

will be produced. It is not necessary that the burning shall be of equal depth throughout. All kinds of irregularities are in order in this decorative work.

dirty. When a knee is cut through a fall, the part must be carefully cleansed, to remove all gravel or earth before it is tied up.



"Drop a button in the slot" may be printed upon the lid of the box and burned into the wood.

## A MOTHER'S TALK TO MOTHERS.

### My Darling.

A wee golden head on my bosom,  
A roguish and dimpled, sweet face,  
A pair of brown eyes full of laughter,  
A tiny form fraught with rare grace.

Two soft, dimpled arms that enfold me  
In a wild burst of merry delight,  
And red lips that shower me with kisses  
As she "loves me with all her might."

You may talk of the wonderful beauty  
Of poems in rhythm and rhyme,  
Of the subtle thought and the meaning  
Of stanzas and meter and time;

But to me they appear cold and empty,  
A mere waste of words and of space,  
When I read them while holding my darling,  
So winsome with beauty and grace.

Ah, for me no poem e'er written  
Could waken such thrills of pure joy,  
Such thoughts of love and thanksgiving,  
Such blisses too sweet for alloy.

The soft, dimpled hands of my baby  
Have opened a new realm for me,  
Where she, as a sweet, breathing poem,  
Is the essence of melody.

—*Nellie C. Davis*

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IF IT SHOULD happen that a young child is dropped, or falls down, send at once for a doctor. It is very difficult in these cases to tell at first if the baby has received any injury, and skilled attention is required. Often, if taken at the first, the child may be saved from becoming a cripple for life.

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IF A CHILD cuts his finger with glass, the place should be bathed immediately with warm water, and the same course should be pursued if the cut skin is at all

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A CHILD SHOULD early be taught not to "waste food," nor should he ever be permitted to render valueless that which may be of use to others. But to eat food when one has had a sufficiency, to keep it from being "wasted," is not the way to

teach a child frugality. To force into the stomach one ounce more of food than it needs is to overtax it; and frequent overtaxing will lead to the rebellion of stomachs as well as of people. Then the services of the physician must be obtained; and before we can dispense with them, the value of a barrel of flour is gone to save an ounce of food. This is not economy; neither is it common sense.

It is better to help a child to food two or three times than to load his plate so that he is in danger of leaving any. Thus may health and economy be secured at the same time.

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COOLING LOTIONS.—Cold water or cold vinegar should never be applied to a burn. Oil is the correct application—linseed oil, or carron oil, which is made by mixing equal parts of linseed oil and limewater thoroughly.

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SOAK OLD LINEN rag or lint in the oil, lay it over the burnt part, and cover the whole with bandages, so as thoroughly to exclude the air, using cotton-wool, if possible.

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SHOULD THERE BE no oil in the house, the burnt flesh should be immediately covered with flour, and all air excluded. It is estimated that more than 1,000 children die annually from the effects of burns and scalds. Mothers cannot be too careful in teaching their children to dread the fire, and putting all danger out of their reach as far as is possible.

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IF THE NERVES of the whole body are irritated by a tight shoe, or the extreme coldness of the extremities makes extra demand upon the blood supply, there is neither nerve force nor blood enough left for other functions.