

# HOUSEHOLD.

## Everybody.

The world is waiting for somebody  
A deed of love to do;  
Then up and hasten, everybody,  
For everybody is you!  
For everybody is you, my friend,  
For everybody is you!

—'Waif'

## Thick Gingerbread.

Mix three-quarters of a pound flour, three-quarters of an ounce ground ginger, half ounce carbonate of soda, two ounces of shredded candied peel together; put two ounces butter and two ounces dripping into a saucepan to melt; add four ounces of brown sugar and half pound golden syrup, and allow sugar to dissolve over a gentle heat. Make a hole in the middle of the flour, and pour in sugar, butter and syrup. When it is partly mixed and slightly cooled, add two eggs and a little milk. The mixture should be just moist enough to run off the spoon. Bake in a deep tin for two hours. Cut into squares. This gingerbread will keep for weeks in a covered tin.

## A Minister's Clever Sisters.

The Rev. F. W. Macdonald, the secretary of the Wesleyan Missionary Society, is very proud of his sisters. In talking to an American preacher some time ago he said:

'My eldest sister became the wife of Sir Edward Burne-Jones, the artist; my second sister became the wife of Sir Edward Poynter, President of the Royal Academy; my third sister is the wife of a great ironmaster in the West of England and a Member of Parliament; and my fourth sister is the mother of Rudyard Kipling.'

## Believed in Being Kind.

She was not rich and she was not great,  
And deepest sorrow had been her fate,  
But she said, with a glance that was clear  
and straight,  
'I believe in being kind!'

She had no wealth of a hoarded store,  
But never a mendicant crossed her door  
But he left with a heart and a soul less sore  
This woman who e'er was kind.

The grey-haired dame who had laid away  
Her costliest treasures beneath the clay,  
Came to see life still held a hopeful ray  
Through the woman whose heart was kind.

The child, a-tremble with timid dread,  
Who by chance to her garden gate was led,  
She won by a rose or a sweet word said,  
This woman whose soul was kind.

So all she met came to hold her dear,  
And covet her friendship and words of cheer,  
And she said, at the end of her latest year,  
'I believe in being kind!'

—Selected.

## Soda and Cream of Tartar.

As the acid in lemon juice sets free carbon dioxide, in a large measure, upon contact with the soda, mixtures in which these agents are employed will not be very light, and their use is restricted to cakes in which a close texture is desirable. Add the lemon juice to the eggs and sugar and sift the soda into the flour.

Sour milk, buttermilk, or cream with soda are most successfully used in mixtures in which cornmeal predominates. Such preparations are incomparably moister, more ten-

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der and delicate, when the leavening gas is thus generated, than when cream-of-tartar in any form is used as the generating acid.

In wheat-flour mixtures, when pure cream-of-tartar and soda are used, either in bulk or in the form of baking-powder, if the correct proportions be taken and the proper temperature of the oven be secured, the cooked product will be neither dry nor too porous. If such be the case, you have reason to suspect the presence of some other ingredient, or, in other words, an adulteration of the lightening agent.

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