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HER NEW YEAR GIFTS.

She tossed them over with eager hands,  
Boxes, packages, large and small;  
And then 'mid her treasures forlorn she stand  
And whispers, sighing, "Can this be all?  
What are these baubles and toys and rings?  
When the heart is hungry for dearer things

So poor, so proud! If he only knew  
How I hate my wealth, what a weight it seems!  
He might have sent me a flower or two;  
But of course, dear fellow, he never dreams  
Of the pang and heartache I feel the while  
I pass him by with a nod and smile.

Yet somehow I thought the bright new year  
Would bring me a message or friendly sign;  
I longed so for some token, dear,  
To keep forever and ever mine!  
Then breathless blushing, she sees, half hid,  
A scaled white letter her gifts amid.

She kissed it thrice ere she smiling read,  
"Love, what can I lay before your feet?  
Only my faithful heart," he said,  
"Must I seal and send to your keeping, sweet."  
"Only your heart? But your heart," said she,  
"Is the dearest gift in the world to me."

—M. S. Bridges in Judge.

[FOR THE CRITIC.]

LETTER TO COUSIN CARYL.

Dear Cousin Caryl:—What's this I read in some of your papers, that in  
the provincial schools there are American books that are poor books—oh,  
without doubt, there are lots of them here. But that it is of less consequence  
that they are poor than that they are American? Perish the thought! It  
is poor patriotism, now is it not, that is fostered by shutting its eyes to  
every good thing beyond its own courtyard. America in this writing I take  
it means the "States." Well, the public schools here are recognized by  
educators Europe over as well as at home to be the best in existence, and it  
would be strange if here were the single exception to the law of the world  
that every people says something in a different and better way than any  
other people has done ever or can ever do. School books are largely com-  
pilations, and if civilization is too young on this side to have done much  
original thinking (it has done some) there is yet room for original and  
worthy methods in putting books together, and good reason to suppose  
where the results are so good there must have been good causes at work.  
Dear me, I cannot stop to preach at you, my dear, since you are liberality  
itself, but I want you to say wherever you hear this matter discussed that  
not all school books in the United States are poor ones, that some are better  
than can be had elsewhere, and that while no country should saddle itself  
with our blunders, prejudices about boundary lines should not be allowed in  
the question of the selection of the fittest. Every black bird is in duty  
bound to believe her own black bird the blackest—when it is—but it need  
not scorn chippies and bobolinks in order to do it. "Mr. Editor," I should  
say if I had the pleasure of meeting this unkind man, "if we have no school  
books that answer a long-felt want, we shall hope to be worth something  
to you, as you to us, in some other way, but do not say, do not even feel,  
that you would not have them if we had, just because we were not born  
under the same flag."

Miss Parlor, whom you know to be the apostle of cooking, is back in  
Boston after several years' absence, and her lectures are thronged with  
women anxious to learn some of the secrets of preparing wholesome, appe-  
tizing, and inviting-looking food. Variety is economical in every way in  
cooking, and while the busy housewife cannot do much "fancy" cooking,  
she can make easily prepared viands fit all the adjectives I have been using.  
It really takes no longer to cook well than ill, but one must know just how,  
and appreciate the science of cooking, or rather that it is a science. If a  
reliable recipe says "boil five minutes" it means that five minutes neither  
more nor less seems to make the food fittest. Perhaps more cooking destroys  
the digestibility, perhaps less does not bring out the flavors, in any event  
there is some good reason for boiling so long and no longer.

Here are directions for using cold boiled potatoes. For six persons use  
a quart of potatoes cut into tiny cubes, not hashed but sliced and then cut  
lengthwise and crosswise to make little "squares," 1 slice onion, 1 slice  
carrot, 2 sprigs parsley, 3 tablespoonfuls butter, 1 level tablespoon salt,  $\frac{1}{2}$  tea-  
spoon pepper, 2 scant tablespoons flour, 1 pint milk, 1 cupful grated bread  
crumbs. Beat the flour and 2 tablespoons of butter together in a saucepan;  
add the onion, parsley, carrot and half the salt and pepper; beat the milk  
and flour on the contents of the saucepan gradually, and set over the fire;  
soon as milk begins to boil, set the pan back where the milk will only sim-  
mer for 5 minutes. Season the potatoes with the rest of the pepper and  
salt, and spread in a layer on a platter (or on a gratin dish or in small scal-  
lop dishes.) Strain the sauce from the stove over them, the carrot and onion,  
put in only for flavor, being strained out in this process. Grate the bread  
which should be two or three days old, and sprinkle in a layer over the  
potato and sauce, dot the top with bits of the unused third tablespoonful  
of butter, and bake in a rather hot oven for twenty minutes. All scalloped  
dishes need more heat on top than underneath. If there is any danger of  
sauce boiling in the oven, while the scallop, the different parts of which  
already cooked, are being heated through and browned, then set the dish in  
a pan containing a little cold water.

Emeline Raymond, writing from Paris, says egg-plant purple is in  
favor with elderly ladies, and emerald is worn by all ages. A beautiful  
hobnob for a lady of "serious" age, but who still dresses elaborately, has a  
crown of gold gauze with a drapery of egg-plant purple velvet, and a