

HOUSEHOLD.

A Wedding Hymn.

The Bishop of Ripon, whose daughter was married in Ripon Cathedral recently, composed a special hymn which was sung at the wedding service. It consisted of eight verses; here are four:

Lord, Who has made home love to be
An angel help to us and ours,
Watching in sweet fidelity above
Our weak and cradled hours,
Bless where we love, we humbly pray,
Make strong the love love gives to-day.

They leave us, but they still are Thine
When life with life both intertwine,
Fill Thou then love with life divine—
Father of life be near them!

Thou Who didst smile on love below,
And when the wine of life ran low,
Didst give a richer, ampler flow—
Great Son of God be near them!

Lord, Who hast wisely willed
That we more of Thyself in life should see,
And makest changing life to be
The unfolding of love's mystery,
Grant that as love and life shall grow,
More of Thy love we still may know.

A Hard Afternoon Made Easy.

By a Relieved Mother.

We all know well enough how simple a matter it is to have an apparently easy task suddenly made hard and wearying by the unexpected happening of some little thing; perhaps it is not as common to have a rough and dreaded path quickly smoothed. Into my life has come, recently, the latter experience, and for the benefit of other mothers I would pass it on.

My little six-year-old had been ill for several days, and, although she was better, the sickness had left her restless and weak. Her mind was as active as ever and demanded constant occupation, so much so that I said to a neighbor who dropped in that morning to inquire for the little invalid, 'I am at my wits' end to find simple employments which will keep the child happy and yet not tire her too much.' And, indeed, as I faced that long afternoon, I felt even at its beginning almost 'at the end of my string.'

But after dinner the door-bell rang and the same neighbor appeared again. She had stopped a moment only on her way to the club, but she left behind her a ray of light which brightened the sick chamber visibly, till the going down of the sun. She brought a note written to the little girl herself, and a paste-board box filled with pictures—mostly advertisements—cut from old magazines and papers. Her note ran as follows:

Dear Little Friend: I am sorry that you have been sick, but I am very glad you are so much better. I hope you will be quite well by the time Papa gets home.

I send you a pile of pictures and hope you can play with them. See if you can find some presents to give to your friends. Would Papa like an automobile or a boat or a library full of books? Can you find anything for Mary? How would she like a watch or a pin? Can you find a house that you would like and then choose things that you want to put in to it.

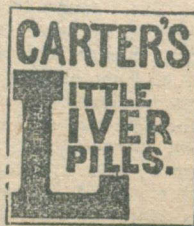
I thought perhaps you would like to have a concert, so I have cut out pictures of pianos and organs and some people who can play on them. Can you find some people to go and listen to the music? How many sorts of music can you have, and how many people?

Is there anything here that you can give

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to a poor sick woman to make her comfortable? A nice easy-chair or couch? Here is some one with cold feet and ragged shoes. What can you find for him?

If you would like to have a story told you about any of these pictures, and Mamma approves, you may pick out three and I will tell you stories about them. Perhaps I could put several pictures into one story if I had time to think how it all happened.

A little more there was, wishing, and helping the child to wish, that all little sick children had as nice a home and as loving parents as she had.

I need make no comments. The note is full of suggestions, which I hope many a mother will make use of, and perhaps find, as I did, an afternoon which had promised to be hard made happy and bright. Soon I realized, with surprise, that the day was over, and that the time had come for little heads to be laid on little pillows for the further blessing of a night's rest.—'Congregationalist.'

It's God, But Mothers Help a Lot.

The words at the head of this article were used by a little boy in quiet, confidential conversation with his mother, on her remarking that 'it is God who makes people good.' 'Y-yes,' he replied, 'I know it's God, but mothers help a lot.' There is much truth in the childish words. God's work in the lives of boys and girls, the whispers of his grace in their tender and susceptible hearts, come very early and very sweetly and effectively, 'but' mothers help a lot. Would that mothers all understood how great their influence, and therefore their responsibility, is.—Exchange.

Another 'Waste Product' Utilized.

A sage brush growing plentifully in the mountainous districts of Southern Colorado, and hitherto useless, has been found capable of producing twenty-five percent. of commercial rubber. As rubber is a substance in constant and increasing demand, this new source of it is likely to be eagerly exploited. A company has been formed at Denver to manufacture rubber from this despised 'rabbit brush,

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Selected Recipes.

SALMON AND POTATO SALAD.—Either fresh boiled or canned salmon can be used. Drain the oil from the salmon, remove bone, skin and fat and flake it with a silver fork. Cut cold boiled potatoes into small, thin pieces, having half as much potato as fish. Slice two hard-boiled eggs. Line a salad bowl with lettuce leaves, then put in a layer of fish, then of potatoes and eggs. Pour over them a little boiled dressing or mayonnaise, then add more fish, potatoes and eggs, covering well with the dressing which may have a flavoring of celery seed or celery extract added.

MUSTARD DRESSING.—Place in a small bowl one teaspoonful dry mustard, quarter teaspoonful salt and dash of pepper and mix smooth with a very little boiling water. Then stir in slowly the beaten yolk of one egg and add, drop by drop, stirring steadily in one direction, half a cup of olive oil and about three tablespoonfuls of vinegar or lemon juice. Beat thoroughly and keep in a cold place and it will keep several weeks.

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