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WARRIERS.

A faint blue sky, where drowsy clouds are drifting.
A faint warm breeze that fans the languid trees,
Pale sunlight through the satin poplars sifting;
Quiet I lie, as if a part of these.
I see the full-blown, waning lilies bending
Beneath the clumsy kissing of the bee,
And faded butterflies, their last days ending,
Drinking the clustered sweetness tremblingly.
The pallid blue bells daze and droop, to waken
All dazed by a humming-bird's bright breast;
Like some wild dream he leaves them when
Then, passing, lets them sink again to rest.

O thought of love, that waked me from my dreaming,
Wild, fiery thought that burns in heart and brain,
Follow those wings in soft-whirred splendor gleaming—
Oh, follow them—and let me sleep again!
—Margaret (Himan) George, in *Lippincott's*.

THE HOME.

The Rapid Method.
There has been a tendency to the use of diminutive names of late. The hurry of modern life shortens everything till some of the abbreviations sound almost like slang. No one speaks of the elevated railroad; it is the L. There are numbers of dignified bodies that are known only by their initials. So numerous are these abbreviations in our every-day speech that a stranger who is acquainted only with the language might find our conversation unintelligible. Young persons, who like to do things in a rapid, dashing way, eagerly catch up this mode of speech. It seems certain that we have steadily grown to speak more rapidly ever since early English days. Look back at the soft, slow language of English in the time of Chaucer, with a liquid melody in its deliberate accents. A large proportion of words that were two syllabled then have been shortened to one, and the tendency of the language, so philologists tell us, is to use the shorter vowels.

Almost any one, looking back a score of years, can trace a difference in the speech of our grandmothers and the more rapid speech of the girls of today. Ask our grandmothers to write a letter, more deliberate, and we must admit more elegant letters, though it is doubtful if they were as well spelled and as grammatically expressed as the shorter notes of the girls of today. So that while we have lost in deliberation and politeness, for haste always implies a certain amount of rudeness, we have gained in intelligence. The talk of our maidens of today is, no doubt, more intelligent, shows deeper thought upon essential matters of life, and is wittier than the sentimental gush that belonged to the era when Mme. d'Arbly was the ideal novelist and Mrs. Hemans was the ideal poet.

There is no reason why dignity should not go arm in arm with intellectuality. The rapid way of doing things common at the end of the century, is so most severely criticized. The tendency to rush matters has come with the tendency to cram in the greatest amount of work into the smallest period. Some foolish people have conceived the notion that the wisdom of the ages can be acquired in this way; hence the six weeks' method of scholarship, by which a student is supposed to receive a fair understanding of a language or a science through a short course of lectures. The result is the merest smattering idea of the matter to be acquired; simply enough to allow the student to talk of his wisdom, not to profit by it. That which our girls need to learn now above all things is the need of slow, deliberative work, as opposed to rapid, frivolous work. This our grandmothers knew. This is the wisdom they did thoroughly, and took time to do as well as they were able to. Though their letters were ungrammatically expressed, they were written with dignity and precision, showed respect and politeness toward the recipient, a certain ladylike dignity which is lacking in the hastily written though bright scraps of correspondence in which the fine steel girls indulge.

The noble art of the complete letter-writer is in danger of being forgotten, and it should be taught in every seminary of learning, as well as the arts and sciences. The bright, slangy conversation of the day is also to be severely condemned. It lacks dignity and womanliness, and makes the conversation of gentlemen savor too much of the mart. The aim of our American girls should be to be useful gentlemen in the highest sense.—*N. Y. Tribune*.

The Location of the Bed.

There is considerable difference of opinion as to the necessity to the health of sleeping in a bed placed north and south. The old-fashioned idea that the currents of electricity going from pole to pole affect the sleeper is now supposed to be a superstition. Yet the habit that most of us have acquired of placing our beds wherever it is possible with the head to the north will probably cling to us. One thing, however, that is of importance is that the bed should not be placed against the wall, but should be accessible on both sides. The old fashion of placing the bed in an alcove, which cannot be ventilated as well as a large room, is considered to be an unhealthy one.

An excellent reason why a bed should not be placed against the wall is that the person who sleeps at the rear of the bed is likely to have his face, during sleep, so near the wall that his breath,

striking the wall, will be rebreathed again.

