



Room for the Old Horse Yet

Though the trolley goes buzzing
Along the highway

And under the blossoming trees,
And past the broad fields where the
Scent of the hay

Floats lazily out on the breeze;
Though it fills the red steed with sus-
picion and fear,

And causes the gossings to fret,
And zips up and down through the
Once quiet town,

There is room for the old horse yet.

Though the automobile whizzes over
The scene

That once was so peaceful and still,
Leaving dust in its wake and the scent
Of benzene,

As it disappears over the hill;
Though its zips and its jolts give
Alarm to the colts:

Let us not for a moment forget
That, in spite of man's need of excite-
ment and speed,

There is room for the old horse yet.

A thousand inventors are busy today
Building ships to be sailed in the
air;

By tomorrow the eagle may flutter
away
From the gay people soaring up
there;

The chicken may squawk, seeing men
as they flock,

As high as the birds ever get,
But in spite of the things we may do
with our wings,

There is room for the old horse yet.

Though the lightning express, with
its rush and its roar,

Remains but a moment in sight,
Though the trip that took months in
the wagon of yore

Is easily made in a night;
Though the engine's wild roar causes
heifers to scoot,

And the country lies under a net,
Made by long rows of steels for the
steam-driven wheel,

There is room for the old horse yet.

Painful Hospitality

"I hear you dined with the Willoughbys last week," said the sociable caller, as she sipped her five-o'clock tea. "Isn't Mrs. Willoughby charming?"

The other gazed into her cup for a minute before she replied, "I don't know."

"Haven't made up your mind?"

"No, don't know."

"But weren't you there?"

"Oh, yes; stayed until half past nine."

"And don't know whether she's charming?"

"I know she's an excellent cook."

"What a remark! Didn't you have a good time?"

"We had a delicious dinner—eight courses. Shall I tell you what we ate?"

"My dear, you sound ill-natured, I'm afraid you put too much lemon in your tea."

"No, I'll give you the facts and let you judge. You see, I remembered how you enjoyed Mrs. Willoughby

at the Browns'; so I quite looked forward to this dinner with her, but she doesn't keep any cook and—"

"You don't mean to say you let that spoil—?"

"I did nothing. That is, nothing but eat my dinner and talk to the other guests. There were six of us, and Mrs. Willoughby served a regular banquet. She sat down at the head of her table at least a dozen times, and just as many times jumped up to offer us some new delicacy. Her face was so flushed, and she was so tired, and she didn't eat a mouthful—not one crumb! At last, when I ventured to ask her if she couldn't taste some of the good things she was giving us, she said not to worry—that she couldn't, even if she had time, because it always made her ill to eat when she was overtired."

"You're joking!"

"Never was more serious in my life. After dinner she excused herself for a full hour, while the rest of us talked to each other. Then she came in and apologized by saying that the woman who was to wash the dishes came an hour too early, and that there were so many things she simply had to see to herself she couldn't get away. After that we went home—and do you know what I said?"

"Something caustic."

"No—just this: 'A fig for your bill of fare! Show me your bill of company.' I'm going to invite Mrs. Willoughby to a dish of hasty pudding some day, and find out whether she really is charming or not!"

For Housecleaning Time

Stretch carpets lengthwise, tack down two ends first, i.e., across the end breadths. After stretched and tacked in this manner, the sides will easily tack down and not require so many tacks.

Never use soap in cleaning matting. Remove all dust possible, then wipe with clean damp cloth wrung out of solution of salt and water. Wipe dry as possible.

Oil cloths, linoleum, etc., can be cleaned and brightened by washing with equal parts water and milk.

Clean the stoves before putting away for the summer. Remove rust on steel or nickel by use of linseed oil. After it has been left on for two or three days, rub spots with cloth dipped in ammonia. Rust may also be removed by kerosene oil.

Fill all holes or dents in the plaster with plaster of paris or else paste pieces of cloth on before any papering is done.

Wash curtains separately from other things. Be careful in handling not to tear the lace. If yellowed a little, put a little cold oil in the boiler, which will serve to whiten them. Rinse well and blue. Test the blue water with a piece of cloth before putting in a great curtain to see if it is the right shade. Have a thin boiled starch for curtains and press out when damp. If you have curtain frames, stretch curtains on them.

Take care in doing so, to have lace spread out evenly. If curtain frames are not available, spread white sheet

or piece of cloth on floor in some unused room—on carpet if there is one—pin curtains down on this, being careful to smooth out carefully and evenly.

Furniture which has become too old and battered to refinish, may be painted with white or enamel paint, which may be kept clean and pretty by washing, which will not injure the paint.

Rugs are being used in a great many homes. Housekeepers who have once used rugs on floors will not choose to return to carpets. If it is impossible to furnish—hard wood floors, strips of matting or heavy denim may be placed around edges of room. In dining rooms, linoleum or cloth may be used. In bedrooms, it is nice to have matting covering entire floor, then place small rugs wherever desired.

For windows that have become smoky and dirty, rub with cloth dipped in gasoline, which will remove dirt quickly. Then polish with newspaper. Another way is to wash with a hot soapuds, then rinse well with water as hot as glass will stand. Then polish with paper. Be careful to remove all traces of soapuds, or glass will be streaked.

Gasoline is excellent for cleaning painted woodwork, and will not injure the paint. Care should be taken however, to not have any fire in the room or air well before a fire is built.

Have You Learned

That the paper and pictures on the walls, the carpets and curtains, may affect the mood of a sensitive person?

The value of sunshine?

To change a house into a home?

The great uplifting power of music?

To look up, then reach up and grasp the best?

That some uncomfortable words may be overcome?

How much environment has to do with what you are?

What a little thing will sometimes make a child happy?

That a clear bright light conduces to social, friendly chat at tea time?

That there are two kinds of wealth, and that one is of the heart and mind?

That it is not only selfish, but bad form, to keep people waiting—for it is uncharitably true that we are so constituted that it would trouble us more to commit any social solecism than to feel our conscience accuse us of any want of consideration to others?

Liquor and Tobacco Habits

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