A Few Reminders and Suggestions

For the Busy Housewife while preparing for the Christmas Season.

Don't Forget You Require:

English Mincemeat.
Cranberry Sauce.
English Plum Pudding.
American Fig Pudding.
Almond Paste.
Blanched Almonds.
Icing Sugar.
Nonpariels 100's and 1000's.
English Flavourings.
English Colourings.
English Seasonings.
Ground Sweet Almonds.

Assorted Spices.
Gelatine.
Isinglass.
Mixed Peels.
Sultanas.
Seedless Raisins.
Seeded Raisins.
Dessert Raisins.
Cleaned Currants.
Pastry Flour.
Swansdown Cake Flour.
Custard Powder.
Crystallized Rose Leaves.
Violets & Carnations

TURKEYS,
CHICKEN,
DUCKS,
GEESE.

Imperial French Plums.
Canton Ginger.
Crystallized Pineapple.
Glace Asst. Fruits.
Glace & Crystallized Fruits.
Maraschino Cherries
Creme de Menthe Cherries.
Tunis Dates.
Jordan Almonds.
Shelled Walnuts.
Brazil Nuts.
Eleme Figs.
Fruit Salad.
French Green Peas.
French Beans.
Champignons.
Asparagus Tips.
Asst. Soups in Glass.
Canned and Bottled Fruits.

Dessert Fruits.
English Jams and Jellies.
English Biscuits.
English Shortbread.
English Cakes.
English & American Confectionery.
Sausage Meat.
Fresh Sausages.
English Ox Tongue in Glass.
Gorgonzola Cheese.
English Cheddar.
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Just Folks.

By EDGAR A. GUEST.

KEEP AT IT

If you really want to win,
Keep at it!
When a task you once begin,
Keep at it!
It may baffle you to-day,
Men may laugh at your dismay,
But some day you'll find the way,
Keep at it!

If you've started for a goal,
Keep at it!
With your heart and mind and soul
Keep at it!
Make mistakes, as people must,
But get up and shake the dust
From your garments, and then just
Keep at it!

When you've learned where you are weak,
Keep at it!
You can win the joy you seek,
Keep at it!
Study, practice, think and plan,
Make yourself a better man,
If another can, you can—
Keep at it!

Even though you fail to-day,
Keep at it!
Never throw your dream away,
Keep at it!
Let the thoughtless laugh and jeer,
Then pretend you do not hear,
When you've conquered they will cheer—
Keep at it!

Keep at it, day and night;
Keep at it!
If you'd paint, or sing, or write,
Keep at it!
Hold the goal you crave in view,
There is much that you can do,
By and by you'll win, if you
Keep at it!

Fluke That Brought Fame.

HISTORY OF A GREAT SONG.

Early next year will be celebrated the centenary of the first performance in public, at Covent Garden Opera House, of that wonderful song, "Home, Sweet Home."

The author of the words was John Howard Payne, an American living in London. He was born in the United States and lost both parents when still only a schoolboy. Previous to this he had wanted to go on the stage but to prevent this his father apprenticed him to a merchant.

Payne had an extraordinary love for the theatre, and used to contribute poems and articles to a small theatrical magazine. One day his work attracted the attention of a wealthy man, who took an interest in the budding author and sent him to college to be educated.

Hard Work's Reward.

Here Payne was not lucky. He made bad friends, and his studies did not progress much. Gradually he managed to displease his benefactor, and finally found himself alone in the world at sixteen.

By dint of hard work and perseverance he became quite well known as an actor and playwright. At twenty he came to London and contracted to supply librettos for operas at Covent Garden.

One of these, "Clari, or The Maid of Milan," was ready early in 1823, but by a lucky chance another song was suddenly decided upon by the management to improve the second act, and Payne was told to provide this immediately.

Then "Home, Sweet Home" was born. The air is also an invention of Payne's, for it was he who hummed it over to Sir Henry Bowley Bishop, who was to set the song.

Within two years Payne had made over £2,000 out of royalties, though after this the song did not make much more for a time, and Payne still had to work very hard and keep on writing.

He died in 1852, lonely and unhappy, never seeming to have got much out of life.

Was He Scotch?

A tramp called at the house of a spinster who lived all alone.

When she opened the door he asked her if she had an old pair of her husband's trousers to give away.

The good lady, who did not want to admit that she was unprotected, replied in an embarrassed voice:—

"I am very sorry, my good man, but —er—my—er—hus—but he never wears them!"

