

beau-ti-ful snow-flakes On the ap-ple trees bare and brown;
ov-er the wa-ter The ska-ters mer-ri-ly go;

And laughs when the north-wind shakes them, Like a shower of
There is health in the blus-ter-ing breez-es, And joy in the

blos-soms down.
beau-ti-ful snow."

Domestic Economy.



HINTS TO HOUSEKEEPERS.

We extract the following paragraphs from an admirable little English book entitled, "HOW I MANAGED MY HOUSE ON £200 A YEAR."

Early rising,—Punctuality,—Despatch. Duties to be instantly performed, however in themselves disagreeable.

In every household, large or small, palace or cot, there must be a *place for everything*; and the mistress must see *that everything be kept in its place*. This matter is generally a prolific source of unpleasantness between domestics and mistress, or housekeeper. There is rarely to be found any order or plan in untrained servants. Everything is put out of hand at the readiest vacant spot, till confusion everywhere is apparent, un-

less supervision be exercised day after day; in fact, it is a daily duty, and must be done, despite the tossings of the head, or the thumping of various articles, or the banging of doors by the enraged damsel, who tells you that 'no lady would do such things, and, as I don't seem to give satisfaction, I must go.' In nine cases out of ten, this is the result; but either one must be subject to one's servants, or one must be mistress. It is in this point that a young and inexperienced mistress breaks down. It is troublesome to be poking everywhere at the risk of stirring up a tempest, but, nevertheless, it must be done; and if the trouble be met every morning it will soon cease to worry the mistress or annoy the servant. To master this most essential duty, one has to conquer one's own unwillingness for the task, as well as indolence: hence the hardship. Some mistresses have a peculiar