

What did we Catch?

When we went fishing, Maud and I
Within the shadowed waters nigh
The moss bank, that summer day,
The speckled trout in safety lay.

What did we catch? You ask in vain,
If all the angler has to gain
Is trophy of the hook and line.
Then ask his comrades home to dine.

We caught a glimpse of summer skies,
And as we watched a skylark rise
From out the azure depths so fair
We caught the song that thrilled the air.

The fragrant breath of tall pine trees
We caught from every passing breeze,
And in the waters calm and clear
The trout flashed by without a fear.

What did we catch? The joy of life,
And freedom from all care and strife;
We caught the smile on nature's face
In that enchanted, happy place.

Oh, many days have passed away
Since Maud and I that summer day
Caught hope and joy and visions fair,
And left the trout to nature's care.
—Kate Kelsey, in 'Northwestern Advocate.'

The Dress of the Hindoo Women.

There has been no change in Indian women's dress for four thousand years. All wear the sari, a single piece of stuff a yard and a quarter wide, ten, twenty, thirty yards long. It is arranged on the body, and forms skirt, garment, veil; first pleated with the hand in accordion folds in front, wound round and round, and the richest end, if embroidered or woven with gold, finally brought over the head. It may be of simple cotton cloth; of silk, plain in design, woven with golden threads; solid with embroidery; strung with pearls; or of Kincoob, the royal cloth of gold. Some cost thousands of rupees. No pin, hook, button or string. The garment is formed on the architecture of the body and takes its expression and nobility from its perfect harmony with the lines of the human form. And Indian women, whether of high or low class, have jewels everywhere, have sleeping-gems and day-gems, as we have day and night-shirts.—'Everybody's Magazine.'

Marriage Tends to Perfection

Voltaire said: 'The more married men you have, the fewer crimes there will be. Marriage renders a man more virtuous and more wise. An unmarried man is but half of a perfect being, and it requires the other half to make things right, and it cannot be expected that in this imperfect state he can keep the straight path of rectitude any more than a boat without an oar, or a bird with one wing, can keep a straight course. In nine cases out of ten, where married men become drunkards or commit crime against the peace of the community, the foundation of these acts were laid while in a single state, or

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Hints to the Housekeepers.

A little salt added to the water in which colored clothes are rinsed will in many cases prevent the running of the color.

When washing windows, put a couple of tablespoonfuls of kerosene oil in the pail of hot water you are using, and the glass will be cleaner and brighter.

Common table salt is excellent for cleaning the teeth and removing tartar from them. It also hardens tender gums. Wet the brush and apply to the salt and use as any other dentifrice.

A lump of charcoal in a pot of boiling cabbage will take up most of the bad odor, but if you keep the charcoal out and never allow the cabbage to come quite to a boil, you will have about as little smell and better cabbage.

Boiled starch is much improved by the addition of a little salt or dissolved gum arabic. A useful thing to remember is that the iron will not stick to the clothes if the starch used has been mixed with soapy water.

Marks on the kitchen walls, which have been made by careless hands in striking the matches, will disappear if rubbed with the cut surface of a lemon, then with a cloth dipped in whitening. Wash the surface with warm soap and water and quickly wipe with a clean cloth wrung from clear water.

Keep a flour-barrel elevated at least two inches from the floor on a rack, to allow a current of air to pass under it, and to prevent dampness collecting at the bottom. Do not allow any groceries or provisions with a strong odor near the flour-barrel. Nothing absorbs odors more certainly than flour.

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Selected Recipes.

Steamed Prune Pudding.—Beat two eggs until light and thick. Add one cupful of milk, one cupful of sugar one and one-half cupful of prunes measured after they have been soaked, pitted and quartered, one-half of a cupful of chopped beef suet, one-half of a teaspoonful of salt and sufficient flour to make a very thick batter stirring in two teaspoonfuls of baking powder before all the flour has been added. Turn into a greased pudding mould with cover and steam for one hour and a half. Serve with a liquid sauce.

Pulled Bread.—When making bread take the dough reserved for one loaf and divide it into quarters. Grease the hands with soft butter or lard, roll three of the pieces out into long pieces an inch thick and eighteen inches or more in length. Lay side by side and, beginning in the middle, braid loosely down to one end. Turn upside down and braid to the