

### Over-careful Housekeeping.

When a child of twelve years, I visited at the house of a lady who prided herself upon her housekeeping, and whose neighbors justly gave her credit for a great degree of proficiency in that department of life, says a writer in the Housewife. My remembrance of that visit always brings a chill, and I turn my thoughts as quickly as possible into another channel, even though I am now middle-aged. If a chair in any room was left awry, it was immediately set right; if a window-shade was raised or lowered above or below the regulation line, it was at once put in place. If by any carelessness, dirt or litter, however small in quantity, or harmless in its nature, was to be seen anywhere within the limits of that household, the broom, always at hand, was brought into use, to the shame of the individual guilty of such carelessness.

The husband was, unfortunately, not in sympathy with this strict regime in vogue, so he had his full share of trouble, for in my presence he bore scolding and snubbing so patiently that my child heart pitied him, and I remember that more than once, in my simplicity, I tried to be kind to him, to atone for this lack of appreciation and privilege in his own household. Since that time I have known of other households of like character—where no dirt accumulates—no freedom in the use even of chairs is encouraged, because disorder ensues; no sunshine is welcomed or tolerated for reasons well known; no children are welcome, except accompanied by watchful mammas or faithful attendants, who will nervously restrain every attempt at investigation or familiarity with people or objects on the part of these little folks, who soon wish to leave such an atmosphere and enter that of some loving housekeeper, who will kindly allow them all reasonable privilege, and who will enjoy the spontaneous outburst of childhood innocence; no freedom is tolerated that encroaches upon the set regulations of "the good housekeeper."

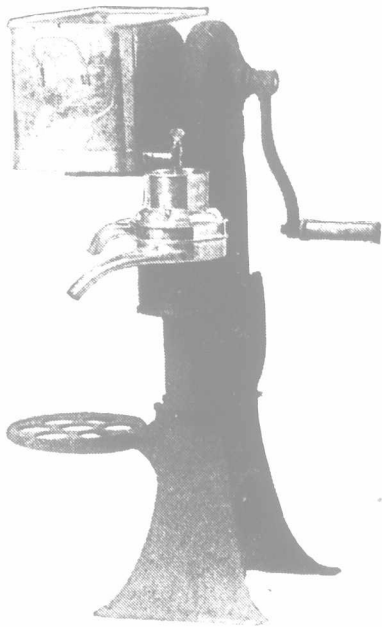
Now, I would like to inquire if it is not better to live in a comfortable manner, making all around feel at home, even if disorder and a certain amount of dirt, actual dirt, is sometimes apparent? Is it not better to relax the hold than to keep in the grip the entire family, and all guests who are so hardy as to venture within the lines? Is it "good housekeeping" to make your home a model of neatness, exactness and regularity, at the expense of personal enjoyment and comfort? Is not the so-called "good housekeepers" many times misnamed? Not that we advocate untidiness, disorder and indifference concerning the details of home life, upon which so largely depend our comfort and happiness; but is it not better to take medium ground, and strive to be a caretaker without letting our right hand know what our left hand doeth?

Is it not more polite and safer to ignore the carelessness and lack of thoughtfulness on the part of our guests, than to painfully remind them by our haste to make amends or restore order in their presence? It is wise to train our children to ways of order and caretaking, but if we invidiously "nag" them, we shall fail in our object, and possibly estrange them from the home life.

O, mistaken wife and mother, such a habit in your busy life would be a grand investment, and return you a hundred-fold. Many a husband and father has wandered into some gilded saloon, just to while away a few moments, until the habit has grown upon him, and his home has lost its charm—he seeks it only as a duty and a resting place. Young wives and housekeepers, even those who have no domestic help, we counsel you to give your husbands all of your society that their business relations allow. The dishes can wait—so can the broom and the duster—but your husband's affection and devotion will surely wane and wither if you do not foster and cherish as a tender plant. Without love and contentment, of what avail are the commendable qualities of "good housekeeping"? With love and contentment they are all-important factors. Let us then, one and all, old and young, strive to avoid the drawbacks of "over-careful housekeeping."

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### GOSSIP.

A PROLIFIC AYRSHIRE.

An Ayrshire heifer belonging to John Hardy, of Carstairs, Aberdeenshire, which produced a calf last year at two years old, has this year, as a three-year-old, dropped a trio of healthy calves which are doing well.

D. C. Flatt, of Millgrove, Ont., who attended the annual meeting at Syracuse, N. Y., of the American Holstein-Friesian Association, subsequently visited a number of prominent breeders in New York and Ohio, making some important purchases to add to his noted Summer Hill herd. Mr. Flatt secured, amongst others, six junior two-year-old heifers of splendid type and quality, the dams of which have an average record of 97½ lbs. milk in one day, the oldest of which, as a five-year-old, gave 119½ lbs.; another, as a four-year-old, 111 lbs., and the lowest, as a three-year-old, 75 lbs., while the herd of 19 from which these heifers were selected, including two-year-old heifers, made an average yearly record of 16,000 lbs. Mr. Flatt's heifer, Jennie Bonerges Ormsby, which holds the world's yearly record for a senior two-year-old, has just made a seven-day butter record of 30.76 lbs., displacing all ages at present in Canada for a thirty-days', as well as a seven-days' test, and is still improving on the thirty-day record, making her grand champion over all ages and breeds in Canada. This heifer that holds the world's record for yearly work for a senior two-year-old, is a combination of the Francy and Ormsby breeding, which is working wonders in milk records, as the heifer above-mentioned is not the only one of the breeding that has been making phenomenal records in the last year.