

HOME INTERESTS.

Conducted by HELENE.

There was a dispute among three ladies as to which had the most beautiful hand. One sat by a stream and dipped her hand into the water and held it up, another plucked strawberries until the ends of her fingers were pink and another gathered violets until her hands were fragrant.

DON'T BE TOO SENSITIVE.

There are people—yes, many people—always looking out for slights. They cannot carry on their daily intercourse of the family without finding that some offense is designed.

HOW TO SET THE COLOR.

It is impossible to tell whether a color is fast before washing, says the Boston Traveller, but by far the safest plan is to "set" the color before it goes to the tub for the first time.

TO CLEAN OAK.

To clean old oak, whether furniture or panelling, dust it thoroughly and then wash it with warm beer, using a soft brush for the carving, says the St. Louis Republic.

USEFUL HOMEMADE GLUES.

For Marble.—Melt equal parts of resin and white beeswax and thicken with calcined magnesia, fine wood ashes, or plaster of paris.

For Metals—Mix plaster of paris to the thickness of cream with glue and add fine iron filings in the proportion of one-fifth of the entire weight.

For India Rubber.—Use one part of caoutchouc cut in chips and dissolved in three parts of naphtha. This can be obtained at rubber stores under the name of rubber solution.

For leather.—Melt together four ounces of gutta percha, half an ounce of pitch, an ounce of crude rubber, a quarter of an ounce of shellac and half an ounce of oil. Use while hot.

For China and Glass.—A simple cement is made by mixing powdered glass with white of egg to the consistency of thick cream.

FLOUR TO STOP BLEEDING.

Composure and clear thinking in case of accident is altogether too rare, and seldom does a young woman show the coolness recently exhibited by Miss Jennie Bartmann, a Minnesota school girl.

PERFUMED BATH.

If you want to take a bath in something that is very sweet smelling, prepare some sea salt after this fashion: Buy the salt at the drug store; take a big handful of it; lay it in a bottle and add some violet perfume; let it stand three days and it is ready for the bath.

TIMELY HINTS.

A spoonful of kerosene in boiled starch keeps it from sticking, but do not use enough of it to make it smell.

Table linen in order to bring out the bright gloss that makes it attractive should be dampened considerably.

To give handkerchiefs a faint scent of violets boil them in water to which a little piece of orris root has been added.

Unpainted wire netting not only makes a good rest for flatirons when several thicknesses are used, but is most effectual to clean them on.

A good way to make starch for dark dresses is to place lump starch in a pan and color a dark brown in the oven; then make the usual way.

After washing and drying black cotton stockings smooth them out well with the hands, for the frequent use of a hot iron makes them fade and become brown in color.

When the fat for deep frying looks muddy while very hot, a handful of crushed egg-shells will clarify it.

For laundry purposes pure glycerin is simply invaluable, especially in the washing of blankets, flannels and all materials for which softened water is necessary.

RECIPES.

Nougat—Blanch and chop fine one half pound almonds; add half a pound of English walnuts and one pint of peanuts; mix well.

Water.—Write another, "is composed of two gases, oxygen and cambrigen." "Lava," said a third, "is what the barber puts on your face."

THE WRONG END. A man suffering from a bad cough went into a chemist's shop and bought a bottle of mixture which was advertised under the alluring heading of "No more Coughs, No More Colds. One Shilling a Bottle."

STILL HAS ITS USE. "Father," said an inquiring youth, "when a hen sits on an egg for three weeks and it don't hatch, is the egg spoiled?"

A GOOD REASON. Recently a certain candidate for municipal honors was addressing the electors of the ward, and was engaged in pulling to pieces the claims to election put forward by his opponent.

ALMOND MACAROONS.—Blanch and pound to a paste half a pound of almonds, add one pound of pulverized sugar and the whites of three eggs. Work well together with the back of a spoon; dip the hands in water and make the mixture into balls.

PRUNE JELLY.—Soak one pound of prunes in one quart of water three hours; drain them, and strain the water in which they have been soaked, to which add one pound of sugar. Put on the stove, and let it come to a boil.

WHERE TO SHOOT HIM. A young man entered Cohen's clothing store and told the proprietor he wished to buy a coat and vest.

KEEP THE GENERAL. A wealthy American's aunt died in Australia, and, wishing to have her buried in her native town, he cabled for the remains to be sent to America.

FUNNY SAYINGS. A policeman, taking in the situation at a glance, drew his revolver to fire at the fleeing culprit. Seeing this, the Jew rushed up to the officer and exclaimed: "Shoot him in the pants, the coat and vest are mine!"—Fun.

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Some Little Known Facts.

Ancient Sparta possessed an educational system of physical and military training supported by the State, but to ancient Ireland alone, even in pre-Christian times, must be given credit for the first system of public schools known to Europe providing elementary and higher education, physical and moral and intellectual, in which instruction and all expenses of living for teachers and pupils were borne by the state.

