

HOUSEHOLD.

Husband Trainers.

The wise, careful mother would consider herself derelict in duty if she neglected to train her daughter so that she might meet her future possible obligations as a wife; but she often fails to recognize the fact that it is incumbent upon her to fit her son to become a knightly husband.

Many a wife, after the illusions of the courtship and the honeymoon days are dispelled, is astonished, and sometimes shocked, at the little faults of manner and disagreeable habits that have become seemingly a part of her husband's character. Perhaps, also, there are things of a greater nature, that have the appearance of real selfishness, and she wonders how it could have been possible for his mother to have overlooked her son's training to such an extent that she failed to correct the faults that annoy her so greatly.

Men who love their wives are often greatly deficient in that gallantry which goes so far in the appreciation of women; the disagreeable habits formed in their early years cling to them, and it is not surprising that they are guilty of omissions and commissions unworthy of the high standards of gentlemanly conduct.

It is not only a humiliating, but often a hopeless task, for a wife to set herself about the effort of making little corrections daily. Some women from a sense of duty, and from the impulse of that powerful love for their husbands, do give themselves to the purpose of trying to bring out the very best in the man to whom they have pledged themselves, and through tact, gentleness, persistency, and wisdom, accomplish much. But no husband ought to make such a course of correction necessary as related to his daily habits, and no mother of a boy should neglect the duty of training him to become a gentleman in his own home. It has been said that if a son is respectful and tender towards his own mother he will be sure to prove a good husband. There are exceptions to this, as to every other, rule.

Was not Carlyle a loving son, who never missed a chance of assuring his mother of his gratitude to her, and of his affection, also. But was he always careful to assure the sensitive wife, who toiled for his comfort and happiness, of his appreciation of her service? Does a son need a training with special reference to the wife that somewhere waits for him?

Mother-love takes the initiative step, but wife-love waits for a first recognition, and expects, if she has a true sense of womanliness, that her husband will remain the weaker after marriage if he would hold what he had won. To his mother he offers love and gratitude, because she showered upon him proofs of her affection, and is his by a natural tie; and, if she is all that a mother should be to him, she will try to impress him with the necessity of honoring womanhood, and of appreciating its high standards. She will also endeavor to rouse in him an impulse of that old time chivalry which makes the man the ready defender of the weaker sex, and helps him to so far realize the needs of woman's nature that he shall offer the right sort of help and sympathy to her.

If mothers taught their boys the practice of politeness towards girls when they meet, and of a delicate attention to those little ways that the best breeding demands, and tried to instil into their minds unselfish principles, many would be the wives, where there is here and there one at present, who would have cause to bless those mothers who had carefully trained their sons so that they became good husbands. —'Christian Work.'

Little Things.

Even yet the power of small things is not realized. 'It is only a child,' we say, and we pass on, taking little account of the child's sayings or doings. Yet in that child there may be forces which shall yet startle the whole earth by a vast crime or a great benefaction. Perhaps if we realized that latent

force better, we might do more to turn it in the right direction. But even now, before its development, there is a power in small things. The child may serve as an illustration again. Who has been in a house when the advent of the first child of the family occurred, has not been astonished at the power the little creature wields. The whole house is hushed while it sleeps lest its slumbers be disturbed. The man who was formerly considered to be entitled to the first consideration is sent hither and thither, or waked out of his sleep to minister to baby's comfort. The most treasured possessions which no one was allowed to handle, are freely given to the baby if he desires them. He is a monarch of the household and none are too old, or too dignified, to be subjected to his service. And the effect of his supremacy shows his power. Who has not seen a rough over-bearing man become gentle and kindly when his little child is put in his arms? The miracle of transformation of disposition, which no force nor argument nor appeals can work, is worked by a little child.—'Christian Herald.'

Sleeping Alone.

So high an authority as the London 'Lancet' says that no two persons should habitually sleep together. Nothing will so derange the nervous system of one who is eliminative in nervous force as to lie all night in bed with another who is absorbent of nervous force. The latter will sleep soundly all night and arise refreshed in the morning, while the former will toss restlessly and awake in the morning fretful, peevish and discouraged. Fortunately fashion now agrees with hygiene in decreeing that only single beds shall be used in sleeping-rooms.

Selected Recipes.

Ragout of Turnip.—Put three tablespoonfuls of butter into a frying pan. When hot, add one quart sliced turnip and one tablespoonful minced onion. Stir until the vegetables begin to brown, and then add two tablespoonfuls of flour, one teaspoonful sugar, one teaspoonful salt, and a dash of pepper. Stir two minutes and add one cupful of milk or white stock. Cover, and let it simmer fifteen minutes on the back of the stove. Serve very hot.

Rochester Jelly Cake.—Two cups of sugar, two-thirds of a cup of butter, one cup of sweet milk, three eggs, three cups of flour, one teaspoonful of cream of tartar and one-half a teaspoonful of soda. Bake one-half the measure in three layers. To the other half add one cup of seeded raisins, one-half cup of currants, one tablespoonful of molasses, a piece of citron chopped fine, cloves, cinnamon, nutmeg and allspice to taste. Bake in three layers and put all together with jelly.

Pot Pie Dumplings.—Mix and sift together one pint of pastry flour, one heaping teaspoonful of baking powder and one-half teaspoonful salt. Beat one egg until thick and light, add one half cupful of cold water, stir this into the dry mixture, and enough more water to make a dough stiff enough to hold its shape when dropped from the spoon. Drop the dumplings on a plate a little distance apart and cook in a closely covered steamer for fifteen minutes; or, drop them on top of the boiling stew and cook for the same length of time. The secret of having them light and tender lies in their not being disturbed while cooking, and in not having much liquid around them, if cooked on top of the stew.

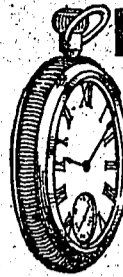
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