

HOME INTERESTS.

Conducted by HELENE.

At the very threshold of the spring when everything is bursting into life and promise is the festal day of our great saint—Patrick of glorious memory. We the children of a race eminent for its purity, religion and undying love for the old land; we with the Celtic blood, not stagnant but coursing restlessly in our veins; we the descendants of a race not secondary to any, we proclaim our loyalty to the old land, the old faith, the old traditions. A better day is dawning. Long-suffering will have its reward, and the dear little green isle will take its place among the nations. God speed the day.

FASHIONS.

No halfway prevails in fans. They are either very small or extremely large. Back and side combs for the coiffure so uniformly worn are of shell, with gold mountings, enriched with pearls or diamonds, but variations upon these styles are many. Very striking are the bright red girdles having a conventional design in cut steel. Chiffon velvet is counted as one of the smartest materials for ceremonious costumes. The low cut, exaggerated type of straight fronted corset is quite out of the running. The cultivation of the waist has again set in. Startling contrasts, such as dahlia over mauve, red and Nile green, violet and rose, brown and rose, enter into the new color scheme. Some of the braidings on dressy tailor-made gowns are elaborate, but much of the smartness is centered in the waistcoats. A flowered silk velvet bow in the hat of the same material as the fancy waistcoat is a smart new conceit. Very elegant visiting and reception dresses were seen recently made up in hyacinth blue souple cloth set off with white embroidery and closely set rows of narrow gauging; also in geranium red velours trimmed with white cloth richly embroidered. From the displays to be seen in the shops it is inferred that gay colors and soft materials are to lord it over the traditional grays and half tones of the spring. The coat costume is everywhere almost invariably with a waistcoat or simulation of one of distinct material. The shirt waist suit still holds its own, and much that is fanciful in the way of combination of different materials and the use of lace trimmings is to be noted. The "draped" shirt waist, having the fronts shirred at the centre, up to the yoke, causing a draped fullness in the lower half of the waist represents the newest feature. It is a pleasant fact, however, that the useful plain tucked white linen shirt waist, slightly bloused at the waist, to be worn with the regulation standing turnover linen collar and leather belt, is an assured thing. Authorities in the fashionable world forecast elbow sleeves for all garments but shirt waists. This, of course, means the vogue of the undersleeve and the long glove for street wear. Concerning the summer hat, the marquise shape promises to hold over from season to season and to be as popular in straw and tulle as it has been in felt and fur. In shirred green tulle, with knots of velvet and stiff bunches of roses or primroses or other flowers, this shape is very charming, but the green must be the leaf green, part green, part gray, with hints of yellow and brown, that consorts well with any other color and is mellow without being vivid. Sailors with straight brims, moderately broad in front and narrower at back, are shown in chip and other fine straws, and, too, in embroidered linen. One in cream chip, with a band of string colored linen embroidered in greens and yellows and browns running round the crown, and a bunch of shaded brown and green and yellow flowers resembling English daisies in form, has already been copied several times, as has a big, broad-brimmed, high crowned hat of shirred black tulle, whose only trimming is a huge, careless bow of fine yellowish lace, posed just at the edge of the crown in front and spreading out airily over both brim and crown.

TIMELY HINTS.

The best mode of removing grease from silk hats, coats, etc., is to saturate a piece of clean flannel with benzine collas and rub gently, then expose to a good current of air. Red tablecloths will keep their color when washed if a little borax be added to the rinsing water and they are dried in the shade. Before laying a carpet, rub the boards over with turpentine to safeguard it against moths. Veils should be either washed or thrown away when soiled, for the dust which collects in them is very bad for the complexion. Try tacking a piece of net—old veiling or plain net will do—across a large hole; then take the threads in and cut out through this. For ink stains on furniture add six drops of nitre to a teaspoonful of water and apply it to the stain with a feather. If the wood is polished rub with sweet oil immediately after. If the stain does not yield to the first application make it stronger and repeat the process. Add a little sugar to milk—to prevent it sticking to the vessel while boiling. A convenient substitute for a corkscrew when the latter is not at hand may be found in the use of a common screw, with an attached string to pull out the cork. Lemons may be kept almost indefinitely under glass that is light and air-tight. Set one under a goblet and see. To clean black cashmere wash in good hot suds in which a little borax has been dissolved. Rinse in strong blue water. Do not wring it, but hang up dripping, and then iron while damp. If this is done the material will look quite new. It is well to remember that a pound of sugar is one pint, an ounce of liquid is two tablespoonful, and a pint of liquid weighs sixteen ounces. If cod is boiled in salted water with a bouquet of vegetables, a slice of onion, a stalk of celery or a sprig of parsley and half a dozen peppercorn, its tastelessness will be replaced with a very agreeable flavor. To make a boiled fowl look very white put it into a floured cloth and let it simmer very gently from an hour to an hour and a half in boiling water. If a chimney catch fire run to the salt box and empty it out on the flames. They will be reduced as if by magic, and then further steps can be taken to extinguish them.