While other nations trafficked in human life and crushed and degraded masses in serfdom, feudal serfdom never existed in Ireland, and the year 1171 A.D. witnessed her formal abolition of human slavery. In learning and religion Ireland rightly earned her title of the "Island of Saints and Scholars."

Ireland's struggle for liberty at home and the devotion of her sons to its cause in every land and in every age have earned a crown of imperishable glory.

THE ROCK OF CASHEL TO-DAY. The Scriptural vision of cattle grazing on a thousand hills is a living reality on the slopes of the mountains which wall in the Golden Vale.

The traditional "Prophecy of Lasherian of Cashel" ran thus: "The Church of Rome shall surely fall when the Catholic faith is overthrown in Ireland." There is as firm a belief in another tradition of the place: "Ireland will be free when the lamp of the sanctuary swings once more before the shrine of St. Cormac on the Rock of Cashel."

Jackdaws wing their flight in great black circles around the un-roofed Cathedral, its majestic walls and lofty arches standing with sovereign patience like a dethroned monarch awaiting the restoration of his crown.

A Wide Sphere of Usefulness.—The consumption of Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil has grown to great proportions. Notwithstanding the fact that it has now been on the market for over thirty-one years, its popularity is as great as ever, and the demand for it in that period has very greatly increased.

Virtus is like an excellent perfume, the more close you keep it the greater is its odor; but if you expose it to the air it quickly evaporates and loses its scent.

The Poet's Corner.

TO THE MADONNA. (Suggested by Botticelli's "Coronation of the Virgin.")

Headless of comforts, innocent of cares, Thy sweet lips mumbled by unnumbered prayers To thy pure perfectness; thy calm smile caught From peasant's ministries and angel's thought;

Handmaiden of Heaven's purpose— with thine eyes (Unlearned in worldly lore—in love so wise) Dropped wearily, too heavy with their joy, And resting gently on the guileless Boy—

Mother of Gallilee, thy soft arms hold A fairer burden than this band of gold Where with the world's heart crows thee; doubly blest Whose meek brow wears love's chapel, and whose breast Holds, on its virginal beauty, undefiled, The crown of all these years, love's self,—the Child!

SORROW. An angel of God to two women came Saying, "What wilt ye ask in the Father's name When at last ye enter the gates of Heaven? For whatever ye ask ye shall be given."

TWO DAYS. A perfect day! I tried to hold it fast; To make each hour my own, and sip its sweets, As if it were a flower and I its bee. No one should come between me and my joy.

Another day: "God help me use the hour!" I said, "And let Thy will be done, not mine." I watched it might be some one needed help.

WILL GO ABROAD. Very Rev. Joseph Grimmelman, S.J., the retiring Provincial of the Western Province of the Jesuits, will become novice master at Florissant, Mo. Rev. W. Banks Rogers, rector of St. Louis University, will probably soon go to Rome to remain several years.

A Painless Cure for Cancer. Send 6 cents (stamps) and learn all about the marvelous cure that is doing so much for others. Stott & Jury, Bowmanville, Ont. HONORS PRIEST-ASTRONOMER. The Pope has sent a portrait of himself with the Apostle blessing to the priest-astronomer, Padre Alfani, of the Order of Pious Schools, director of the observatory at La Guardia, near Florence.

OUR BOY

BY

Dear Girls and Boys: We were just beginning to spring had set in and that dirty city streets would be for St. Patrick's day; but, are having a small edition snowstorm to add to all we have had to come through little flurry must have been costly away somewhere, a tunately some little rumpus caused it to get jostled, the edge of the fleecy cloud tumble right down on our Oh, well, there is no use for accidents will happen, we have just a little way to look for happy summer, green fields, and fruit and galore. I am happy to learn Joseph is getting stronger, this will continue, and the be able to enjoy the fun making. Lucy M. promise an account of an entertainment given at the convent which tends. We will be glad about it.

Your loving AUNT

Dear Aunt Becky: My sister wrote to you so it is my turn now. We of snow and I have been shoeing lately, but I like best. I and my sister consent, which is about a half from where we live, long walk, but we don't care to our dinner. On St. Day our teacher allowed us one another a valentine. great fun. Of course we the comic valentines. My ther goes to the college, boys are preparing an entrance for St. Patrick's night, convent girls intend doing I will tell you all about time I write. With love

Your little friend, I Birklands, Sherbrooke.

Dear Aunt Becky: I am pleased to see the sins write you again, all have been as careless as a Claus brought me ever so presents. It would take too to name them all, and many nice books, too. I better, can walk pretty well crutches. My sisters took ride to-day. I often wish and play with my sled, would be able to go out of time comes. I like to help. I have lots of fun dog Nip, while my sisters to school. They come evening. Well, I have me rather long. Trusting I again soon.

Your loving nephew Granby, Que. BAKING DAY. On Saturdays we always Biscuits and tarts and je Or else a pudding rich an Or pies and other kinds

I help mamma with right And make believe my sto With wood and paper lai To bake my tins all filled It matters not how hard My dough turns black why? But when papa comes h see, I have my table set for He says that everything And helps himself a seco But, do you know, I ha He slips the pieces up hi