipe, however, I've never had any trouble. I found it in an old book, with its back torn off, and covered with dust, lying on the top of an old barrel of books. The directions were: 'Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through and steal.'

'I don't see how laying up treasure in heaven is going to keep the moths out of your clothes in this world,' said Helen, looking mournfully at her handsome fur coat.

'Well, now you just try the experiment, and see if it doesn't succeed. After my marriage, as I told you, I lost many of my best things by moths; camphor, pepper and tobacco seeming to be of no use as preventives. I found this recipe accidentally, and have used it ever since.'

'Moths, you know, seldom trouble garments in general use, and I commenced looking around me for people who could have been benefited by those very articles that the moths had destroyed, and that I could have done without and not missed from my abundance. I thought of my poor dress-maker, who never had time to make any clothes for herself, and who could not go out in cold weather for want of a cloak. To her I sent a fur-lined circular that I had not worn in two years, and that was a perfect moth incubator. To a woman whose husband had just died, and left her with six little children, and without a penny for their support, I sent a feather bed, some good warm blankets and my flannels that had shrunk in the washing. Your grandfather's overcoat and underclothing went to an industrious mechanic over the way, who did odd jobs for us, and whose life was a struggle to support his wife and little ones. The charity wards in hospitals, too, I found a good outlet for my surplus supplies. I reduced my stock to such a degree that the demand for space was not greater than the supply, and my cedar chests and closets proved quite sufficient for my purposes.

'At the end of every season I practise this system of reduction as soon as my pantries and closets begin to run over, and I tell you what it is, girls, the surplus that I lay up in heaven out of the way of moth and mold pays me a bigger dividend than any of my other investments. Try it, girls, try it, and see if I'm not right.'

'But you're rich, grandmother, we couldn't afford to give away all those things,' chimed in Helen and I.

'You said, my dears, that the whole trouble came from an old roll of carpet that had been in the attic for two years, and which you never expected to use again. Couldn't you have made some poor person comfortable with that carpet last winter? That bag of socks and stockings,' she continued, slapping at a great buffalo moth flying from it, 'how many little frost-bitten toes could have been kept warm by them, and how many poor wives and mothers would thank you

for those half worn clothes of Harry's that he will never wear again. We are only God's stewards, my dears, and our luxuries are given us not to feed covetousness, but to expend in broad charities. God does not encourage extensive accumulation. The bible teaches us: "He that hath two coats, let him give to him that hath none," and this, you see, my dears, leaves very little to be packed away, either in cedar chests or left for the benefit of the moths. Try my recipe, girls, it's safer than moth paper.'—Mrs. T. G. De Fontaine, in New York 'Observer.'

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Wick, Jan. 13, 1897.

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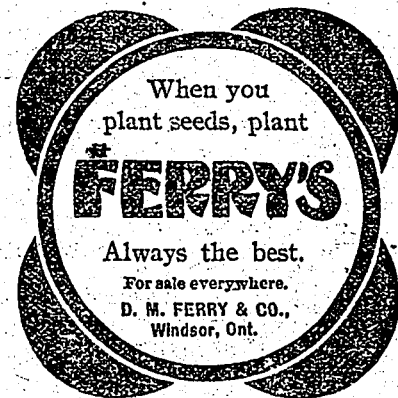
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