

HOUSEHOLD.

Mother.

I wish I had said more. So long, so long
About your simple tasks I watched you,
dear.
I knew you craved the words you did not
hear;
I knew your spirit, brave and chaste and
strong,
Was wistful that it might not do the wrong;
And all its wistfulness and all its fear
Were in your eyes whenever I was near,
And yet you always went your way with
song.
Oh, prodigal of smiles for other eyes,
I led my life. At last there came a day
When with some careless praise I turned
away
From what you fashioned for a sweet sur-
prise.
And now it is too late for me to pour
My vase of myrrh. Would God I had said
more!

—'British Weekly.'

One Way.

'How soon a smile of God can change the
world,' she read.
'Ah, yes! but when God's face is turned
away, how dark and cold it grows,' she mus-
ed. 'How dreary and dark and cold! How can
I bear to go on and live my desolate life, now
that God's smile has ceased for me!
But Elizabeth's was a brave spirit, and no
one but herself knew these hours of terrible
sadness and depression.
Her friends all said of her, 'How well she
bears the changes and afflictions of the past
year!' A year which had taken from her those
whom she loved most in all the world.
But she had not shut herself up, she had not
talked overmuch about her griefs, and her
serious face had always brightened at the
sight of a friend, while her interest in the in-
terests of others she had never allowed to
flag.
There were some who said openly that they
could not understand her! Yet Elizabeth's
standpoint was a very simple one.
'There are just two sorts of people in the
world, the saddeners and the gladders,' she
had said to herself during the first dark days.
'I don't know yet whether I can help to glad-
den others who are in sorrow, but I do know
that I will not sadden any one, and so add to
the weight of another's already heavy burden.
It seems to me that the only right way of
living in this sad old world is to help others
all one can, and never hinder. And when one
is no longer happy, then one must try to make
other people happy, just because one is still
alive.
'What a very little thing will give joy to a
child. So I will try to make the children
about me happy as long as I live. And what
a very little act of kindness, thoughtfulness
or courtesy will bring a glad smile to some
poor creature's face. I will try to call up
such smiles as often as I can. So many little
pleasant, friendly things can be done for others
every day—if one only thinks of doing them.
And if every one of us tried to help along the
sunshine instead of the shadows, how much
brighter and better the world would be. For
happiness is what every one craves, and most

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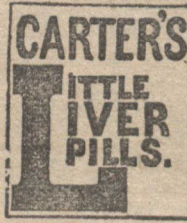
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of us lack. It will never be mine again, but
at best I will try to give a little of it to
others whenever I possibly can!

So the days and months had passed slow-
ly on, until at last Elizabeth found God's
smile again. For by thinking constantly of
others, this 'sad old world' came to be again
a pleasant place to dwell in. And in constant-
ly trying to give happiness to those about
her, she found it also for herself, until she
realized that thus, though in a new, un-look-
ed for way, a 'smile of God' had 'changed the
world' for her.—New York 'Observer.'

Care of the Sewing Machine.

As a rule, a sewing machine used by a
family is neglected. Most women seem to
expect it to be always ready for business
whatever care is given, and if it fails to come
up to expectations, the fault is attributed to
the machine without hesitation. When found
with dressmakers and tailors, we believe the
sewing machine receives more attention and
better care, though here it is not always given
proper care.

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a new sewing machine in her hands is worn
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