

## HOUSEHOLD.

## A Prayer Overheard.

As the Rev. Henry Bromley, a city missionary in Brooklyn, N.Y., was one day passing through a dark hall in a tumble-down tenement house, he saw through a broken door a woman and three children sitting at a bare table, on which there was only a loaf of bread.

As he paused an instant, arrested by the evident indications of refinement in the quiet little group, they all bowed their heads and repeated in concert:

'God bless our going out, nor less  
Our coming in, and make them sure,  
God bless our daily bread, and bless  
Whate'er we do, whate'er endure;  
In death unto his peace awake us,  
And heirs of his salvation make us.'

The visitor's eyes were dimmed with tears as he made his way down the uncertain stairs. A few hours later, at a supper, in the conference-room of the church with which he was connected, he was called upon to 'ask a blessing.' With the scene in the chamber of poverty fresh in his mind, he repeated Prince Albert's translation of a German hymn, as the poor woman and her children had done over their half-dime loaf; and afterward he related the incident of the afternoon.

All the persons at the table listened with attention and interest, but a stranger in the city, who had come in with a business acquaintance by what seemed the merest chance, was so impressed by the story that he could not keep silence. He approached Mr. Bromley and inquired particularly as to the appearance of the family, and if they lived far away.

'Oh, no,' said Mr. Bromley, 'by a short cut, entirely familiar to me, we may reach them in a few minutes. If you would like to visit them in the way of benevolence, we can go after supper.'

'Let us go now,' said the gentleman. 'But allow me to explain.'

'Long ago, in a country home in Scotland, my grandmother taught my sister and myself to repeat that grace. The old grandmother died, the sister married when very young, and went I knew not where.

'It is years now since I lost sight of her, but always in my own American home in the West that grace is said, and I have the feeling that if my sister is living it is said in her home, also. May not this be a clue?'

'It may, indeed,' said the missionary; and making their excuses, the two men hurried away.

The evening's entertainment was not over when Mr. Bromley returned and described what he had seen to the interested group that gathered around him.

'It was one of the most remarkable instances of God's guiding hand I have ever known,' said he. 'The brother and sister recognized each other immediately. It seems that the poor woman has been through all phases of poverty, from a decent home to destitution in a garret. For a time she forgot God, and ceased to say her grandmother's grace. "It seemed mockery," she said, "when we had so little to eat." But the words, "whate'er we do, whate'er endure," brought it back to her heart, and she resolved, "If God can bless what I endure, I will keep on saying the prayer."'

'This purpose she followed, and in it found reason for increased faith in the divine faithfulness and love.'

The clue that leads one back to lost friends and fortune is not always an act of piety or an 'unconscious virtue'; but we are sure that a soul, however desolate, that never forgets its duty to its conscience and its God, lives nearest to the Guiding Hand.—'Youth's Companion.'

## Twists of the Tongue.

(By Margaret E. Sangster.)

There are little mannerisms of speech which belong to certain parts of the country, and which are caught up unconsciously by young people, so that when they go away from home those who meet them have little difficulty in deciding from what point they started. For instance, if a young girl drops her final g's, and says 'mornin', evenin',

greetin', meetin', comin', and goin', I know where she comes from. I have visited in a place or two where the sweet-voiced people nearly all cut off their final g's. And if she rolls her r's, and says the words that have r in them with a burr, I recall a journey I made one summer, and I remember numbers of nice girls who all paid r the compliment of twisting it lovingly around their tongues as they used it. A girl who says daown for down and caow for cow, labels herself as plainly as if she labeled a trunk; and so does a girl whose vowel sounds are all matters of conscience to that degree that she speaks as if she were mentally spelling her words.

We ought to try to pronounce correctly. There are changes in pronunciation from time to time, but the dictionaries and the usage of well educated people will guide us, if we care about the matter, and take pains to be right.—'Harper's Round Table.'

## To Make a Happy Home.

A religious contemporary gives the following receipt:

1. Learn to govern yourselves and to be gentle and patient.
2. Guard your tempers, especially in seasons of ill-health, irritation, and trouble, and soften them by prayer, penitence and a sense of your own shortcomings and errors.
3. Never speak or act until you have prayed over your words or acts, and concluded that Christ would have done so in your place.
4. Remember that, valuable as is the gift of speech, the gift of silence is often more valuable.
5. Do not expect too much from others, but forbear and forgive, as we often desire forbearance and forgiveness ourselves.
6. Never return a sharp or angry word, it is the second word that makes the quarrel.
7. Beware of the first disagreement.
8. Learn to speak in a gentle tone of voice.
9. Learn to say kind and pleasant things whenever the opportunity offers.
10. Study the character of each, and sympathize with all their troubles.
11. Do not neglect little things if they can effect the comforts of others in the smallest degree.
11. Avoid moods, and pets, and fits of sulkiness.—'Occident.'

## Selected Recipes

Kedgeroe. — Mix one-half pound of shredded codfish with one cupful of boiled rice. The rice must be boiled until tender, then drained; turn into a baking dish. Put one tablespoonful of butter and one of flour into a saucepan; when smooth and melted add half a pint of milk, stir until boiling, then add one-quarter teaspoonful of salt and a dash of pepper. Take from the fire and add the yolks of two hard-boiled eggs that have been rubbed through a sieve. Pour this over the rice and fish, and stand in the oven until thoroughly heated.

Lyonnais Potatoes.—Cut six medium-sized peeled potatoes into thin slices and lay in cold water; peel and cut two good-sized white onions into thin slices; fifteen minutes before serving drain and dry the potatoes on a towel; place a large frying-pan with one tablespoonful of beef fat or lard over the fire; as soon as hot put in the potatoes, cook for five minutes; add the onions; season with a half even teaspoonful of salt and a half even teaspoonful of pepper, stirring occasionally; fry slowly until done, then pour off the fat, turn the potatoes on a hot dish in the shape of an omelet.

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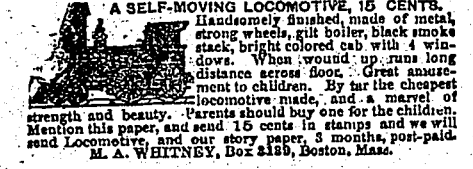
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