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I KNOW.

In the bitter waves of love, Beaten and tossed about By the sudden winds that blow From the desolate shores of doubt, Where the anchor that faith has cast, Are dragging in the gales, I am quietly holding fast To the things that cannot fail.

I know that right is right; That it is not good to lie; That love is better than spite, And a neighbor than a spy; I know that passion needs The leash of a sober mind; I know that generous deeds Some sure reward will find;

That the rulers must obey; That the givers shall increase; That duty lights the way For the besuited feet of peace; In the darkest night of the year, When the stars have all gone out, That courage is better than fear; That faith is better than doubt.

And fierce though the fiends may fight, And long though the angels hide, I know that truth and right Have the universe on their side; And that somewhere beyond the stars Is a love that is better than fate. When the night unlocks her bars I shall see Him—and I will wait.

THE HOME.

Love in the Home Life.

We ought not to fear to speak our love at home. We should get all the tenderness possible into the daily household life. We should make the morning good-bys, as we part at the breakfast-table, kindly enough for final farewells. Many go out in the morning who never come home at night; therefore we should part, even for a few hours, with kind words, with a lingering pressure of the hand, lest we may never look again into each other's eyes. Tenderness in the home is not a childish weakness; it is one that should be indulged in and cultivated, for it will bring the sweetest returns.

A Happy Sabbath.

That is profound philosophy which counsels parents to make Sunday the happiest day of the week. And the chief requisite to this is that they give themselves to their children—at church as well as at home. The Sunday-school must not be allowed to usurp the place of the church service. The child nestled in the family pew at his mother's side, holding his father's hand, enters naturally from the shelter of warm human love, and the sense of God very early becomes to him the gate of heaven.

For little children it is a pretty plan to set aside for Sabbath use the most attractive toys, the favorite pictures and stories, the sweetest child songs and hymns, and to join with them more than ever in their plays and their quiet moods, until, when they wake Sunday morning, they shall exclaim, with a four-year old of our acquaintance, "Oh, I'm so glad it's Sunday!"

Music is the heritage of the family Sabbath. Not church hymns and Sunday-school songs only, but the music of the masters as well, those great compositions that tell without words the story of human life, and tell it religiously because truly and profoundly; that speak to the children as plainly as to the elders; that open the heart, and intensify in each his own living and longing. Books belong to the family Sabbath. Not sickly or precocious story papers, nor sordid secular papers, nor scrappy religious ones, but real books, and all the real books, poetry as well as books of devotion, essays, and biographies, and every other kind of book that sets the heart throbbing with a wish to be something greater and better than we have ever been before. And often some will read aloud, while the chairs draw together, the reader pausing all the way along for the children's questions, and the commentary of the parents, and for reminiscences and hopes ahead.

Then, as the family walk abroad, the father assumes his most ancient, most sacred office of high priest of his household. Then all become palmists, all prophets. The harvest waves the promise of better things than leaves for the table. The solemn mountains, the deep lakes, are more than backgrounds for landscapes, show places for rainbows; for underneath the voices of the winds and waters they bear earth spirit in her most secret utterance: "Is this at the roaring loom of time I ply, And weave for God the garment thou seest Him by?"

They who walk the earth together shall not be separated in heavenly places.—Harper's Bazar.

Hints for the Housewife.

Use all the scented soap you like at the bath but spare your face. A WASH of equal parts of glycerine and lactic acid will remove blotches and freckles from the face. HORSE-RADISH roots grated and moistened with vinegar, put in a bag and applied to the seat of pain will cure neuralgia. OCCUPATIONS which are of an out-door character are the best for the health; eight hours for work, eight hours for sleep, eight hours for play. IN COOKING sweet potatoes wash and scrub those of uniform size; put them in a baking-pan, place in a very hot oven, and bake until tender. Serve immediately. A ROUND piece cut from worn-out cashmere hose and attached to the wrong side of the knee of children's hose with strong cotton will strengthen them greatly. IT SHOULD be borne in mind that headache may arise from internal eye troubles, and all cases which resist well-directed medication should be sent to an oculist for examination. FURTHER stains of long standing on white goods, or fresh stains that refuse to yield to ordinary treatment, may be removed by dipping into a very weak solution of chloride of lime, and spreading in the sun or on the grass, if possible, to bleach. As soon as the stain disappears, rinse thoroughly, as the lime is apt to injure the fabric. Use soft water both in making the solution and in rinsing afterward.

