

HOME INTERESTS.

Conducted by HELENE.

The truest homes are often in houses not especially well kept, where the comfort and happiness of the inmates, rather than the preservation of the furniture, is first consulted.

FLOWERS AND CHILDREN.

You have heard it said—and I believe there is more than fancy in that saying, but let it pass for a fanciful one—that flowers only flourish rightly in the gardens of some one who loves them.

HOW TO READ CHARACTER.

Teeth that are long and not narrow denote large, liberal views, strong passions and heroic virtues; if they are long and narrow a weak character is denoted, says Pearson's.

Deep colored eyes with well arched lids, both upper and lower, show a truthful and affectionate nature.

There is a whole world of telltale indications in the apex of the ear. If it lies close to the head, the owner possesses a refined nature, but if the top starts away from the head at a well defined angle that person has an uneven disposition and is not to be relied upon.

If a girl's thumb lies flat or drops a little, martial submission to the master mind is indicated. If the thumb has a tendency to stand at right angles to the hand, the damsel owning it is headstrong.

Fingers which bend backward mean powerful determination. If they are round, strength, both physical and mental, is indicated. Stubby fingers are grasping fingers. Finger nails that are rounded show refinement; if long and rather square at the top, firmness and energy are denoted.

SLEEPLESSNESS.

A servant-maid, finding that her mistress was troubled with sleeplessness, told her of a practice of the people of her country who were similarly afflicted: It was to take a napkin, dip it in ice-cold water, wring it slightly and lay it across

the eyes. The plan was followed and it worked like a charm. The first night the lady slept four hours without awaking—something she had not done for several months.

LIMITATIONS.

"Madam," said the young man who had called at the back door, "I have the pleasure of introducing to you our new, automatic housecleaning machine—a simple little thing which does the whole work of housecleaning, leaving to you merely the general supervision."

"Does it all, hey?" demanded the woman of the house. "Will it wash the outside of the up-stairs windows?"

"Why, no, madam, but—" "Will it take down, wash, stretch to dry, iron and hang up the parlor curtains?"

"Well, of course, this machine—" "Will it gild the chandeliers, paint the kitchen, make my daughter help with the dishes, persuade my husband to be contented with cold dinners, get out the screens and patch them up?"

"Oh, madam, this machine—" "Will it take down the parlor stove, and set up the refrigerator, wash the winter bedding, and put it away, lay down the furs with moth balls, paper the hall bedroom, wash down the paper in the bathroom, wash, fold, starch and iron and put away the family clothes, darn, patch and sew on buttons, wash dishes, set three meals a day, and pacify the household?"

"No, madam, you have misunderstood the limitations of this machine." "Limitations?" demanded the woman of the house. "I guess it has limitations. It will be a long time yet before any man will get up a machine that will do all a woman has to do in housecleaning time."

She took a fresh mouthful of tacks and went back to the dining-room carpet, and the agent faded sadly away.

Light velvets are cleaned by gently rubbing with a flannel previously dipped in paraffine; or if the material be soiled in spots only, by rubbing with a piece of fat bacon, or butter, when the wrong side requires drawing over a hot iron in order to raise the pile, or they may be cleaned by brushing with cornmeal until the soil is removed.

Black and colored velvet, if not dirty, but only creased, is freshened by holding wrong side down close to but not on a hot flatiron on which has first been placed a damp cloth, the steam eradicating the creases and raising the pile.

When it has been steamed all over, remove the wet cloth and draw the velvet on the wrong side over the iron to dry it.

To clean mud-spotted black velvet, a solution of equal parts of spirit of wine, oxgall and water will be found efficacious. The method employed to clean light and dark velveteen is a very simple one.

A lather of white soap is made, into which the velveteen is dipped, then placed on a board or table and scrub the way of the pile with a clean nail brush until all the dirt has been removed, when it is rinsed in clean cold water, but not squeezed or wrung, as this would spoil the pile.

It is dried in the air, and sometimes the back is drawn over a hot iron, but this is not absolutely necessary.

To clean and brighten light satins, chloroform or benzine may be used.

WAYS WHEN YOU CLEAN HOUSE Never work all day at housecleaning unless you want to be thoroughly worn out. After doing a certain amount of work take a resting spell. Don't forget to take a good

DRINK Blue Ribbon Tea

luncheon to keep you in good physical condition during this trying time.

To remove pencil marks from paint use a piece of lemon dipped in whitening.

To remove finger marks from door-knobs and locks use pure soap and old cheese-cloth.

Stains on marble can be removed with salt and lemon juice. All paint should be scrubbed with soap and brush, if actually dirty, but it should not be allowed to get in any such condition.

When the furniture looks sticky or smeary, too much furniture polish has been used.

Wash all white paint with warm water and soap.

When cleaning the refrigerator do not forget the waste pipe. It can be cleaned with a cloth tied around a stick, or with a brush which comes for the purpose. In washing out the refrigerator use warm water with a little soda. If there is a musty smell in the refrigerator open the doors wide, and, if possible, give it a sun bath.