SIDE TALKS.

By Ruth Cameron.

COALS TO NEWCASTLE.

Do you remember in "Little Women" when Meg hears Jo crying in her bed the night after her father has made plans to go to the war, and after she herself has cut off her hair and sold it to help the family finances.

And do you remember how Meg tries to comfort her sister thinking she is crying because her father is going away. And then Jo confesses that she isn't crying about her father at all but about her hair, her one dear beauty. She was glad to give it but she is human and feminine and weak enough to feel badly about it at the same time.

I loved that. Better than almost anything else in the book. It was so human. Such a true picture of the mixed emotions that have their way so often in us. People in stories are much more apt to have just one emotion as a time. That's not the way in life. People in life don't personify one emotion, they are self-sacrificing and noble and petty and greedy by turns, or almost all at once.

The Gifts Mothers Get.

And now let me tell you what made me think of Jo and "Little Women." Maybe you won't think there is any connection. But somehow there seems to be one to me.

A woman friend was showing me her gifts last Christmas. There was her gift from her husband, one of those nice useful things husbands and wives are likely to give each other when, besides, being husbands and wives they are also mothers and fathers of a brood of youngsters with all the modern youngsters' ability to make raids on the pocket book. There were dear little gifts from the three children, the work box John had made at school, the two little handkerchiefs Kate had made herself, and the cardboard hair receiver, that five year old Lois had produced at kindergarten. And then there were a few, just a few other little gifts.

Said my friend in explanation of their fewness: "You know most of my women friends give to the children instead of to me. It's sort of a habit they have gotten into."

Do You Do It?

"People are apt to do that," I said.

"Yes," she answered, and started to speak and then stopped.

"What was it you were going to say?"

"Well, I don't know whether to say it or not but I think I will. It's like this. I like the children to have a lot, but they always do. John and I see to that anyway. And I do sometimes think that this giving to the children instead of to their parents is overdone. I go out and buy my friends the dainty things I want, or embroider things I haven't time to embroider for myself, and then they give the children something. I know it sounds horribly selfish but sometimes I wish they'd give me something. Isn't it ridiculous for a mother to feel like that? I guess I'm tired. Please don't think I'm perfectly horrid, will you?"

I promised I wouldn't. And I didn't have to strain to keep it.

Unselfish Enough.

I wonder if we don't overdo it a bit when we help mothers to be even more unselfish than they naturally would by doing everything for their children instead of them. If we made Christmas entirely a children's festivity and gave gifts only to them that would be one thing, and a sensible thing, I think. But we don't. This woman gave her grown-up women friends dainty things and they took them complacently and gave something to the children. And the mother was glad just as Jo was glad to help her family, and at the time the luxury loving woman's heart of her did have a little weep now and then.

I don't really think we need help mothers to be any more unselfish than they naturally are.

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Bridal Bouquets.

The flowers carried by the bride and her retinue at a wedding lend an air of gaiety to the scene, often supply color, and always beauty, besides being a gift which it is the bridegroom's pleasure and duty to provide.

At a recent wedding a bevy of pretty bridesmaids each carried a large ring composed of carnations and maidenhair fern and completed by a lovers' knot. It was a very effective notion.

A silvered crook for bridesmaids looks very charming with bunches of violets and lilies of the valley tied near the top with silver ribbon, narrow streamers of which are left dangling. A similar crook for the bride is ornamented with a spray of lilies of the valley or some other white flower. Roses are always decorative, and never look better than when they are arranged quite simply and confined with wide ribbon fastened in a bow with long streamers.

Bridesmaids who wear Early Victorian frocks, as so many do just now, usually carry a small, demure posy of violets, daisies, and tiny roses put together in the quaint Early Victorian manner.

A prettily arranged basket of flowers is effective for bridesmaids, but is perhaps more difficult to carry gracefully than a bouquet.

A delightful idea, which appeals because of its simplicity, is for the bride and her retinue to carry one long-stalked lily. On the stem, near the flower, a loose bunch of violets, lilies of the valley, or any other small flower may be tied.

Did What He Could.

The vicar had called unexpectedly, and Mrs. Smith had been out. However, little Bobby had been there, and while the visitor was waiting for Mrs. Smith to return did his best to entertain him.

"Well, Bobby, I hope you behaved nicely when the vicar called?" she asked on her return.

"Oh, yes, ma! I heard him say he hadn't a card with him, so I slipped a whole pack into his pocket when he wasn't looking."

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