

Little Stories Told in Homely Rhyme THE NEW JOKE.

inished in rose bands, with blocks of blue and orange and black embroid. ery. A floppy hat of the same ma-terials accompanies the smock, the edge being rolled and whipped with huge yarn stitches and the crown em-broidered in a scrawly pattern over blocks of antiqued linen.

Gross Feeding Vegetable.

Asparagus is a gross feeding

FUNNY fellow on the stage, whose jokes were gray and bent er who desires to keep in good health with age, once hit upon a scheme to try a brand new joke some night. 'Twas really new and crisp and bright. He felt What does she do in spare hours? One of the worst tired, dejected 'twould be a scream. 'Twas heralded about the town, and hundreds housewives I ever knew was a woman of his friends went down to hear this brand new joke. They chuckled who was known to all her friends as for an hour before believing they'd a treat in store. With lought an "ideal honest wife. Her home

for an hour before, believing they'd a treat in store. With laughs was immaculate, likewise her children. they thought they'd choke. The funny man appeared and sprang the joke and out in front the gang sat quiet as the grave. The jester hurried to the wings; the manager was saying things. Great Scott, how he did rave! "You've spoiled my show, you fool," he vowed. "You've thrown an insult at the crowd. Go back and square it with the sat down for her hour or two quick." The funny man returned and tripped; then fell, arose and of rest. slid and slipped. The laughs came fast and thick. Then to the lights of the he proudly strode, and asked why chickens cross the road. They time" was always devoted to some roared at him in glee. He told another of its kind and then retired just to find a famous man was he. A vivid moral's in this rhyme. Dear reader, when you have the time, you'd better look for it. And I'd suggest to funny men they read this over once again and ponder

-is absolutely necessary for the workhold machine and spirits.

Has the homemaker her avocation?

But so faithful was she to the duties house task-mending, occasionally embroidering or going over accounts. Of course, a quiet hour in the afternoon Incidentally, as she recognized that

Incidentally, as she recognized that she was simply a house worker, she felt more and more the drudgery, and less of the spirit of homekeeping, and ther oft expressed hope was that none of her daughters would have to do her own housework! She made sure of it by doing everything, and not teach-ing her children any of the simplest rudiments of caring for a home.

solution of the spare time is only of the main provision Trudiments of caring for a home. This is a typical instance of the wo-man, who, in her extreme conscignti-ousness, does not make a just provision for her own development. The home-maker who has the best spirit toward her daily work is the homemaker who knows how to take her mind off her work regularly and occupy it with some other interest. The rest period should not be spent regularly in doing work directly pertaining to housework. The homemaker will be all the more 'ereshed if she thinks of something n tirely different—if she reads a book r a story about anything except

If there is ever a choice between de-voting time to the maintenance of im-maculate pots and pans, or devoting time to the development of the personal interests which keep the mother peren-nially companionable with her chil-dren, which holds the greater value? Is there any doubt about taking the interests and letting the pots and pans gro?

thick as one's wrist, dozens of them so closely intergrown that any attempt at separation means breakage because of the extreme brittleness; and they

This is why the plant will her yots have de-veloped to a very appreciable size. And this takes time. A three-year-old plant may send out a bloom or two; a five-year root probably will yield six or seven; but it is only when the plant has attained from ten to the spot closen should be counted upon. This is about from place to place. And since success in flower-production de-pends on permanency and large roots, the spot chosen should be one that will always afford sufficient, room for adequate root development. Such roots! They will grow as thick as one's wrist, dozens of them so closely intergrown that any strempt at separation means breakage because of the extreme brittleness; and they hourow daen down into the soil to the appreciable size. Asparagus is a gross feeding vege-table taking up lages to food from the soil. In some soils it thrives with applications of stable manure in the autumn, fol-towed in the spring with applications of wood ashes, a dressing of salt (salt should not be used on heavy, wet land) and nitrate of soda, one part; be the surface. Nitrate of soda, one part; bone flour. one part; superphosphate, three parts; suphate of potash, two parts, makes an excellent top dressing for

makes an excellent top dressing for beets, carrots and parsnips, applied at



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