If you have a wooden lattice piece on which ice rests the musty odor comes from this, and can only be got rid of by getting a corrugated tin ice rest.

When tea stains come on the fine linen they can be taken out even after a long time by the application of glycerine. Take a little of the best quality glycerine, and with it rub the stained parts. Afterwards wash as usual.

When cleaning brass use the regular metal polish, but put a little paraffine oil on the cloth. This will give a fine polish and will not tarnish.

When the cane chair seats are out of shape, turn up the seats and with hot water and soap wash the cane work until thoroughly soaked, and leave the chairs to dry upside down in the air, when seats will become firm and tight again.

Mattings may be cleaned with salt water, applied with a small brush. Rinse and dry thoroughly.

An Irish peasant girl, a native of Carrigart, County Donegal, Ireland, has presented the Very Rev. Father Donnelly, S.J., for use in the Church of St. Ignatius, Stamford Hill, N.Y., with a magnificent set of vestments worked by her own hands. The robes, which are of beautiful design, took two years to finish.

Mild in Their Action.—Parmelee's Vegetable Pills are very mild in their action. They do not cause griping in the stomach or cause disturbances there as so many pills do. Therefore, the most delicate can take them without fear of unpleasant results. They can, too, be administered to children without imposing the penalties which follow the use of pills not so carefully prepared.

"GOOB-BYE, BABY!"

The German Empress has been heard to say that the happiest periods of her life were the few weeks following the birth of each of her children, when she was able to retire from public life and enjoy her noon treasure.

It happened when the youngest son of the German royal family was an infant that one of the ladies of the household, upon going into the nursery hastily, discovered the empress kneeling beside her baby's cradle.

Her majesty rose hurriedly, and came forward with her eyes full of tears.

"No," she said, smiling unsteadily into the anxious face of the lady in waiting, "nothing is the matter. I was only saying good-bye, baby. You know I have to give him up tomorrow, and it is the last night."

TIMELY HINTS.

A little borax put in the water in which table linen or towels are to be washed will prevent them from fading.

When washing pink muslins or lincens, instead of using bluing, take a piece of turkey red, soak it thoroughly in the rinsing water until this becomes pink. Then rinse the goods

out in the pink water. Raw potato juice will remove stains from the hands, and also from woollen materials.

To remove soot from the carpet spread the spots with table salt and let it remain on a few minutes. Brush off the loose salt lightly into a dustpan, and then brush carefully with a wide, clean, dry nail brush, following the grain of the carpet.

The whiteness of the board floors which shows that the work is well done, is obtained by careful scrubbing the right way of the wood—never across the grain—with cold water and plenty of soap. No soda must be used, or the wood will turn a blackish color. Change the water often; it is impossible to have the boards white if you rinse them in dirty water.

If a whitish stain is left on a table by carelessly setting on a pitcher of hot water or a hot dish, pour some lamp oil on the spot and rub it hard with a soft cloth, then pour on a little cologne water over the white mark, and rub it dry with another cloth.

To remove iodine from linen soak the stain with sweet milk, occasionally rubbing the spot. If the stain is fresh wash in warm water with plenty of soap. Alcohol is also considered good for white materials.

It Has Many Offices.—Before the German soldier starts on a long march he rubs his feet with tallow, for his first care is to keep his feet in good condition. If he knew that Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil would be of much better service he would throw away his tallow and pack a few bottles of the Oil in his knapsack. There is nothing like it.

FUNNY SAYINGS.

Jack's Aunt—The Sick go to the hospital, the poor to the workhouse, the crazy people to the asylum. Can you tell me where the naughty persons go?

Jack—I was whipped the last time I said it.

REMARKS FROM THE EDITOR.

There is so much pleasure in publishing a newspaper that some editors are refusing money as a reward for their services. It takes wind to run a newspaper. It takes gall to run a newspaper. It takes a scintillating, acrobatic imagination and a half-dozen white shirts and railroad passes to run a newspaper. But money—heavens to Betsy and six hands around, who ever needed money to run a newspaper? Kind words are the medium of exchange that do the business for the editor—kind words and church social tickets. Don't worry about the editor. He has a charter from the state to act as the doorman for the community. He'll get the paper out somehow, and stand up for you when you run for office and lie about your pigeon-toed daughter's wedding and blow about your big-footed boys when they get a four dollar per week job and weep over your shriveled soul when it is released from your grasping body, and smile at your wife's second marriage. He'll get along.—Exchange.

YOUTHFUL DETECTIVE.

Bobby's mother had taken him to church to hear the evening sermon, and they occupied seats in the gallery, where there was more room than on the ground floor, says Youth's Companion. Bobby tried not to allow his attention to wander from the preacher, but he did. He seemed to be particularly interested in a family who sat in front of him, and when the sermon was about half over he whispered to his mother:

"Mamma, I never saw those people before, but I know their name."