So large a portion of existence is necessarily spent in sleep that the location of the bed, the bed covering and bedding, and the furniture of the bedroom should be the subject of consideration and thought. As it is, too often this is the last room considered. In many families a good sized closet, with no opening into the outer air, is considered good enough for a bedroom. Not only should the bedroom be thoroughly ventilated and exposed to the rays of the sun, if this is possible, but the bed clothing should be taken off and hung in the air and sun for several hours before the bed is made up. The fashion of the double bed is rapidly passing out of use. Where two persons occupy the same room two single beds, or twin beds placed side by side, take its place, for two persons can rarely sleep together without one of them feeling ill effects. It is a most injurious practice for a child to sleep with an adult, but it is equally bad for a strong, vigorous child to sleep with a delicate adult. The stronger person may sometimes draw strength from the weaker, but usually this is reversed, and the more vigorous person is the sufferer.—*N. Y. Tribune*.

Keeping the Baby Amused.

Perhaps the following suggestions may help you to find occupation for your busy baby boy, writes Elizabeth Robinson Scott in the *August Ladies' Home Journal*. A baby who is contented for a short time by some fine toy that can simply look at, but he will spend ten times as long in putting pegs into holes in a board contrived for the purpose, or in taking out one by one from a well-filled basket articles, no matter what—spools, blocks, clothespins—anything so that they are sometimes changed and he does not tire of the monotony. Then the task of putting them all back keeps him busy for a still longer time. As baby becomes more discerning and his fingers more nimble, a pleasing device for his employment is a board with variously shaped holes, round, square, triangular, etc., with blocks and spheres to fit into the various places. Should these be in bright colors, his love for color may also be gratified, and learning these colors soon follows. Little tasks of carrying articles from one portion of the room to another, or from one room to another, will often keep a child busy and interested for hours. A small hammer and tacks, with a soft wood board into which to drive them, is generally a delight to any child old enough not to put the nails into his mother's simple are the employments that will satisfy the little tot that almost any mother will find them constantly suggesting themselves.

Roast Beef.

Aunt Hannah's pride was her old-fashioned beaten or kneaded bicuit, and this is her recipe: One quart of best flour, half a teaspoonful of salt, four tablespoonfuls of lard chopped fine and rubbed into the flour, one pound of beef, cut into thin slices, well seasoned with salt and pepper, and a little onion. Break out the dough in a ball, and roll it into long strips. These tests are infallible, but you have to knead hard and long before the dough will answer to them. When it does you can make the bicuit. Break out the dough about the size of an egg, mould them into round balls, and roll three quarters of an inch thick with a rolling pin. Stick through and through five or six times with a fork. The oven must be well heated, but not too hot, or they will be underdone in the middle and all their excellence ruined. They will cook in twenty minutes, if the oven is properly heated. A quart of flour makes six bicuits of ordinary size.—*Ladies' Home Journal*.

To Clean India Rubbers.

In these days, when India rubber shoes are so often made of shoddy material, it is especially necessary to take good care of them. It is a great mistake to wash an India rubber shoe with mud. Soap always injures them, and even clear water applications are of no special advantage. The best way, as an exchange says, is to allow the shoes to become thoroughly dry. Then brush them free from all dust and mud, and rub them thoroughly with vaseline. This not only cleanses them, but leaves an oil surface, which makes the overshoe more impervious to water.

Household Hints.

Orange peel dried and grated makes excellent flavoring for cakes and puddings.
Keep a peck or more of lime in an open keg in the cellar to absorb the moisture.
A cup of cold boiled rice added to any griddle cakes or muffins makes them lighter and more wholesome.
Dark calicoes are best washed in water in which bran has been boiled—a quart of bran in a loose bag to a gallon of water.
In roasting meat the principal care should be to have it as juicy as possible, as the juices contain both the nourishment and flavor.
A roasted or boiled lemon, filled while hot with sugar and eaten, still hot, just before retiring, will often break up a cold.

To make a pretty plant basket get a large wooden bowl and cover the outside with split peach stones. Varnish or paint and hang with chains.
Some housewives say that the colors of cotton fabrics will become "set" if salt and water are employed—three gills of salt to four quarts of water. The calico is dropped in the water while hot, and there remains until it is cold.
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Every Sufferer
Every Mother
Christ's Ownership.