RECIPES.

Braised Chicken—Wash and peel a large turnip and a large onion, cut them into thin slices, with a little celery, a few sprigs of parsley and a bay leaf. Lay a few slices of fat bacon at the bottom of the pan; place the chicken, trussed for boiling, on it; cover the breast with slices of bacon. Put the vegetables round it with a few bones and one and one half pints of good stock and a little salt and pepper. Cover the pot closely, set it over a slow fire, put red coles on top and cook slowly. When it is ready keep the meat hot while you strain the gravy and take off the fat; boil up quickly till it thickens. Pone Bread—Put two cupsful of sifted white meal in a wooden bowl or tray. Pour in clear cold water with the left hand and mix it into a dough with the right. Equal quantity of water to that of meal is a good rule, but do not pour it all in at once, as some kinds require less than others. Knead it thoroughly, taking care that it is well moistened. Take up half the quantity in both hands and tightly roll it from one to the other until the lump is of an even, oblong shape. Deftly place it on a pie plate that has been warmed. Dip one hand in water and pat the pone out until it is smooth and only slightly rounded on top. Place the other half on the pie plate by the first, shaping it in the same manner. Put them in the upper part of the stove to brown over quickly, as the crust will crack open and look rough if they brown slowly. When browned over, remove them to the bottom, where the heat is even and slow. They should remain in the oven an hour, and when well baked the crust is crisp and the inside crumbly. Do not add any manner of leaven or salt or shortening. Serve whole on a bread plate, each person to break off a portion as it is passed at the table. Cream Toast—Toast slices of bread and cover them slightly with grated

cheese. Make a cream for five slices out of a pint of milk and a tablespoonful of flour. The milk should be boiling, and the flour mixed in a little cold water before stirring in. When the cream is nicely cooked, season with a small half teaspoonful of salt and one of butter, set the toast and cheese in the oven for four minutes, then pour the cream over them. Cheese pudding disposes of any crusts or trimmings of cheese to the best advantage, and either a rich, dry cheese or the ordinary soft factory cheese will serve for the purpose. Shave a cupful of dry cheese and cover it well with milk, setting it in a moderate heat for a while to soften if needed. Beat one egg and mix with the cheese, adding salt and paprika; add twice the bulk of fine bread crumbs; bake until set, and serve it at once.

LITTLE LAUGHS.

"Now that we are married, Lucy, we will have no further secrets from each other." "Then tell me truly, Jack, how much did you pay for the ring?" "John, we will have to change milkmen. Why, my dear, aren't we getting pure milk from this one?" "Well, he acts suspiciously. As he drove up this morning I heard him whistling: 'I'm on the water-waggon now.'" "Kate—I'm in an awful plight! George is mad at me because I suddenly broke my engagement to go to the opera with him last night and I can't explain!" "Dora—Why not?" "Kate—At the last moment I couldn't find my switch—and he thinks I have such beautiful hair!"

AN INCOMPLETE RETURN.

Years ago, when I was a little girl at school one day, Inez Hinkle borrowed my slate and pencil. After a while she came back to me and said: "Here's your slate; I swallered yer pencil."—M. A. Hutchins, in Christian Endeavor World.

YOUR LAP.

Children are notoriously eager to acquire facts. The following question was asked by a lad of seven after he had ridden upon his uncle's knee: "Say, Uncle Will, what becomes of your lap when you stand up?"—Youth's Companion.

FOOLISH MAN.

Uncle George—"And how do you like your employer, Tommy?" "Tommy—"Oh, he isn't so bad, but he's awfully bigoted." "Uncle George—Bigoted? In what way?" "Tommy—"He's got an idea that words must be spelled just his way."

COULD HAVE HIS PLACE.

Representative John Lamb, of Richmond, stopped in the house document room recently, where he was reminded of a story he heard on his last trip, says the Washington Post. It related to a negro church, whose pastor preaches long sermons. "The sermon on the particular Sunday in question," said Captain Lamb, "was with reference to the prophets. The preacher had gone through a long list, and finally came to the minor prophets. "There was Malachi," said he. "What place shall we give Malachi?" "An irreverent colored worshipper, restless under the long-winded sermon, at this rose up. "Give Malachi my place, Brother Jones," said he, "I am tired, and going home."

NEGRO BOY'S QUICK WIT.

