

[WRITTEN FOR THE TRUE WITNESS.]

HOUSEHOLD TALKS.

A Chat in the Kitchen.

The Cheeriest Room in the House—Sunny Windows—Treatment of Wall and Floor—The Ceiling—The Attic Kitchen.

Happy and healthy indeed must be that house where the kitchen is the central point whence radiate the light and heat of home.

It cannot be otherwise than happy, for much more of human enjoyment, and not by any means the lowest kind of enjoyment, is manufactured there.

It must be healthy, for it cannot be bright and cheerful without the freest entrance of light and air, and these we know are the great health-bringers.

Generous space should, therefore, be allotted to window-room, and if the walls can be deeply recessed so as to allow of broad window seats or ledges so much the better.

In stone houses, on account of the thickness of the outer walls, this can be easily managed.

Potted plants will thrive wonderfully in such a situation, and lend a grace and beauty to the room that nothing else could.

If there should happen to be a little bird captive in the house, bring the poor thing here—birds pine to get a glimpse of the world outside, while at the same time they dearly love such homely household sounds as they are sure to hear even in the quietest and orderliest of kitchens.

Put a parrot there and it will scream with delight; but perhaps "poor Polly," with her shrill clamor at the sight of food, and too faithful imitations of the tones and accents of the presiding genius of the place, may not be allowed, for peace sake, to join in the hilarious chorus of clattering pots and pans.

Still, better than all, should there be a book-loving child of the house, be sure it will gravitate thither, with pictured page or fairy tale, to dream the hours away.

I have seen persons drape kitchen windows, even underground ones, with heavy dark-colored curtains, and then move about their work in a dim twilight, but I cannot think that such a thing can be healthful for either mind or body.

A kitchen should not be a cavern, and it is curious to note what a depressing effect a gloomy kitchen will have even on the strongest and best-trained nerves.

Kitchen windows should, therefore, be unshaded save by the sheers of white muslin curtains, simply made with broad hem above and below and with drawing string, forming the top hem into a pretty ruff.

Do not, or striped, or cross-barred muslin, or any other fabric that tends to interfere with or obscure vision should be used. Of course a blind has to be placed above for use at night, but let it remain furled as high as may be through the day.

The neat and tasteful "Art" paper shade, with the patent arrangements for lowering and raising, is a great improvement, being cheap and ornamental, and doing away with the trouble of the laundried article.

Still, for durability, brown holland will with some people hold its own. The red shades so popular some time since do not promise to retain favor very long.

At any rate, for a kitchen they are unsuitable, as all the red glow and sparkle needed comes from the fire—the very soul of the scene.

For the walls a light buff is the most harmonious color imaginable. A high wainscoting of polished pine forms a good setting for these, and in the evening the glints of firelight will fall on the smooth wood with wondrous effect.

A high corner closet, or two, or, indeed, one whole side of the room finished in the same way, and with paneled doors, will afford ample storage room for articles of kitchen use not particularly ornamental in themselves, as well as for such objects as would be out of place on the dresser, which itself might be of the same inexpensive wood and built also against the wall with closet space beneath for the heavier iron utensils, so that they could be lifted and taken out at a moment's notice.

For convenience this might be right behind the stove. Sink, dresser, with table top, shelves above, enclosed closets beneath, and large wood or coal receptacles, all filling one side of the room, unite to make an exceedingly handy arrangement.

As for wall decorations, if there be row upon row of glittering tins, and if the water-taps and other metal finishings be properly burnished, the absence of pictures will not be noticed. But, if these are wished for, I see no reason why a few cottage scenes of rustic life might not find a fitting place there.

A floor of concrete is the latest and most sensible style and is susceptible of very ornamental as well as labor-saving treatment.

Carpet is almost impossible in a kitchen floor for hygienic reasons no less than for the greater one of danger by fire. A sheet of glass as broad as can conveniently be placed beneath the stove and well lighted down at the different corners, affording good wide margin room for utensils just removed from the fire is all that is required in the way of floor covering, unless, indeed, draughts are felt along the floor or the feet of mistress or maid are wearied from long standing at dresser or ironing table—in such case or at such times the use of a good thick rug gives great relief to the feet and a sense of comfort.

Clippings of all kinds of cloth and woollens that otherwise would find their way into the rag bag may be saved and utilized for the making of such a rug.

A rainy afternoon, when there is small danger of callers, and when one may don a gown suitable for such work may be turned to account in the task of overhauling these scraps, putting them into strips an inch broad, overlapping the ends with a few strong stitches and then winding the strips thus made into balls, and then plaiting these together, thus making a very good serviceable rug for kitchen use, one that can be lifted up in a twinkling and shaken in the snow or beaten with a broom and replaced or put away, as occasion may require.

In order to have the most solid comfort obtainable out of a kitchen, it is necessary, first of all, that it should be easy of access to the rest of the house, on a level with the first or main floor if possible.

Basement kitchens, no matter how light and airy, or how well appointed they may be, are a grievous mistake in housebuilding. They are destructive in the highest degree to the health of women, in the first place, necessitating as they do that weary climbing of stairs, which is one of the most profuse expenditures of time and breath in this short life.

All physicians are agreed in denouncing them. Experienced housekeepers, especially that large class who do their own work, avoid them as they would the plague.

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"Give up using that basement kitchen of yours. Don't go underground until you can't help it." And this although the room in question was flooded with sunshine all through the morning hours and furnished with abundant means of ventilation.

