

## HOUSEHOLD.

## Fault-Finding Parents.

It is at times necessary to censure and punish, but very much more may be done by encouraging children when they do well. Be, therefore, more careful to express your approbation of good conduct than your disapprobation of bad. Nothing can more discourage a child than a spirit of incessant fault-finding on the part of its parent, and hardly anything can exert more injurious influence upon the disposition both of the parent and the child. There are two great motives influencing human actions—hope and fear. Both of these are at times necessary. But who would not prefer to have her child influenced to good conduct by a desire of pleasing rather than by the fear of offending? If a mother never expresses her gratification when her children do well, and is always censuring them when she sees anything amiss, they are discouraged and unhappy; their dispositions become hardened and soured by this ceaseless fretting; and at last, finding that whether they do well or ill, they are equally found fault with, they relinquish all efforts to please, and become heedless of reproaches.—American Youth.

## Norwegian Sand Cakes.

Majorie heard mamma tell Norah that papa expected a visit from two business friends, and to make some good strong coffee and bring it into the library about four o'clock. It was then half-past three.

'Norah,' said Marjorie, coaxingly, 'if you'll let me bake something, I'll make the coffee and set the tray and take it upstairs myself. You know I can make nice coffee.'

Yes; Norah did know, for Marjorie had often made it for her when she was busy, so she willingly agreed to the proposition.

'I'm going to make sand cakes, Norah,' she said, breaking one egg into a bowl, 'because grandma says they are great favorites with gentlemen. It only takes one cupful of sugar and one cupful of butter, and the funny part is that you just stir everything up together without beating the egg or creaming the butter and sugar.'

'That is funny,' said Norah, 'and don't you use any flour?'

'Yes, as soon as everything is well mixed, I add just enough to make a rather stiff dough.'

In a few minutes it was ready, and Marjorie rolled it out very thin, and cut it into squares, which she put into the baking pan.

'I do hope the oven is not too hot,' she said, 'because the cakes are so apt to burn. They need a deal of watching.'

The oven was just right, as Marjorie learned by baking one of the squares first, and then she put the rest in.

By the time the coffee was made and the tray set, the cakes were baked, and Marjorie piled them on a dish and covered them with a dainty napkin.

At four o'clock precisely she knocked at the library door, and was very much gratified by having papa ask her to remain a few moments to pour out the coffee. To her the best proof that her cakes were a success and 'a great favorite with gentlemen,' was that they ate them all, not even leaving one for manners.—New York Observer.

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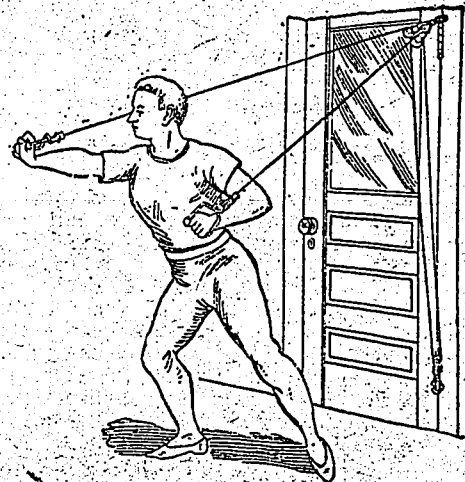
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