Hot tallow is said to remove machine oil from white goods. Repeated applications will also remove ink stains, if exposed to the rays of the sun.

Boiled eggs, to slice nicely, should be put over the fire in cold water, and should remain fifteen minutes after the water begins to boil, and allowed to cool in the same water. If cooled by dropping them into cold water they will not feel smoothly.

To keep glassware bright, wipe directly from the hot sud. Tumblers used for milk should be thoroughly rinsed in cold water before being immersed in hot sud as hot water seems to drive the milk into the glass and give them a dingy appearance.

Hot cakes, pies, etc., need not be removed from the pans in which they are baked, if precaution is taken to set them up on small supports, so that the air can circulate under them. This effectively prevents the moisture from steam in the bottom of the pan.

Nothing so quickly restores tone to exhausted nerves and strength to a weary body as a bath containing an ounce of aqua ammonia to each painful of water. It makes the flesh firm and smooth as marble, and renders the body pure and free from all odors.

A SIMPLE and efficacious remedy for tender feet is to bathe them before going to bed in a strong solution of salt water, to which a liberal quantity of saleratus should be added. Dry the feet after having bathed them, and remove any roughness with a piece of pumice stone. If the feet are very tender the operation may with advantage be repeated on rising in the morning.

EVERY housekeeper has a right to insist that the members of her family should promptly obey the summons to meals, otherwise she will undergo great annoyances, loss of time and derangement of her domestic routine. The food, too, loses much of its excellence by standing, and getting cold and stale. No matter how deeply one may be interested in any pursuit, how much absorbed in a book, go promptly to the table when meals are announced.

Use soap bark for cleansing woolen dress goods. Soak ten cents worth over night in a pail of warm—not hot—water. In the morning strain and add two-thirds of it to the water in which the goods are to be washed, and, if very much soiled, a teaspoonful of ammonia, also. Pour the rest of the water in which the soap bark was soaked, into the rinsing water, wring well and hang out-of-doors where they will dry rapidly. When nearly dry, iron on the wrong side. The soap bark not only cleanses, but gives a little body to the material, such as new goods have.

To REMOVE BLUE FLANNEL.—A lady in a contemporary writes: "I am sure your readers who have bestowed labor in embroidering blue flannel, and have grieved over the wretched washed-out appearance of the same, will be glad to know that the color may be renovated by rinsing the flannel in vinegar and water, or in diluted lemon juice. A friend assures me she finds the process satisfactory, and it can always be repeated with good effect."

LAUNDRY polish for shirts, collars, etc., is made in the following manner: Dissolve on a slow fire one ounce of soda in a quart of water. Add one ounce of lard and two ounces of spermaceti with one large tablespoonful of salt. Turn into a wet cup to cool. Make boiled starch as usual, cooked slowly for twenty minutes, and for every tablespoonful of dry starch used, put in a lump of the preparation the size of a cherry, or a quarter of a pound of starch and do not sprinkle. When the starched pieces are dried lay them in a wet towel for two hours, and with a rough polishing iron bring out in gloss.

SWEET POTATOES.—Peel, cut in slices half an inch thick, and boil till tender. Drain and dry on the stove for a few minutes, then mash with the potato masher; add salt to taste, milk, and plenty of butter. Mix all together, and serve hot.