The basement kitchen, like many another

"venerable impostor" of the past, is now disappearing falling into disrepute. Among a certain class and in very new communities it used to be accepted as a sign of gentility. I once heard an old lady remark concerning her daughters-in-law who were in that state of extreme anxiety which is not unusual in such relations. "Ann Jane thinks herself above Eliza. She won't speak to her because she (Ann Jane presumably) has a basement kitchen to her house."

Ann Jane was a most notable house-wife and when I heard not long after of her death, I could not help thinking that perhaps that much coveted possession, the basement kitchen, might have had much to do with it. Fashion, in architecture, as in other things, takes sudden bounds sometimes. Instead of having the kitchen in the cellar proper, it is now agitating to have it under the roof, or in the garret. In either case there are the steps to climb and descend. It is hard to be seen what end is to be gained, but if we are patient time that reads all riddles will probably solve this one also for us.

AHEAD OF ALL. I have used Hagar's Pedicure Balm in my family for years and have found it ahead of any preparation of the kind in curing colds, etc. I can especially recommend it for children. ALEX. MOFFAT, Millbrook, Ont.

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IRELAND HONORS HER FRIENDS.

GREAT RECEPTION OF EX-LORD MAYOR SULLIVAN, AND FRIENDLY DEMONSTRATION IN FAVOR OF THE MARQUIS OF RIPON AND JOHN MORLEY.

DUBLIN, Feb. 2.—What with the reception to ex-Lord Mayor Sullivan this afternoon on his release from prison and the arrival of the Marquis of Ripon and John Morley this evening, this city has been holiday making to the verge of a popular furor.

"Sure and we saw another eclipse to-night," I heard a spectator of the procession say an hour ago; "the Balfour moonshine has been observed by the body of Irishmen coming 'twixt the wind and his nobility." By request of the Lord Mayor no set reception was given to him on his arrival with Lady Sullivan and Mr. Pilmoll, the foe to rotten ships; but cheers followed his carriage as he drove to Northumberland Road and took his place in the procession.

THE GRANDDEST CELEBRATION. Never before in the political history of Dublin—not even in the O'Connell era—have arrangements for political gatherings been on such a grand scale as for to-night and for two days to come.

The procession was principally composed of trades, excepting the typographical union, which declined participation because the Committee of Arrangements gave its printing to a non-union office.

With two thousand torches the participants took up their position in the places assigned, extending from the corner of Harcourt Row to Mount St. Bride. The visitors drove amid deafening cheers slowly past the line of processionalists, who proceeded along Brunswick street, crossing O'Connell bridge into O'Connell street and along the eastern side of Rutland square, at the head of which the trades separated and returned by different routes to six various places of meeting.

DAZZLING ILLUMINATIONS. The route was dazzlingly illuminated by colored lights and all Dublin was along the streets, even a few growling collegians and sturdier lalafourites. It was certainly a memorable sight, especially from the fact that it was the first time that English statesmen joined substantially in O'Connell's cry in the streets of Dublin: "Repeat the Union!" which of course all Irishmen mean when they shout "Home Rule."

But the enthusiasm to-night was intensified by the popular regard for the visitors. The Marquis of Ripon's greatly distinguished ancestry, his own Cabinet services, his conversion to Catholicity and consequent resignation as head of Freemasonry, his Viceroyalty of India and his home rule devotion, all combined to heighten the popular acclaim.

Then Morley's sympathetic Irish secretaryship, his scholarship, his authorship and journalistic fame made a union entitling him to additional regard.

THE IRISH WILD WITH ENTHUSIASM. If ever the phrase "wild Irishmen" was appropriate it was pre-eminently so on this St. Bridget's day.

Fagged Out.—None but those who have become fagged out, know what a depressed, miserable feeling it is. All strength is gone, and despondency has taken hold of the sufferers. They feel as though there is nothing to live for. There, however, is a cure—one box of Par-malee's Vegetable Pills will do wonders in restoring health and strength. Mandrake and Scammony are two of the ingredients entering into the composition of Par-malee's Pills.

IRISH-LOVING ENGLISHMEN. DUBLIN, Feb. 3.—Lord Ripon and Mr. Morley were tendered a reception in Leinster Hall, last evening, among those present were Messrs. Davitt, Redmond, Healy, Pilmoll, and a large number of Parnellite com-muners. After the adoption of a resolution of welcome Lord Ripon addressed the meeting. In the course of his remarks his lordship said Ireland had now the great party of England on her side and the time was near at hand when her hopes would be crowned with success. He appealed to them to not to allow violence to lead them to commit crime which would be the foulest treason to the Irish cause. Mr. Morley met with a warm reception and said his policy was a pitiful force, and had utterly failed to encourage the commission of outrage. Both speakers briefly addressed the overflowing meeting outside of the hall.

Holloway's Pills.—Enfeebled Existence.—This medicine embraces every attribute required in a general and domestic remedy. It overturns the foundations of disease laid by defective food and impure air. In obstructions or congestions of the liver, lungs, bowels or any other organs, these Pills are especially serviceable, and eminently successful. They should be kept in readiness in every family, being a medicine of incomparable utility for young persons, especially those of feeble constitutions. They never cause pain or irritate the most sensitive nerves or most tender bowels. Holloway's Pills are the best known purifiers of the blood, the most active promoters of absorption and secretion, whereby all poisonous and obnoxious