

HOUSEHOLD.

Where the Burden Falls

If mother would listen to me, dear,
She would freshen that faded gown;
She would sometimes take an hour's rest,
And sometimes a trip to town.
And it shouldn't be all for the children,
The fun, and the cheer, and the play,
With the patient droop on the tired mouth,
And the 'Mother has had her day!'

True, mother has had her day, dears,
When you were her babies three,
And she stepped about the farm and the house

As busy as ever a bee.

When she rocked you all to sleep, dears,
And sent you all to school,
And wore herself out, and did without,
And lived by the Golden Rule.

And so your turn has come, dears;
Her hair is turning white,
And her eyes are gaining the far-away look,
That peer beyond the night.
One of these days, in the morning,
Mother will not be here;
She will fade away into silence,
The mother so true and dear.

Then, what will you do in the daylight,
And what in the gloaming din?
And father, tired and lonesome then,
Pray, what will you do for him?
If you want to keep your mother,
You must make her rest to-day;
Must give her a share in the frolic,
And draw her into the play.

And, if mother would listen to me, dears,
She'd buy a gown of silk,
With buffons of royal velvet,
And ruffles as white as milk;
And she'd let you do the trotting,
While she sat still in her chair;
That mother should have it hard all through
It strikes me isn't fair.

—'New Zealand Farmer.'

Can we Help Unlovely Children.

(Belle Sparr Luckett.)

We all know 'unlovely' children—unlovely in disposition and character. They are the 'possessed of evil' many times, and a source of heartache and perplexity to those who are responsible for their training.

I have known such children. One especially comes to my mind. Twenty years ago, a more unlovely, perverse, unsmiling child it would be hard to find. Strange as it may seem, these traits appeared strongest when she was with her mother. For her to be punished, as was absolutely necessary at times, was enough to give the whole family hysteria. To most people, seeing only the seeable side of the child without caring to look for what might else have been found, she was almost utterly without a 'sweet side' in her whole make-up. But what an injustice, and an injustice to helplessness!

There was a friend whom this child loved with all the intensity of a silent, deep, misunderstood little heart. To this friend alone she revealed the possibilities of her nature. To be with her softened and sweetened all the 'hatefulness' that were so glaring to most eyes.

She had a little sister very near her own age, with whom she often quarrelled, it is true, but towards whom there was never visible a trace of jealousy or ill-will because of the love and admiration called forth by her exquisitely beautiful nature. I remember one day the two little girls were standing together when a caller was taking her leave. Like many other thoughtless people, the lady stooped down and fondly kissed the little sister, saying, 'You are the sweetest child I ever saw.' And then she went away, leaving one smiling little face, and on which there was a pathetic little shadow.

As the door closed, the elder sister, with rare self-renunciation, put her arms around her little sister, saying, 'She is sweet.'

'Little sister' is with God, but there still lives on the earth the unlovely elder sister,—

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no longer unlovely. She has ripened into a deep-hearted, quiet, beautiful woman, loving and beloved.

Another child comes to my mind, so unlovely in nature that the most generous almost despair of finding a place to begin to love him. In many, many, almost indescribable ways he is forbidding. People generally set him down as 'disagreeable,' 'bad,' a 'general nuisance,' according to their own temperament.

But who dares to desert such a child? 'Who helps a child helps humanity.' Who helps such a child does even more—he saves. Recognizing his own unloveliness, this boy receives with an astonishment that has many a touch of pathos in it any of the small kindnesses so lavishly bestowed on attractive childhood. The sweetnesses that seem to belong so naturally to other children are denied him, except on rare occasions, when some one pityingly or with a deeper and kindlier discernment bestows them. It can only be through long, loving-hearted, and unsleeping, unwearied patience that the best his nature is capable of will be revealed, and the unlovely child become at last the useful and respected man, with some keen sense, let us hope, of the deep need of pity, patience, and kindness to all childhood, but most of all to that which seems unlovely.

Details in Laundry Work.

A Number of Old Hints Ever New to the Amateur.

In no department of the household does economy of time and labor count for more than in laundry work; therefore here of all places there should be attention to proper outfitting. That is, all utensils concerned there-with should be strong and good, and if machinery is used it should be of the best quality, with few complications.

For the ironing flats are always best for ordinary use or for laces when gas irons are too clumsy. The latter are more expensive, and there is extra charge for fitting, but the number required is less. There is a charcoal iron, which is clean, and when once heated will remain in condition for at least two hours without renewal; but it is heavy and needs to be supplemented by the small flats. Care of the irons is important. They should

be kept in a dry place, so that they will not become rusty. If they are not going to be used for a long time they ought to be greased all over and wrapped in brown paper.

Where much ironing is to be done it is a good idea to have an ironing stove with a ledge to hold the iron bottoms upright to the heat. Such a stove once heated with wood may be kept up with coke, which is much cheaper. But unless much ironing is to be done a small gas stand is less expensive, and when gas or charcoal irons are used no stove is necessary.

A strong, steady surface is a necessity of the table, and the height is of such importance as only one who has ironed can realize. To have to bend the back in ironing is harmful to the ironer, but if the table is too high, then the ironing suffers, for it is impossible to use sufficient pressure. To have just the right height the table should be specially made, or else some ingenious woman must invent a table which can be regulated. The table must also stand in a good light, and for the covering there should be at least two thicknesses of blanket. The so-called 'charity' blankets are good for this, because they are hard. The ironing sheet should have tapes at each corner to tie it to the table, and seams or patches should be avoided.

Iron holders may be made of several folds of blanket, with a cotton cover, and if a piece of kid (the palm of an old glove) is laid between two of them, it will do much to protect the hand from the heat.

The ironing cloth and all the other fixings should always be put away at once after they have been used. The cloth should never be allowed to get wet, for fear of mildew; the boiler should be wiped dry. Even the clothesline should be cared for, and clothespins washed once in a while.

Among other details worth following it is well to keep a large supply of soap, for it improves with keeping, and does not waste so much as fresh soap. That, and the bluing as well, should be kept in some dry place, and in laying in stores, soda, borax and ammonia are needful with amateur laundresses, in whose hands the strong washing powders ought not to be trusted.

Selected Recipes.

Walnut Creams.—Take the white of one egg, an equal amount of water and three pounds of confectioners' sugar. Sift the sugar, mix it with the beaten egg and water and knead it on a board, working in the walnuts. Mould into balls the desired size.

Chocolate Caramels.—One cup of fine granulated sugar, one cup of New Orleans molasses, one-fourth cup of milk, a piece of butter the size of an egg, one cup of chocolate after it is cut up if made single quantity; if doubled, it is as well not to put the chocolate in till about done, and then the same quantity of this recipe will suffice, as it retains the flavor if not cooked as much. Boil till it will stiffen in water; pour into flat buttered pans to the thickness of half an inch.

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