

Mother's Work.

Part I. Baking, stewing and brewing. Boasting, frying and boiling. Sweeping, dusting and cleaning. Washing, starching and ironing. Rippling, turning and mending. Cutting, basting and stitching. Making the dish like new. Shoe-strings to lace. Faces to wash. Buttons to sew. And the like of such: Stockings to darn. While the children play, stories to tell. Tears to wipe away. Making them happy. The living day: It is ever thus from morn till night! Who says that a mother's work is light?

Part II. At evening, four little forms in white; Prayers all said, And the last good-night. Tucking them up in each down bed, silently asking: Over each little head, That the dear Father in heaven will keep Safe all our moments, Awake or asleep. Then I look the old adage true ever will prove, "It is easy to labor for those that we love."

Part III. Ah me I fear me I often say As I hand the tumbled clothes away, And the tear-drops start, While my burdened heart, Aches for the one who crosses the way, Where, on where are Her nestlings flown? All are gone moments Save one alone! Folded each moment With tender care, Unpressed the pillow, And tucked the chair, No ribbons to waste, No faces to wait, No merry voices, To hush to sleep, God save them, He took them, And he kept them best; But ah, the heart anguish! the tears that fall, This mother's work is the hardest of all!

PITHS.

Flowers are the most beautiful ornaments in the world. Tea or coffee should be made with water which is freshly boiled. The best bread flour makes a very tough pie crust. Teach your children to be kind and respectful to their superiors. It is said that the happiest women are those who lead the ordinary home life. If you are bilious, try the juice of a lemon in a cup of cold water—no sugar—before going to bed. Don't forget that baby needs frequent sips of cold water during the warm months. Milk does not relieve thirst. For neuralgia, wring a flannel out of hot water and apply to the affected parts. Repeat until relief is obtained. Girls, can you point to one case where the wife's influence has had any effect in keeping her husband from drink? Beware! When a little girl is seized with the coughing fever, pray indulge her; it may annoy you and delay your work, but it will surely bring forth good fruit. Mr. J. Hales says pipe is an abomination, and that he thinks it monstrous to convert good materials into an indigestible mass. His family eat an abundance of fruit, fresh and canned, the year around, and are the better for it. Ice-boxes and refrigerators in general are not half cared for. They should be washed in every part with hot soda water, rinsed with clean water, dried and aired each time before putting in fresh ice. Between times, wipe up any milk, gravy or vegetables that may be spilt. It is well occasionally to deprive children of some article of food of which they are especially fond, having of one's appetite under control is a grand thing, and if the inestimable lessons of self-denial and restraint were often taught in childhood, there would be fewer wrecks of men and women who are now slaves to passion and the appetite. A good wife, according to Pope, is "She who never answers till her husband speaks. Or if she files him, never shows she rules, Charms by accepting, by submitting ways, Yet has her humor most when she obeys." Beauty that depends only on peach-like cheeks and rosy lips, is like a faded rose, it has its beauty, but it is not permanent. Shows cheerfulness of temper may become more and more one with the face on which it shines, so that the advancing years ever deepen and increase the charm.

Interesting Facts About Fish.

Every species of fish has its regular hours for feeding, but bass and pickered digest their food the soonest, and are therefore most always hungry. A pike or pickerel weighing ten pounds will pull a dead weight of twenty pounds out of a level bank when hooked. These same fish have been known to jump at least four feet clear of the surface and to throw themselves from one pond into another. Fish can see at night just as well as a cat. Does a fish ever sleep? He does. If you will watch a gold fish for a day or two you will find him taking occasional naps. If man could invent some way to get up a race between fishes the result would astonish you. A pickered is probably one of the swiftest of our fresh water fish. He moves for a short distance so fast that you simply see a flash. Almost every species of fish can see on all sides and behind him as well as in front. Their gills are the most delicate filter in the world. Every tooth in the mouth of a fish preys upon other fish is set in such a way that every attempt to escape fastens the victim more firmly. A redhorse or mullet, weighing five pounds, could not take a small apple into its mouth. A pike weighing three pounds could almost swallow a man's fist. When a bass is first hooked, he will run towards you. A pike or pickerel will run from you. A sheephead or dogfish will jump for the surface. A mullet will dive for the bottom. A Sudden Attack. All people, and especially travellers, are liable to a sudden attack of Cholera Morbus, Colic, Diarrhoea and Dysentery. Dr. Fowler's Wild Strawberry is the most prompt and reliable remedy known. BAKERS' FRIEND. The only safe, reliable, and economical flour. Biscuits, cakes, bread, etc. Remarkable Restoration. Mrs. Adelaide O'Brien, of Buffalo, N. Y., was given up to die by her physicians, as incurable with Consumption. It proved Liver Complaint and was cured with Burdock Blood Bitters.

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