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In the Household

Don't Try to Make a Woman Do a Man's
Work.

Don't expect more from a servant than
you could do yourself. Increase wages
in proportion as services become valuable.
Remember your servant is a human be-
ing, not a beast of burden. Place some
room other than the kitchen at her dis-
posal to receive company, if criticism is
to be made, do it in a cool, dispassionate
manner. Follow the golden rule. Don't
try to make a woman do a man's work.
Do not interfere with any of her super-
stitions or religious beliefs. Do not in-
terfere with her love affairs unless she
asks advice.

Cut up half a pound of white soap into
a gallon of water, and boil it till the soap
is dissolved, then add to it two ounces of
salts of tartar. After the carpet has been
well shaken apply this mixture while hot
with a scrubbing brush, covering not
more than a square yard at a time.
A coarse towel into clean water and
the carpet over, then wipe again with an-
other clean dry cloth.

To prevent any shade of blue from fail-
ing, soak for two hours in a pail of water
to which an ounce of sugar of lead has
been added. Then be sure to dry well
before washing and ironing.

Boiled potatoes are an excellent sub-

stitute for soap when the hands have be-
come soiled by contact with blackened
pots and pans.

Straight pieces of muslin are usually
ironed from end to end along the selvage
being careful to keep the hems as straight
as possible.

Fuel Oil vs. Coal.

Significant, as showing how fuel oil is
supplanting coal as a fuel in the States
of Washington and Oregon, is the report
compiled by Edward W. Parker of the
United States Geological Survey, in co-
operation with the State geological sur-
vey of Washington. It is found that the
product of coal in Washington in 1911
was 3,572,815 short tons, valued at \$7,
714,170. Now, Washington is the only
one of the Pacific Coast States in which
coal mining is an industry of importance,
but Washington, although more remote,
is like Oregon in that it is now feeling
the influence of the competition of Cali-
fornia fuel oil. From Mr. Parker's re-
port it appears that the railroad's having
their own coal mines are using fuel oil in
their locomotives on the mountain divi-
sions, where a sparkless fuel gives pro-
tection against forest fires. Some of the
Washington coal mines are within less
than fifty miles of Puget Sound, yet
most of the steamers plying in those

waters are using oil for fuel, the saving
in labor and the cleanliness of the liquid
fuel giving it a decided advantage over
coal, even when the latter may be cheap-
er at first cost. The decreased produc-
tion of coal in Washington seems to be
assignable to no other cause than the
substitution of oil for coal, as trade con-
ditions in 1911 were satisfactory. This
decrease was 339,084 tons, or 8.67
per cent. from the production of 1910.
The value decreased \$1,590,295, or 16.29
per cent. The principal decrease in pro-
duction was in Kittitas county, in which
the larger part of the output is taken
from mines controlled by the northern
Pacific Railway. In fact, the decrease in
Kittitas county was more than that of
the State as a whole and bears witness to
the influence of the use of oil in the rail-
road locomotives. The number of men
employed in the coal mines of Washing-
ton in 1911 was 6,498, who worked an
average of 225 days, against 6,314, for
256 days, in 1910. At eight of the mines
in the State washing plants have been
installed, and 392,502 short tons of coal
was washed in 1911, some of the washed
coal being used in the manufacture of
coke. The cleaned coal amounted to
338,707 short tons, and the refuse to 53,
794 tons. The returns to the United
States bureau of mines show that 25 men
were killed in the coal mines of Wash-
ington in 1911, the death rate per 1000
employees was 3.85 and the number of
tons mined for each life was 89,883.

Queer Collections.

Collectors gather together articles
more or less interesting, but probably
few go in for such bulky objects as those
chosen by a distinguished Britisher. Old
doors are the object of his desire. His
doors come from old houses, castles, and
abbeys of historical interest. Some time
ago he obtained, at considerable cost, a
door through which, during the French
Revolution, Marie Antoinette, Charlotte
Corday, Lanton, and Robespierre passed
on their way to the guillotine. Lord Pe-
tersham, a noted man in his day, had a
hobby for acquiring various kinds of tea
and snuff. The Dowager-Queen of Italy
has a collection of the foot and headgear

of Royal personages of different periods.
It is said to include a sandal worn by
Nero, a pair of white slippers that be-
longed to Mary, Queen of Scots; shoes
worn by Queen Anne and the Empress
Josephine, and gloves that were once the
property of Marie Antoinette.

OUR GREAT BUFFALO HERD

The Old Monarchs of the Plains
Thrive in Captivity

The five hundred buffalo purchased
by the Canadian Government from
Michael Pablo of Montana has in-
creased prodigiously and now num-
bers over fourteen hundred animals,
which is by far the largest collection
anywhere in the world. Great care is
being taken to weed out the cross-
breds and to keep the strain pure.
Whether it dies of old age or is
killed or lives on to multiply its kind,
a buffalo is a first class investment.
Dead it is worth \$500 for its head and
hide. Killed it is worth the same
amount of money plus forty cents a
pound for its meat, which is esteemed
a great delicacy by gourmands. Buf-
falo roast makes delicious Christmas
faring for people who can afford it,
and between whites may figure as a
piece de resistance at banquets of the
New York Canadian Club and similar
gatherings. Alive, the buffalo is worth
\$5,000, at which price every zoo
Europe and the two Americas has
given orders.

Fifty years ago the buffalo ranged
freely over the whole north-western
plateau. The Canadian prairies still
show frequent signs of him in the
shape of old buffalo wallows, and at
one place near Medicine Hat, at the
foot of a cut bank, some two hundred
feet high, is a great heap of buffalo
bones which marks the spot where the
Indians made one of their cruel drives.
But nowadays the buffalo is a limited
monarch. Buffalo Park, near Wain-
wright, Alberta, where the big herd is
located, is an enclosure twenty miles
square, with a high wire fence around
it. Inside the fence the buffalo finds
the old familiar scenery of his glorious
past—the rolling prairie, the poplar
bluffs, the knolls and chaparrals, the
slews, and wallows, but not the old
excitement of white men and In-
dians on slaughter bent. A visitor who
tries to drive across the reservation
in a buggy a buffalo bull will charge
savagely, but a man on horseback the
buffalo rather welcomes, probably be-
cause it reminds him of old times. On
the whole, civilization has made the
buffalo a little slack. Instead of dying
on the prairie when the thermometer
is sixty below zero, and the snow too
deep for him to rustle grass for him-
self, he will come meekly into the
station and eat baled hay out of the
feed racks.

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