

HOUSEHOLD.

Ministry of Little Things in the Sick Room.

One of the luxuries of invalid life is a flannel wash-cloth. To a sensitive person who dreads and shrinks from the touch of a wet linen or cotton cloth, the substitution of a wash-cloth of soft baby-flannel will oftentimes serve to render the bath agreeable, if not positively enjoyable. It should be made of two or three thicknesses of the flannel lightly tacked together, and should not be larger than the nurse's hand can hold.

Another desirable article for one who is long confined to the bed, is a light print wrapper, to be worn through the day instead of a night-dress. One who has tried it says that the first of many reasons for appreciating it is that it enables her to put her arms outside the bed-clothes, or step from the bed to the chair, without having any of that undressed feeling she is always conscious of when clad in a night-dress. To insure its being comfortable and in no way burdensome, it should be cut by the night-dress pattern. In cold weather it may be worn over the night-dress.

A little thing which has long made a very bright spot in one sickroom is a tiny bunch of flowers, in a small vial, fastened to an invisible tack in the head-board of the bedstead, just over the invalid's pillow. The vial is suspended from the tack by means of a thread tied round its neck. The flowers conceal the thread and the tack, and not seldom hide the vial also. The little bouquet is so very small that even in winter it may be renewed, day by day, from the window plants.—'The Canadian Baptist.'

The Care of Lamps.

A reader desires a good method for cleaning lamps, so that they will give a clear, brilliant, steady light. She says she is going to live in the country, but has been reared in a city, and knows practically nothing about taking care of lamps, but that she and her husband read quite a good deal at night.

The Constant Reader is right in desiring a good light, for an ill-kept lamp is not only dreary looking and depressing, but it is unhealthy and bad for the eyes. The common kerosene lamp which is used in almost every household, will give a clear, lovely light if cared for properly.

First of all use the best of head light oil and fill the bowl of your lamp full of oil. Use none but the best burners, wash them often and to keep the lamp chimneys from breaking put them in a pan of cold water, set them on the stove and let the water come to a boil, then let them stay in the water until it is cold.

To clean the chimneys, wash them in a warm suds of pearline and rain water, and rinse in clear water and polish lastly with tissue paper. They will shine clear as a crystal. Fill and clean the lamps every morning, and they will be a source of delight to every one.—S. H. Henton, in the New York 'Observer.'

Taking the Children Into Partnership.

A lady was recently speaking of her plan to keep all business cares and anxieties from the knowledge of her children—keeping everything depressing out of their life, she called it—'that they might be free to enjoy themselves as long as possible, with no feeling of trouble or responsibility.' 'But will that really add to their happiness in the long run?' asked an older mother, dissenting. 'We have always tried to take our children into partnership—to have them share our plans and interests, and let them know what we are trying to do and what we have to live on. It seems to me that successes are more valued if they come as something one has hoped for, and helped to work for; and retrenchments are more easily borne if they are intelligently agreed upon in the family council instead of forced upon the younger members with only the bald statement that we cannot afford this or that. It strengthens the family tie if the children feel that it is our home, our business and our interests; if they

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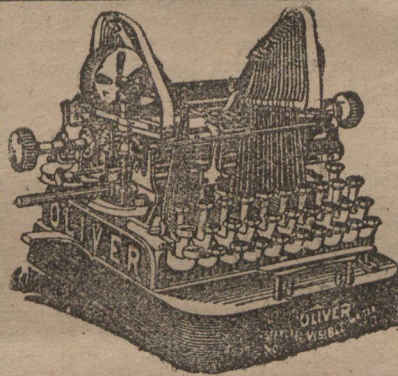
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Poultry.

The interest that the farmer takes in his poultry is slowly but surely increasing, and it has got so now that on nearly every farm

you can readily see that the owner prides himself by making a specialty of either fancy poultry or eggs, and, best of all, the 'hobby' amounts to something in a financial way at the end of the year. I know of one farmer who, with not quite sixty hens, has been selling a little over two dollars' worth of eggs every week since the latter part of the month of March, and the cost of feed furnished the hens has not been worth counting, as they have only received leavings and the sweepings.—'Michigan Advocate.'