By REV. THOMAS L. CUYLER, D. D.
He is the first man, who is the servant of Jesus Christ, for he is delivered from the dominion of the world, the flesh, and the devil. He is the happiest man who has surrendered his will to the will of Jesus Christ. He is the safest man whom Jesus has taken into His full possession. To every blood-bought redeemed soul, the Redeemer says, "Thou art Mine." We are not our own; we are bought with a price. If this ownership by our Master ensures our salvation, it also involves the delightful duty of consecration.
Christ will not part with what may be called the candle-ends and cheese-parings. His claim stands first; He demands the best. Our talents are His, whether they number ten or five, or only the smallest one; that He entrusts to His humblest follower. Our brains are His; He should have the brightest thoughts and the best coinage and not be turned off with the sweepings. Our time is His; the freshest hours should speak with the pleas of the Christian who is engaged in a weekly prayer service, commits the worst of petty lazarisms. He is his himself while obeying his Master, or the pleasure of Christ; if not directly for Him it is against Him. How dare we render it to the clamorous of fashion, and throw the weight of our example on the side of social extravagance, and of sensual, social and political question which has two moral sides we should first inquire which is Christ's side? The best gift we can bestow to the cause of our Saviour is not our money or our prayers; it is the weight of our daily influence. He redeemed us to be a "peculiar people," or as the New Revision renders it, "a people for His own possession." A Christian should not be peculiar in oddities, or pharisaic pretensions, but peculiar in having a distinct likeness to his Lord. He ought to be peculiar in unselfish kindness to his neighbors; peculiar in hating wrong and fighting popular sins; peculiar in honesty, quiet, truthful and conscientious in the things that are least. Daniel was a peculiar man in Babylon. So was Nehemiah at Jerusalem, when he said, "So did not I." Peter and his fellow apostles were of the same stripe when they told the High Priest, "We ought to obey God rather than man." There are two things which a Christian should never do: He should never have his neighbor to doubt which side he is on, and he should never be "to be had." Influence is the best contribution we can render to our Master. The more completely we can realize that we belong to Christ, and the more thoroughly we can set it to the account which we are to give to the world with the beauty and power of the Christian life. Hell Christians win no converts. Power is measured by the degree of consecration to Jesus Christ. There is another side to this subject; Christ's ownership is full of strength, and consolation. If we belong to Him He is responsible for us and will take care of us. He knows everyone of us by name, and makes out His promises to us individually. "I will be to you as a Father," is the sweet assurance to each one of us—the least and the humblest. The protecting, cheering voice seems to be ever saying to us, I will not leave you comfortless; I will intercede for you and secure for you great blessings. I will sanctify you by the truth. I will comfort you to be poor, or blind, or deaf, or to lie on a bed of pain. I will cover your head in every battle you fight for Me. I will give you bread to eat that the world knows not of, and will refresh your thirsty souls out of the wells of My salvation. I have prepared for you mansions in My Father's house, and will wipe away every tear from your eyes and at last present you faultless before My Father in heaven. Where I am, ye shall be also; and ye shall reign with Me forever and ever.

If all this is meant by Christ owning us, then let us rejoice that we are not our own, but have been bought by His precious blood. Neither men or devils can pluck us out of His hands. How careful should we be never to throw ourselves out. The prayer for every hour of our lives is condensed into Francis Ridley Havergal's short, sweet simple lines:
Let my heart be All Thine own,
Let me live to Thee alone.

You will not be sorry for hearing before judging, for thinking before speaking, for holding an angry tongue, for stopping the ear to a tale-bearer, for disbelieving most of the ill reports, for being kind to the distressed; for being kind toward everybody, for doing good to all men, for asking pardon for all wrongs, for speaking evil of no one, for being courteous to all.

Before laying a carpet, washing the floor with turpentine, to prevent buffalo moths.

A strip of wood back of the door where the knob hits the paper in opening.
Powdered pipe clay, mixed with water, to remove oil stains from wall paper.
For grease spots, equal parts of ether and chloroform.
A teaspoonful of ammonia to one teacupful of hot water, for cleaning jewelry.
Keeping a dish of water on the back of a tight stove to purify the air.
Darning gloves in buttonhole stitch, repeated till the hole is filled up.
Sprinkling the inside of damp gloves with violet powder.
Using old matting under carpet.
A pail of cold water to purify the air of the room.—(Good Housekeeping).

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