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 ...his heart was bitter...  
 ...of anguish borne...  
 ...three frightful years...  
 ..."talked to him"...  
 ...or gave the final stroke...  
 ...him. "No, David," she said...  
 ...as she thought...  
 ...of thoughts of the two...  
 ...faced each other...  
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 ...about, and there was...  
 ...of sympathy." Some...  
 ...started a purse, and big...  
 ...good incomes ran the...  
 ...enough to buy him a...  
 ...a schooner, of which he...  
 ...came owner and cap...  
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 ...who slept below...  
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 ...of Manuel Igna...  
 ...Catholic Priestess.

### The Key of Heaven.

In an old Franciscan cloister,  
 Far away in Germany,  
 Lay the convent tailor dying,  
 Holy old lay brother he,  
 Holy Brother Bonaventure,  
 He had labored long and well;  
 On his bed among his brethren,  
 Lay he dying in his cell.

All the solemn prayers were uttered,  
 All the sacred rites were given—  
 Spoke the dying from his pillow,  
 "Bring to me my Key of Heaven."  
 And the Prior softly came,  
 Bringing to the sinking friar  
 An old missal of that name.

Slow the dying head was shaken,  
 "Key of Heaven? Quick as  
 thought,  
 Crucifix and rule and chaplet,  
 To the monk in turn were brought,  
 All in vain. The brethren marvelled,  
 What could be the key he craved?  
 "Surely such demand unusual  
 Was the plea of one who raved."

Last uprose an aged friar,  
 Bowed obedience, left and right,  
 From a hook beside the fire  
 Brought a something, small and  
 bright.

Brought it to the bed and placed it  
 Where they saw it through their  
 tears,  
 'Twas the needle of the tailor  
 Wherewith he had wrought for  
 years.

Ah! to see the dim eyes brighten!  
 Ah! to see the white lips smile!  
 Round the tool the chill hands tight—  
 Broken words, he spoke the while,  
 "Many years, old friend, we've la-  
 bored;  
 Every stitch I made with thee  
 Was for God's dear glory taken—  
 For the blest eternity!"

"Now, when life's last cords are riv-  
 en  
 Blessed needle!" (soft he cries)—  
 "Thou shalt be my Key of Heaven,  
 Thou shalt open my Paradise!"  
 On the instant fell the spirit—  
 Smiling in his waxen rest.  
 Lay the Brother Bonaventure  
 With the needle on his breast.

All the monks around him kneeling  
 (Started at such swift release),  
 Question with the deepest feeling,  
 "Doth he truly rest in peace?"  
 "Brethren!" prays the weeping  
 Prior,  
 "May his end to all be given!  
 May the life work of each friar  
 Be, indeed, his Key to Heaven!"  
 —Selected.

### A Brave Nun of the Leper Home Dead.

Sister Beatrice, the brave heroine  
 of the leper home, is dead—Sister  
 Beatrice, the noble leader of the  
 band of Sisters of Charity who six  
 years ago volunteered for this work  
 among the saddest and most desolat-  
 ed of God's creation, and who stood  
 by it to the end, with a courage and  
 love that are only born of God.

Six years ago, at the foot of Canal  
 street, there took place a remark-  
 able scene. It was a bright evening  
 of April, and on the deck of the  
 Paul Dulane, bound for Whitecastle,  
 stood four Sisters of Charity. They  
 were Sisters Beatrice, Cyril, Annie  
 and Thomas. Whither were they  
 bound? For the leper land, whence  
 they would return nevermore. For  
 they were entering upon a life work  
 requiring all the exalted heroism and  
 courage of which human nature is  
 capable; they were going forever in-  
 to voluntary exile, to devote their  
 lives and lavish all the gentle ten-  
 derness of their hearts and Christ-  
 like spirits upon those who are for-  
 ever forbidden by law to mingle  
 among their fellow men, those who  
 are abandoned by all, even the cry-  
 stals and dearest, and whose cry,  
 "Unclean, unclean," carries just as  
 awful a terror with it to-day as it  
 did in the old law, when the leper  
 was condemned to find a home in the  
 wilderness of abandoned tombs to be-  
 come a madman, and a pest to his  
 nation and Gehenna, to be at all times  
 a living offence to others than  
 a torment to self—afraid to die, yet  
 without hope in life; an outcast, an  
 eyesore. These were the people  
 among whom these pure, spotless  
 Sisters of Charity were going to  
 consecrate their lives and abide for-  
 ever, in glad and willing service.  
 And their leader was Sister Beatri-  
 ce.

