

# ..HOUSEHOLD..

## The Hanging of Pictures.

In hanging pictures the guiding principle as to height is the level of the eye, but combined with that are equally important considerations of size, shape and color, in relation both to wall spaces and to each other. The inclination seems to be to hang pictures too high, giving an impression of being skied.

Too high, too far apart, poorly balanced and forming steps or gables are pitfalls to be avoided. When one's pictures are large and can be hung one in a space, with a thought only for the proper height and lighting, the problem is a comparatively simple one. The eye must rest directly upon it; it must not give the impression of weighing heavily upon the piece of furniture beneath, nor must it float off into space above. The shape must harmonize with the shape of the piece of furniture beneath, as well as with the space. That the dark places must be lighted up with the light pictures and the dark photographs hung in the high lights can easily be seen.—Harper's Bazar.

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## Shaking up Brains.

'I can't do this sum,' said Hal; 'I've tried and tried, and I can't get the answer.'

'How many times have you tried it?' asked his mother.

'Three times.'

'Well, you go out and ride your tricycle around the house ten times as fast as you can, and then come in and try three times more.'

Out dashed Hal, and soon came in again, his cheeks glowing.

'I tell you it's splendid out,' he said; 'the fresh air is so good, and I've thought of the way to do that sum, too.'

'Got the answer! Hurrah!' Hal shouted after a few minutes.

'I thought that your brains only needed a little shaking up,' said the mother, 'and I knew that a good ride on your tricycle would do it.'—'Child's Companion.'

## 'Must-be-done.'

The nervous tension under which so many women suffer might be lightened by systematically separating, every day, the things that must be done that day from the things that might wait over, and getting the must-be-dones out of the way, off one's mind, before they begin to press and crowd. It often happens, perversely enough, that the most important thing is also the smallest, and the housekeeper's temptation is to put it off till late in the day, and seize the earlier hours for some large piece of work. But the small thing that must be done—if it is no more than writing a note of regret or smoothing a child's guimpe or putting the finishing touches to a guest's room—is capable of causing as much distress, left too late and subjected to the unexpected hindrances that afternoon interruptions may bring, as something ten times its size. Promptness in disposing of it will relieve the pressure sensibly.—The 'Congregationalist.'

## Take Time to Consider.

A young mother who is given to punishing her children for disobedience more often in anger than kindness, was told the following incident by an older mother who chanced to be an unwilling witness when the young mother unduly punished her eight-year-old son for a slight act of disobedience. The older mother said:

'When my boy Fred was about twelve years old, he had an attack of measles in the summer which left him weak and fretful. One very hot and trying day, a friend called to ask Fred to go with him to the beach. The distance was short and the road shady, and, thinking the outing might do Fred good, I consented to his going, cautioning him, however, not to go in swimming as his friend intended doing. When the boys returned, one look at Fred made me ask: "Have you been in swimming?" He hung his head for a moment, then looked up and answered: "Yes, mother, I was so warm and the water was cold and I couldn't help going in."

'Of course you punished him severely,' the young mother interposed.

The older mother smiled gently, 'I was tempted to do so in my momentary anger at having my authority ignored. But I held my temper in check and simply bade Fred go to his room, deciding that I would take up the matter with him when I felt calmer. I sent his supper to him, and, when I retired, stepped into his room and found him asleep. About the middle of the night, Fred called me, saying he felt ill. For two weeks

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he was very ill, indeed, and during this time, when I nursed him night and day, not a word was said about his disobedience. One day, when he was convalescent, he looked at me and said: "Mother, I've been wanting to tell you how good you are not to punish me for going swimming that day, and you're so kind and patient, for all the trouble I'm making you, and I'll never, as long as I live, disobey you again." He was a little fellow to make such a big promise. But he has kept it faithfully, and he is nearly twenty-four years old.' Then the older mother added earnestly: 'My dear, if you must punish, never do it in anger, and take time to well consider child-nature, before you punish in kindness.'—Selected.

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