

RANDOM NOTES FOR BUSY HOUSEHOLDS.

ONIONS ARE A CURE for many ills. A raw onion will clear the system of impurities, make the complexion brighter and cure a cold. Slice around, add a teaspoon each of sugar and salt, a little pepper, a large tablespoon of oil, and vinegar to taste. Cover closely for an hour before serving. Eaten at bed-time, sound sleep will follow, and a cold will have disappeared. Roasted onions made into a poultice will check inflammations, stop earache and relieve croup. It is said that a raw onion mashed and held under the nose will cure insomnia—the sufferer will go to sleep to escape the remedy. In contagious diseases of an eruptive character, sliced onions will absorb the germs and lessen the probability of contagion. Onions so exposed must be burned, as they would be dangerous. An onion cut or peeled must not be left uncovered, as it will absorb the impurities in the air. This property explains their beneficial effects in clearing the system of influenza microbes and of other impurities. Boiled onions are less helpful but still of use. To boil them with less unpleasant odor than is usual, have a kettle nearly full of boiling water, put the onions in and have the kettle uncovered. With all doors closed and a draft in the kitchen, you will hardly know that such an operation is in progress.

ABOUT LINSEED POULTICES.—The common practice, in making poultices, of mixing the linseed meal with hot water and applying it directly to the skin, is entirely wrong; because if we do not wish to burn the patient we must wait until a great portion of the heat has been lost. The proper method is to take a flannel bag (the size of the poultice required), to fill this with linseed as hot as it can possibly be made, and to put between this and the skin a second piece of flannel, so that there shall be at least two thicknesses of flannel between the skin and the poultice itself. Above the poultice should be placed more flannel, or a piece of cotton wool, to prevent it from getting cold. By this method we are able to apply linseed meal boiling hot without burning the patient, and the heat gradually diffusing through the flannel affords a grateful sense of relief which cannot be obtained by other means.

THE ROCKING CHAIR.—A round among the furniture stores emphasizes the almost total passing of the rocking-chair. It is recalled then that one almost never sees one in any of the public rooms of the house, the parlor, library, or sitting-room. A low rocker, perhaps, will occupy a place by the sewing-table, in the bedroom, but nowhere else. Rockers fastened to chairs of every sort are no longer seen. Even the patent rocker is frowned upon, solid, reposeful, quiet chairs being in general demand.

CHEERFULNESS.—A mother can-

not better raise the standard of her family life nor more efficiently infuse an atmosphere of cheerfulness in all its departments, says a writer, than by adopting the theory that "the dead past must bury its dead," and that to live at our best we must one and all be "eager to labor—eager to be happy"; that we are neither to sit brooding over failures, nor wait with folded hands for the coming of some reviving influence, but to find in every downfall a reason to up-build, in every disappointment an incentive to seek a better way, and to hold up to life a cup ever ready to be filled.

WOODEN BEDSTEADS.—The pendulum seems to be swinging back again as regards wooden bedsteads. When the French flat was introduced into this country it was soon discovered that the huge old-fashioned bedsteads had no place in it, and a substitute was found in those of brass and iron. The strength and cleanliness of the latter made them popular, and as their models were improved upon they found a place in the most expensive and artistic bedrooms. The auction-room, that pulse of fashion in furniture, was piled with splendid bedsteads of solid mahogany and walnut that could hardly be given away. The furniture-makers, however, have noticed within the last year an increased demand for wooden bedsteads, and are putting out this spring many beautiful models for which they predict a large sale.

CHILDREN'S TASTES.—If a child shows a marked distaste for any particular kind of food, it is wrong to force it to eat that kind. Firstly, such enforced obedience creates ill-feeling; secondly, food which is disagreeable is likely to cause indigestion; and thirdly, there may be some organic idiosyncrasy which renders that food obnoxious to the system. There is a case on record of a man on whom mutton seemed to act as a kind of irritant poison, and similar cases are not very rare. On the other hand, if a child has a strong desire for any one kind of food it is unwise to deny it unless you can show a very good reason for so doing, when you should tell the child that reason as simply as possible; as, for instance, "No, dear, that will give you a pain in your stomach, or make you sick." Never be misled into saying, "Such things are not good for little boys and girls," for children do not see why grown-up people should have the "good" things which they are forbidden to enjoy. If, however, you give a reason which at once appeals to their own experience of the order of nature, they are ready to recognize it as a sound one.