Upon the levee stood a number of  
 the members of their order, and  
 there, too, stood in noble admira-  
 tion a strong body of Catholic gen-  
 tlemen, members of the Society of  
 St. Vincent de Paul, who had come  
 to bid them good-bye in their noble  
 and voluntary mission. Quietly,  
 without a tear of regret, nay, with  
 a smile on their lips that to them  
 was given the privilege to minister  
 to the sad and hopeless, they called,  
 these brave sisters bade adieu, leav-  
 ing forever behind them the smiling  
 picture of home and loved ones.

The news passed along the levee  
 that these sisters were bound for  
 the leper land, and soon a great  
 crowd had gathered, and the Paul  
 Dulane put off from her wharf there  
 rose a deafening cheer, tears sprang  
 to eyes unused to weeping, the  
 throats of the men and the boys  
 groaned in their work for joy.  
 "God bless them," hats and hands  
 were waved in the air, and  
 there arose that cheer just as  
 though it were a band of soldiers  
 who were going to battle—just as  
 though it were a conquering host,  
 marching to victory.

Yesterday evening Sister Beatrice  
 returned. She had accomplished her  
 work. She had reached the height of  
 human courage and heroism. She  
 was taken from the baggage car

and the casket lifted from the rough  
 bed amid the tears of the grief-stricken  
 sisterhood. Then they were placed  
 in the hearse and proceeded by the  
 priests and the acolytes and fol-  
 lowed by the long line of carriages  
 containing Sisters of Charity and a  
 few friends, the cortege proceeded to  
 St. Joseph's Church, on Tulane ave-  
 nue, where the simple burial service  
 of the Catholic Church was read.  
 Then Father Waldemar, who had  
 body, gave the last absolution and  
 the funeral proceeded to the old St.  
 Louis Cemetery, where the remains  
 of Sister Beatrice were laid to rest  
 forever in the ancient tomb of the  
 Sisters of Charity.

And there she was left, this brave,  
 this strong, this valiant woman,  
 who had fought such a good fight,  
 who had won such a victory, whose  
 utter self-abnegation and self-efface-  
 ment are the counterpoints of the  
 greatest saints of any age; who gave  
 her life and her all for the sake of  
 lepers, a voluntary exile and ser-  
 vant, far away from the gay, the  
 town-out life, putting aside the hopes  
 and ambitions of life, the love of  
 family and the bright dreams of  
 youth and love, dead to all but the  
 love of God and his helpless ones;  
 dead to all but the nobility and he-  
 roism of her self-consecrated mission  
 and the voice of the Master speaking  
 in her heart; a devoted woman, who  
 gave back the life to the nineteenth  
 century that the Bible is an old and  
 hoary fable and Christ is a myth.  
 For, in her beautiful work of self-  
 sacrifice and devotion humanity was  
 dignified, Christianity was strength-  
 ened, virtue was ennobled and the  
 Gospel met with the living, undeni-  
 able verification of its truth until  
 Saviour: "Greater love than this  
 no man hath, that he lay down his  
 life for a friend."—From the Picay-  
 une, New Orleans, La., Sept. 8.

### Household Notes.

**COLD LAMB** or mutton made into  
 a mince, or hash with boiled rice and  
 finely chopped green peppers, is a  
 dish to remember. The peppers are  
 used raw, getting the little cooking  
 from the hot rice. The mince should  
 be stirred with the tiny pieces when they  
 simmer with the rice.

**TOMATO CATSUP**—A reliable re-  
 ceipt for tomato catsup, which has  
 long been successfully used, is as fol-  
 lows: One-half pound of tomatoes  
 add one teaspoonful of salt, and  
 it begins to thicken, stirring occa-  
 sionally, then cool and strain  
 through a wire sieve. Return to ket-  
 tle and add one teaspoonful red pep-  
 per, one-half teaspoonful cloves, one  
 half-pint good vinegar, and one  
 small onion. Boil slow to the desired  
 consistency. Put into clean pint bot-  
 tles, use new corks soaked in hot  
 water, and seal.

**SICK ROOM**—A medical journal  
 tells how a successful shaved ice  
 may be kept in a sick room through-  
 out a day and night if need be, even with  
 a cover in the room. Put the saucer  
 holding the ice in a soup plate, and  
 cover it with another, and place the  
 soup plate thus arranged on a good  
 heavy pillow, and cover it with an-  
 other pillow, pressing the pillows so  
 that the plates are completely im-  
 mersed in them. The paragraph adds  
 that one of the best ice-shavers is an  
 old jack-plane set deep. It should be  
 turned bottom upward, and the ice  
 moved backward and forward over  
 the cutter.

