

WRITTEN FOR THE TRUE WITNESS.]

A CHILD'S PRAYER TO THE B. V. M.

Sweet Mother of our dearest Lord, Most spotless Virgin pure, Hear thy child's earnest prayer, And make my soul secure, From all worldly stain.

In fleeting pleasures of the world, Among its many cares, If I perchance at times forget To offer thee my prayers;

HOUSE AND HOUSEHOLD.

Health to be Found in Simple Food.

The gospel of simple food is one that might be preached in every household to the greatest advantage—to the two-fold advantage of the health and consequent happiness of every member of the household.

to enshrine you. These chairs need not be richly upholstered ones, but, instead of rattan or wood, made delightful with by great big, soft cushions, luxuries, by the by, that, when bought, are rather expensive.

How to Have a Bright Lamp.

In these days when lamps are used so much the care of them is quite an important matter. If the lamps be good and have proper attention one cannot wish for a more satisfactory light, but if badly cared for they will be a source of much discomfort.

together, roll rather thin and bake in a quick oven. You can omit the caraway seed and use a half-cup of cocoanut.

Vanity cake—Whites of six eggs, one and one-half cup of sugar, one-half cup of butter, one-half cup of sweet milk, one-half cup of corn starch, one and one-half cups of flour, one teaspoonful of baking powder and one teaspoonful of essence of lemon.

Chocolate caramels—Two cups of brown sugar, one cup of molasses, one cup of cream or milk, one-half cup of butter, one-half pound of grated chocolate, two tablespoonfuls of flour. Boil molasses, butter, sugar and flour fifteen minutes; stir the chocolate into the cream and pour in the boiling syrup and boil till done; drop in a little cold water; if it piles up and hardens, then it is done.

Dropped eggs—Break the number of eggs desired for the meal into a pan of boiling water slightly salted, with muffin rings laid on the bottom of the pan, as they keep the shape of the egg well. Care should be taken not to break the yolks. When the whites harden take the egg up carefully and lay each on a piece of toasted bread that has been moistened in hot water and buttered. Sprinkle with pepper.

Coffee-rolls—One pint hot milk, one-half cup butter and lard mixed, one teaspoon salt, one-half cup yeast, one egg, flour to mix. Mix with a knife as soft as can be handled, and cut it thoroughly. In the morning knead well, make into large balls, then roll each ball between the hands into rolls six inches long. Place them so they will not touch in the pan after rising. When light bake in a hot oven.

YOUTH'S DEPARTMENT.

A Mean Little Mouse.

Did you ever hear such a queer name for a little girl as "Mouse"? I never did before I heard of Mouse Todd.

Well, one morning early—Mouse was five years old that very day—she was one of a young lady who lived near by.

And though in a minute or two she heard Babe calling her, she never stirred or answered a word.

And so Babe called her until she got tired, and then Mouse, from her high seat, saw her run down the road with a basket on her arm.

"Goodie-good!" She didn't spy me," said the selfish sister, laughing softly.

That mean little "Mouse" was well punished for her selfishness, and all who knew her will hope that her "bullkay" experience will prove a lesson to her that will make her change her ways.

A Faithful Watcher.

The following touching incident, which happened not long ago, illustrates once more the fidelity of a good dog. A workman had a handsome Newfoundland which he had reared from a puppy, and to which he was much attached.

from a scaffold and was killed. His body was carried to his home, where his wife was lying ill, but no one could induce the dog to leave his post beside the coat and dinner pail. For two days he remained, refusing to eat, and showing his teeth whenever any attempt was made to remove the things of which he had been left in charge.

At the end of that time the wife of the dead man, herself too ill to leave her bed, suggested that the dog perhaps would obey her little son, a boy of two-and-a-half years, just old enough to talk plainly.

The boy was taken to the place, and, moved by the loss of his father and the excitement of the moment, ran to the dog, put his arms about his shaggy head, and burst into tears.

The dog seemed to understand that this was no ordinary fit of weeping. He licked the child's hair soothingly, and when the boy took up his father's coat and pail the faithful creature followed submissively at his heel, as he recognized the little one now as his master.

An Arab Legend.

There was once an rich merchant who was travelling with a caravan of goods over a desert country. Night was coming on and brigands abounded; so he was in great haste, wishing to reach his destination before the light of day failed.

"Why do I have so many roses," he asked an angel, "When others deserving have so few?" "Because," said the angel, "the thorn from that little pilgrim's foot grew and grew until it became a rose-tree, and the roses are yours; for one good deed done on earth is returned seven-fold in Paradise."

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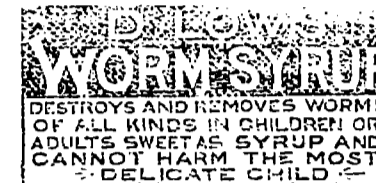
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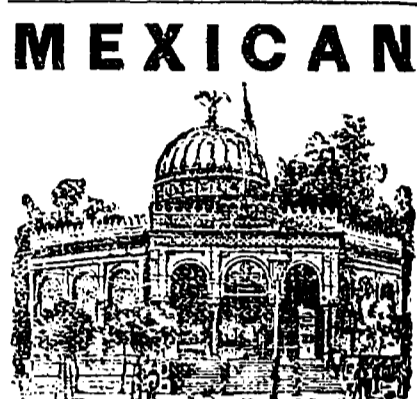
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