POP-OVERS.—Two tea cups sweet milk, two tea cups flour heaped a little, butter size of a walnut, two eggs beaten separately, one table-spoonful sugar, a little salt; bake in hot gen-pans (filled half full) for twenty minutes; serve when done.

COLD CREAM.—Two ounces oil of sweet almonds, half an ounce of spermaceti, twenty grains white wax. Put these in ingredients in a cup and set it in boiling water. When melted add half an ounce of pure glycerine and a table-spoonful of rose water. Stir till cold, put into jars. For lip salve, a little alkanet (tied in a cloth) may be added to a part of this mixture, to tint it.

STOPPING LEAKS.—To be obliged to wait the leisure of plumbers on the occasion of the bursting of a water pipe, is one of the most exasperating household troubles. When the leak is visible, however, the housewife can cure the ill herself, at least temporarily, says a writer in Harper's Weekly. Shut off the water first, and then spread some white-lead on a cloth, like a plaster. Tie this firmly over the leak, and the plaster will soon harden, for the water cannot work its way out or prevent the plaster's adhering. Unless the plumber will make thorough repairs when he does come, the lead plaster is more permanent than any putty joint or weak solder. Let a pound of white-lead stand a day or two until a skin has formed over it, and then cover it with water. It will be soft and ready for use at any time and the housewife can "snap her fingers at the plumber's warts" to paraphrase Sir Joseph Porter, as best suits a frosty morning. Strips of rubber cut from old rubber shoes and bound tightly over the leaks in hot-water pipes will close the holes and stop the dripping flood. When the water freezes in the traps of the bath-room or the kitchen sink, a quantity of them salt thrown into them will thaw them out more rapidly than hot water. A lighted lamp placed under frozen water-pipe is more rapid and convenient in its work than pouring on hot water. A lamp, the flame partly lowered, placed under an exposed bend or length of pipe which is liable to freeze is a simple preventive of trouble in bitter weather.

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—P. F. McNulty, Hackman, 29 Summer st. Lowell, Mass.

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Is a certain cure, when the complaint originates in impoverished blood. "I was a great sufferer from a low condition of the blood and general debility, becoming finally, so reduced that I was unfit for work. Nothing that I did for the complaint helped me, save as Ayer's Sarsaparilla, a few bottles of which restored me to health and strength. I take every opportunity to recommend this medicine in similar cases."—C. Erick, 11 E. Main st., Chillicothe, Ohio.

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THE FARM.

Difficulty With the Incubator.

C. T. Harding, Washington Co., Ark., writes us: "What is the difficulty with my incubator? The chicks peep all right, but the inside film on the shell is so tough that they cannot tear it. If I help the chicks out they die." The incubator probably has too many ventilators. Draughts of air through an incubator carry off the moisture rapidly, the evaporation sometimes chilling the chicks in the eggs. Be sure and test your thermometers. If chicks are over-treated, they hatch in the indicators that the heat during incubation was low. We suggest that you plug the tubes and keep them closed—allowing no air other than when turning the eggs—until the chicks begin to hatch, when only one tube may be opened. For moisture simply keep wet sponges in the egg drawer.

Secrecy of Seed Potatoes.

T. Greiner, Niagara Co., N. Y., writes us: We have had few potato fields—except those of early varieties early planted—free from rot. The crop, already greatly reduced in consequence of the spring frosts and the dry spell in mid-summer, and the hard lumpy, baked condition of the soil throughout the season, has been so damaged, and in many cases ruined by the dread disease, that the most of us, instead of being sellers of potatoes, are buyers. We have every reason to anticipate very high prices during winter and spring. Where to get sound seed for next year's planting is now the great problem with us. Of course we want it from sections as yet uninvaded by the rot. I have seen fine Michigan potatoes, some of the dry spell in mid-summer, and the hard lumpy, baked condition of the soil throughout the season, has been so damaged, and in many cases ruined by the dread disease, that the most of us, instead of being sellers of potatoes, are buyers. 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