**ABOUT FRUIT**—At this time of  
 much fruit, it is well to have a bot-  
 tle of Javelle water in the butler's  
 pantry. It is excellent for most  
 stains on white goods, and may be  
 used on the face, and is sold at the  
 drugist's. Before using, wash the  
 anything else on fruit stains or nap-  
 ery, try boiling water. For peach-  
 stains, the most obstinate of all,  
 give soaking in a weak solution of  
 chloroform. It is recommended.  
 Some house-mothers with a fancy  
 of growing children provide a supply  
 of paper napkins for use through the  
 peach season.

**NEW COLORS IN DRESS**—De-  
 spite the fact that there are only  
 seven colors known to the world to-  
 day, we have a very long list of new  
 ones attached to autumn fancies. All  
 the colors of the rainbow are in use,  
 primary colors. A contributor to  
 declares upon the colors for each re-  
 curring season, and formally issues  
 a card. On one lately received for  
 the autumn and winter of 1901 there  
 are noted some of fanciful names  
 —La Fontaine, an ox-blood red;  
 Fashoda, a pale robin's egg blue;  
 Zephyr, an odd lavender; and Lohen-  
 grin, a dove gray. That the names  
 are meaningless seems to have nothing  
 to do with the case. No one  
 would ever dream that Electric  
 designated a pinkish mauve, or  
 Ophelia a pale silver blue; and lack  
 the entire list is found the same lack  
 of reason for the titles attached to  
 the new shades.

**CUP OF TEA**—Every housekeeper  
 relishes a good cup of tea, and we  
 always had an idea that they  
 plumed themselves upon their ability  
 to brew it. A contributor to a  
 domestic column, however, seems to  
 think otherwise, as he makes the fol-  
 lowing remarks:—  
 Few housekeepers remember, as they  
 should, that when it is necessary  
 to dilute strong tea it should be  
 done with water at the boiling  
 point. The poor flavor of tea, made  
 strong at first and then reduced,  
 such as is too often served at recep-  
 tions and "at homes," is usually  
 caused by the addition of hot water  
 to the first infusion. A lesson in  
 this matter may be had  
 from the Russians, who serve the  
 most delicious tea in the world, and  
 who prepare it first very strong,  
 making it almost an essence of tea.  
 This is diluted to the strength wish-  
 ed, with water kept boiling in the  
 samovar. This water is not allowed  
 to boil, but is renewed as it is  
 needed. Freshly boiled water is in-  
 sisted upon by all connoisseurs in  
 tea-making.

**THE CHURCH**—The thoughtless,  
 the irreverent and the wicked have

the problem of domestic science on  
 the farms. The evening will be the  
 time for the younger members of the  
 families, the features of the evening  
 programme being social, literary,  
 and musical.

**ABOUT MILK**—It sometimes hap-  
 pens, not always, that milk will  
 turn sour during a thunderstorm. It  
 is not always the lightning that  
 causes it, for the heat before the  
 storm is often great enough to  
 make the milk ferment.

But lightning can, and sometimes  
 does, make milk turn sour by its ac-  
 tion on the air. Air, as everybody  
 knows, is composed of two gases—  
 oxygen and nitrogen; but these gases  
 are mixed together, not combined.  
 Lightning, however, makes the gases  
 combine in the air through which it  
 passes, and this combination pro-  
 duces nitric acid, some of which  
 mixes with the milk and turns it  
 sour.

Perhaps it might be well to ex-  
 plain the chemical difference between  
 mixing and combining. When different  
 ingredients are put together without  
 their undergoing any chemical  
 change they are mixed; as, for ex-  
 ample, grains of sand of various col-  
 ors may be mixed in a bottle. But  
 when the property of each ingredient  
 is altered by the union, there is a  
 combination; as, for example, water  
 poured on quicklime, which combines  
 with it, so that the property of each  
 is altered.

Thus it is that lightning makes  
 the oxygen and nitrogen of the air  
 combine, and the result is no longer  
 air but nitric acid and four other  
 nitrous poisons.

**DESICCATED VEGETABLES** are  
 coming on the market, for use espe-  
 cially by prospectors and hunters,  
 who are obliged to economize every  
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