

## DRESSING NEATLY AT HOME.

The woman who always dresses neatly at home is more likely to retain the respect of her family and friends than one who, through the lack of means she considers necessary, becomes careless and neglectful. There are so many ways of economising in clothes for everyday wear, that it is possible for a girl to be suitably and becomingly dressed, and yet spend very little money on her home garments, and no true woman is ever indifferent to her personal appearance. It is a laudable ambition to be fastidious, and desire to look neat, but no girl can appear well dressed on a limited allowance unless she has learned the art of taking care of her clothes, and then making them over for everyday wear when they are past usefulness for best dresses.

With one plain woollen skirt and several pretty dressing saques any girl can appear neatly dressed at home and many girls in moderate circumstances can provide dainty house garments if they have time, taste, and industry.

One young girl had a faded blue skirt that was to worn for street wear, and she washed it in warm suds and then coloured it a rich dark blue, with diamond dyes for wool, and some pieces of cream-coloured cashmere were coloured a dark red and fashioned into a pretty dressing saque, and was supplied with nice and becoming garments for home wear for a very small outlay of money. In almost every woman's wardrobe there are partly worn garments that would make nice skirts and saques for home use, and if one has no natural talent for making pretty garments, it is an art that can be acquired, and it is well worth the trouble, especially in a household of limited means, as it is a great help in keeping the expenses within the income.

A girl's everyday toilet is part of her character, and often serves as an index to the same.

## "HOBSON'S TUNNEL."

The electrification of the Sarnia Tunnel is a glory to the Grand Trunk Railway. By the substitution of electricity for steam, plus smoke, as the power that moves trains under the waters of the St. Clair, the G. T. R. escapes the remote but haunting possibility that a train full of people will be smothered in the tunnel.

Electricity in the Sarnia Tunnel did not have its installation completed and celebrated without a tribute, generously deserved, to the genius of Joseph Hobson. A Christopher Columbus of engineering science, Joseph Hobson ventured upon unknown seas and added a new continent to the possibilities of tunnel building geography.

The recognition accorded to Mr. Hobson at Sarnia was deserved and should be useful. Joseph Hobson never won a footrace or an election or received a knighthood. His own unaided genius has raised him to a place among the greatest of Canadians.—Toronto Telegram, Nov. 23rd, 1906.

## THE VALUE OF EXAMPLE.

To have your child truthful, be truthful.

To have him temperate, be temperate in all things.

To have him kind to others, be yourself kind to others.

Prescribe healthful amusements, and so far as you can, take part in them.

Prove to him by your life that a good name is to be chosen before great riches.

To have him honest present to him in yourself a living example of honesty. The chief part of a child's knowledge comes through observation. Acts mean more to him than speech.

## THE WISE MICE.

Harold and Edith and May were trying to play a game, but they all wanted to play in different ways. Two or three times they had it beautifully started, but each time they fell to quarrelling about it, and it looked as if supper time would come without their having had any game at all. At last, fat, jolly Nurse Belle, who had been watching them, called them to see a picture she had found in a book. It was a picture of three mice carrying a stick across a bridge.

"Right across the bridge from where those mice lived," said Nurse Belle, "was a beautiful bunch of sticks. At least the mice thought they were beautiful, for their nest was made of little sticks, and they wanted one big stick to put in to give it style. So they put their heads together. If one carried the big stick, he might step too near the edge of the bridge and fall over. If two carried it, one might pull too hard on one end, and take them both over. But if three carried it the big one in the middle would lead the little ones on by the stick, and all could lift together."

"Scamper, scamper, scamper went the three mice over the bridge, and creep, creep, creep they came back again with the stick. Then they had the nicest nest in all Mousetown, and all because they worked together.—"Sunbeam."

## IMPRISONED.

By Rev. Joseph Hamilton.

Suggested by a lark flying into the room, and dashing itself against the window in its efforts to escape.

O birdie from the blue,

This is no home for you

In spacious fields of air,

Beneath a boundless sky,

Without a fear or care

You sang and soared so high;

I wonder much what brought you here  
To this dark room's contracted sphere.

O birdie dear, beware;

Poor fluttering thing take care;

I fear you'll hurt your pretty wings

Against these hard material things;

And see! I open your prison door;

Escape, and sing, and heavenward soar!

O spirit from the blue,

This is no home for you.

In fleshly walls confined

Frets the aspiring mind;

Imprisoned here in human clay,

You pine and long to soar away.

The soul would burst these prison bars,

And find its home beyond the stars.

O heaven-born soul beware!

Poor fluttering thing take care!

O do not hurt your spirit wings.

Against earth's hard material things,

A handsome day will open your prison door;

C glad escape, to sing, and heavenward soar.

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## A DOUBLE REPROOF.

A good instance of an effective reproof occurred recently in a Scottish church. A little lad was very inattentive during the service, greatly to the annoyance of the minister. His father always composed himself for a nap as soon as the sermon was well under way, so that the boy could do as he liked without parental reproof.

The minister could stand it no longer one Sunday; so he stopped suddenly in his sermon, and said: "John, if you continue to act in such an unseemly manner during divine worship, I shall tell your father. I would tell him now, but he happens to be asleep."

From that day on both father and son were model listeners.

## A LAUGHING BABY

## IS A WELL BABY

When baby laughs, and gurgles and crows mother knows he is well and happy. When he is cross, fretful and sleepless give him a dose of Baby's Own Tablets and see how speedily they will change him to a happy, smiling child. These Tablets cure all the minor ailments of childhood and bring healthy, natural sleep because they remove the cause of sleeplessness. If the little teeth are coming through they help them along painlessly. Mrs. Octave Paulin, Caraque, N.B., says:—"I have found Baby's Own Tablets a splendid medicine for stomach and bowel troubles, and to promote sleep. I strongly advise mothers to use them when their little ones are ailing." Sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 25 cents a box from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

## A FRESH START.

The two were neighbor boys; went to the same school; started in business life at the same time with practically the same preparation.

Thirty years later one was a successful merchant; the other a penniless, ragged drunkard. Cause, the same old one.

In the filthy beggar the merchant recognizes the playmate of his boyhood. He takes him home with him; has him bathed, barbered and dressed. The dirt-stiff clothes are put in the furnace.

"Now, Tom, I'm going to keep you here in my home till you get steady on your feet. When you are able to work, I'll give you something to do. Put all the past behind you. You are to make your own future. You are to determine whether you are to go on two legs or four, whether you are to be a man or a brute. I'm going to give you a fresh start today."

That was love's work. And there is lots of love in the world. I've been thinking a good deal about such cases, as the old year dies. And about myself. Some of us are more ragged and bespattered than others! But do not the very best of us need to take a fresh start with this new year? Let's all do it. We are offered the chance by our Friend.

Has any secret sin been tightening its coils about us, like a boa constrictor? Have evil thoughts been breeding like microbes in our brain? Have we been playing with evil, as a child with a snake? Has the lazy worm been gnawing the stiffening out of our legs? Are we praying less and grumbling more? Loving less, hating more? Sliding down, not climbing up!

Then, enough of that. Let's chuck off the old, dirty rags. Put on the new and clean. A fresh start. Our Friend is ready to help us.—"A Passing Preacher" in the Cumberland Presbyterian.

Old Lady—Haven't you got any more figures in marble?

Attendant—No, madam; these are all. Is there something particular you are looking for?

Old Lady—Yes, I want the statue of limitations I've heard my husband talk so much about.

An experiment in penny dinners for the poor is being made at South Shields, and the intention is to provide meals for 5,000 people. The menu will include mutton broth, rabbit pie, potato hot-pot, Irish stew, and hot pies.