Mr. W. H. Poole, of Sykesville, Md., sends the following story: "There is in our household a small colored boy in whom I am greatly interested. He is only six years old, and has not long been a sharer in our public school advantages. But he is an enthusiastic student and makes use of all his opportunities. He never fails to make a trial. "The other day I was endeavoring to find out what progress he was making in his studies, so I put him through an examination in spelling. 'Cat,' 'dog,' etc., were passed with an average of 100. I resolved to make the test a little more difficult. 'Sylvester,' said I, 'can you spell coat?' "O-o-a-t," came the ready response. "Now," I continued, 'can you spell trousers?' "Can't spell dat, but I can spell pants." "I wish more of us were as quick to substitute the next best thing to that which we consider impossible."—Baltimore Sun.

A DAY IN IRELAND.

Four sharp scythes sweeping—in concert keeping The rich-robed meadow's broad bosom o'er, Four strongmen mowing, with bright health glowing A long green swath spread each man before; With sinews springing—my keen blade swinging—I strode—the fourth man in that blithe band; As stalk of corn that summer morn, The scythe felt light in my stalwart hand. Oh, King of Glory! How changed my story, Since, in youth's noontide—long, long ago, I mowed that meadow—no cloudy shadow Between my brow and the hot sun's glow, Fair girls raking the hay—and making The fields resound with their laughing free; Their voices ringing—than cuckoo's singing, Made music sweeter by far to me. Bees hovered over the homied clover, Then nestward hid upon wings of light; No use in trying to trace them flying— One brief low hum and they're out of sight. On downy thistle bright insects nestle, Or flutter skyward on painted wings; At times alighting on flowers inviting— 'Twas pleasant watching the airy things. From hazel bushes came songs of thrushes And blackbirds—sweeter than harper's lay; While high in ether—with sun-tipped feather— The skylark warbled his anthem gay; With throats distended, sweet linnets blended A thousand notes in one glorious chime. Oh, King Eternal, 'twas life supernal In beautiful Erin, that pleasant time. —Translated from the Irish by the late Michael Cavanagh.

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MESSAGE FOR CROW'S FEET.

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OBITUARY.

REV. SISTER EMERENTIA.

The death occurred in Toronto of Rev. Sister Emerentia (Nelle O'Hara) of the Religious Adorers of the Most Precious Blood, in the 42nd year of her age, and the eleventh of her religious life. R.I.P.

OUR B...

Dear Boys and Girls: Those of you loyal to will be having some kind of a party to-day. We in the lead for a glorious large procession, service old parish church of and concerts and bang evening. Too bad the who live outside our city be with us to-day, and not know how to do h patron saint. Shamrock ble everywhere and mirth heart.

Your loving friend AUNT

PLANTING HIMSELF

Dear little bright-eyed Always so full of glee, Always so very mischievous The pride of our home

One bright summer day w Close by the garden w Standing so grave and d Beside a sunflower tall.

His tiny feet he had cov With the moist and cool The stalk of the great ta He grasped with his ch

When he saw us standing Gazing so wonderingly At his babyship, he greet With a merry shout of

We asked our darling w him, He replied with a face "Mamma, I'm going to b I've planted myself to b

SHAMROCK DAY'S

By Sheila Maho

A blare of trumpets and sured tread of many feet, tingent of the St. Patri procession marched on Join the great parade on nue, heralded the entranc Ellen Maloney into the kind-hearted neighbors ha Sarah Ellen's mother cla little stranger closer to h as her eyes wandered rou tly furnished room on th of a tenement house, th tears rolled down her pal her thoughts wandered to thatched cottage nestling Wicklow hills, where her days had been spent. came the sadder thoughts hand who had not lived child. Sarah Ellen lay in shelter unconscious of the mories that stirred the he mother. The noise and ra have disturbed most b Sarah Ellen seemed to lil and by it ceased, and reigned, broken only by tic-tac of a little clock on tel above the wretched fl hours passed; shadows fl room. Now and again ca cry from Sarah Ellen's strange silence. Later o bor, coming in from her w her way into the room. at the still figure on th enough; Sarah Ellen's mot ble were over, and Sarah wailing disconsolately, a understood. Sarah Ellen's life was gu the beginning; later on th phere was black. Almost fr hood she had to earn her o She was named Sarah El neighbors in accordance w press wish of Mrs. Malc had confided to her next-b or that her only sister, in Ireland, was called Sar The wish was remembered, child was taken to the near and baptized with pomp mony. Other babies had flo lace robes and christening these were not for Sarah E want of them didn't seem her in the least. It was o a tender-hearted Irish girl, in the church at the time w was carried from the baptis went forward and placed wreath of shamrocks on h brow that she showed the l of feeling. A smile flickered little puckered face, and hands instinctively clasped th of the stranger. It was decided by the r that the little orphan shou sent to the workhouse. So them took a turn at bring up. "She kind of growed,