"Hush, dear."

"But I do," persisted Bobby. "Their name's Hill."

"How do you know?"

"Every time the preacher says his text, 'I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills,' those two big girls look at each other and smile."

Subsequent inquiry proved that Bobby was right in his guess.

THE POET'S CORNER

THE COMBATANT.

God called a little soul to Him, forth from His choiring seraphim— A little spirit, spotless white, out of His multitude of light.

"Wilt leave the glories of My throne, and venture into ways unknown? Acquaint thyself, from youth to age, with yonder human heritage?"

"Weaponed for warfare shalt thou go—in armor such as mortals know— To wrestle through the unresting years with sins and sorrows, foes and fears."

"O gallant quest! O high emprise, to fight beneath my Father's eyes! Thou, Lord, my perils proudly past, shalt crown me victor at the last!"

A weary soul, one midnight late, knocked humbly at the heavens' gate. With shattered helm and broken sword, and downcast head before the Lord:

"Through mist and storm Thy will I sought—witness my wounds that I have fought; The unequal fight was fierce and long! Alas! I bring no triumph song."

"No wiles had I for countermines against the cunning foe's designs, I can no more—my strength is spent—bid me, disgraced, to banishment!"

"Thou strovest well, My child," fold that poor, bleeding soul to rest. "Thou strovest well, My child," said He. "I spake not aught of victory."

THE THREE ROSES.

(From the French of Francois Coppee. Translated by A. I. du P. Coleman.)

One morn the sudden triumph of the spring Beguiled me to my garden, there to see Three lovely roses, newly opening.

Poor dainty things, that by a stern decree Have but one short sweet summer's day to live,

For each of you what service shall there be?

"I," said the first, "love's errand shall achieve. Breathe out my soul a snowy breast upon,

And, dying 'mid the sweetness, scarcely grieve."

"I," said the second, "shall die alone Within a churchyard, laid upon the moss That hides a name deep carved in the stone."

Then said the third, "Of gain or seeming loss I have the happiest lot—no service vain. But to expire in worship 'neath the Cross."

I fell to musing in a tender strain— On love, the passing madness of the day, On death, and swift oblivion of its pain.

The flowers in homage sent where love holds sway, Flowers laid upon a grave with reverent care, Alike they die, their perfumes pass away.

It must be so. Ye new-born roses fair, No skill your beauty shall immortalize, Save only thine, O mystic rose of prayer!

The soul by thee exhaled shall mount the skies, And, mingling with the censor's fragrant cloud, Unto the very throne of God shall rise!

SLEEP.

When to soft sleep we give ourselves away, And in a dream, as in a fairy bark, Drift on and on through the enchanted dark

To purple daybreak—little thought we pay To that sweet bitter world we know by day. We are clean quit of it, as is a lark.

So high in heaven no human eye can mark The thin, swift pinion cleaving through the gray.

Till we awake ill fate can do no ill. The resting heart shall not take up again The heavy load that yet must make it bleed; For this brief space the loud world's voice is still. No faintest echo of it brings us pain. How will it be when we shall sleep indeed?

—Thomas Bailey Aldrich.

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TED.

I have a little brindle Seal brown from tail His name, I guess, is Ted But I just call him Ted.

He's only eight months I guess he's just a pup Pa says he won't be long When he is all grown up

He plays around about As good as he can be He don't seem like a pup He's just like folks

And when it is my bed Ma opens up the bed Then I nestle down rest And just make room

And, oh, how nice we He doesn't fuss or bl Just nestles closely up And lies there still a

We love each other dear My little Ted and me We're just good chums And always hope to be —Our Dumb Animals.

BECAUSE THEY WE

"Do you know why came out of the eggs, 'I guess they knew that if they stayed in."

Grandson—Well, grand discovered that we are from a foreign noblemen Grandpa—Well, perhaps right, Jimmy—but the respectable since I can

A certain little village could not boast of having entertainments, and a event which was looked with delight by the inhabitants was at one of these "m

that a stranger sang with "The Village Blackie" In response to a vociferous singer was about "Rocked in the Cradle when the chairman tugged tail.

"Better sing the own again, mister," he wappen to be the chap singing about—the village smith—and I reckon it'd fair to me if you was all over again and pop verse sayin' as 'ow I let cles."

His Mother.—"I am sorry, to learn that you are boy next door had been again. Better make it him. Never let the sun upon your wrath."

Tommy—"I don't, mamma! me is all right again him good and proper o'clock."

It is only necessary to testimonials to be convinced Holloway's Corn Cure is for the removal of corn etc. It is a complete ext

Little Jeanie.—My mamma ways saying, "Why didn't that?" and "Why didn't this?" and "Why in the you forget so-and-so?" Tommy—How awfully s must be! What an a time you must have! Little Jeanie—Oh, it is she says all that; it's to

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