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THE CAT was originally brought from Persia, and was unknown to Pliny and the Roman writers. The term "puss" is thought to be a corruption of "pers." The well-known tale of the monkey seizing hold of the paw of the cat, to get the roasted chicken from the hot embers gave rise to the proverb "To make a cat's-paw of one"—to make another subservient to one's purposes.

STRENGTH OF INSECTS.—If man were to emulate the common flea, a jump over the dome of St. Paul's would be a trifle to him. If he were as strong as the common horn beetle, he would be able to pick up and carry away two railroad tracks, each loaded with five tons of coal. If he could build like the African termites, quite an ordinary house would overlook the top of Ben Nevis. If he could run as rapidly as one of the small hunting spiders, he could spring a quarter of a mile without trouble and run at the rate of 24 miles a minute!

A PLUCKY FOX TERRIER.—A fight between a small fox terrier and a black snake took place in Burlington, N.J., a short time since. A man named John Wedel was attracted by the barking of a dog, and saw the animal jumping at the snake. The dog grasped the reptile by the neck, but before he could shake the snake it had encircled him. After some moments the snake slightly released the coil nearest its neck. Instantly the dog gave a quick wrench, and the reptile's neck was broken. Hardly had the dog shaken off its adversary than a second snake, evidently the mate of the first, came from the bushes with a hissing challenge, which the dog accepted, and there followed a repetition of the first battle, after which the dog walked away triumphant. He has killed more than 100 snakes this year.

SNOWSTORM OF GULLS.—One of the most beautiful sights in nature, writes "To-day," may be witnessed now in Norfolk and other seaside counties in the flickering clouds of seagulls which closely follow the plough. A single gull seems a more engaging object in a field than on the water. The immensity of the ocean dwarfs it, and against the neutral tints of a seascape its delicate shades of grey are inconspicuous, while even its white pinions seem to be—as, indeed, they are—but imitations of the flecks of white breakers. But ashore the gull is another person altogether. Against the deep green of pasture, or the rich brown of fallow, each tone and half-tone of silver and grey, black and white, strikes the eye with the charm of unaccustomed beauty; and when the gulls collect in hundreds, like a drifting snowstorm which follows the plough from furrow to furrow, it only needs that long-horned bullocks should be harnessed to the plough instead of horses, as is sometimes done in Norfolk, to make the scene memorable.

THE BELL MARE.—Ill-tempered old horses delight to attack very young foals and will kill them if permitted. Mules have the same cheerful habit, unless they are under the influence of "the bell mare." She is the queen of the herd—a kindly creature who has grazed and fed with them, wearing a tinkling bell about her neck. If she snorts def-

ance of anything, all her followers rush to the attack. If she sniffs tolerance, they pass it by. In all things they obey her abjectly. Back in the old days, when horses and mules throughout the southwest went to market in droves, the rough riding highwayman of that epoch always tried to capture "the bell" and make off with it, knowing that nothing could keep the drove from following. Similarly, drovers tried always to save "the bell." She was led, never ridden, so that in event of attack she might be fresh for a game run. A light lad led her—the owner or chief drover brought up the rear. The lad had strict orders at the first sign of trouble to go his very best, caring for nothing but the bell."—Catholic Times.

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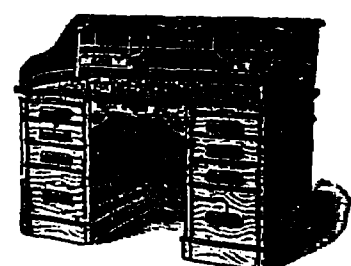
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