

## HOUSEHOLD.

## A Place For the Boys.

'And what if their feet,  
Sent out of our houses, sent into the street,  
Should stop round the corner and pause at  
the door,  
Where other boys' feet have paused often  
before;  
Should pass through the gateway of glitter-  
ing light,  
Where jokes that are merry and songs that  
are bright,  
Ring out a warm welcome with flattering  
voice,  
And temptingly say, 'Here's a place for the  
boys!'

'Ab, what if they should? What if your  
boy or mine  
Should cross o'er the threshold which marks  
out the line  
'Twixt virtue and vice, 'twixt pureness and  
sin,  
And leave all his innocent boyhood within?  
Oh, what if they should, because you and I,  
While the days and the months and the  
years hurry by,  
Are too busy with cares and with life's  
fleeting joys  
To make our round hearthstone a place for  
the boys?

'There's a place for the boys They will  
find it somewhere;  
And if our own homes are too daintily fair  
For the touch of their fingers, the tread of  
their feet,  
They'll find it, and find it, alas! in the street,  
Mid the gildings of sin and the glitter of  
vice;  
And with heartaches and longings we pay  
a dear price,  
For the getting of gain that our lifetime  
employs.  
If we fail to provide a place for the boys.'  
—Ellen A. Wallace, M. D. in 'The West-  
minister.'

## Women and a Bank Account.

(By Constance Conrad, in 'Christian Work.')  
The wife and daughter in a sheltered  
home, in this age of progress and growing  
knowledge in the woman's world, are almost  
if not quite as ignorant of all business con-  
cerns as their grandmothers of a century  
ago. This is not only true in the case of  
the direct earning of money, but also in the  
care and management of it. To most wo-  
men, everything connected with a financial  
transaction seems to be enveloped in mys-  
tery, and a bank is the most mysterious of  
places.

It has been said that where a husband  
and father is loving and generous there is  
no need for wife or daughter to have a  
separate bank account, and where he is mean  
and penurious a bank book will not help  
matters. And again, it is urged that where  
the family funds do not allow more than  
one bank account, the head of the family,  
as money earner and dispenser, should be  
the one to hold it.

There is a measure of truth in all this,  
if it could be added the absolute guaran-  
tee that the need for knowledge and experi-  
ence would never befall these favored women.  
But instead of such a guarantee, these times  
of need are sure to come, and come when  
the brain is tired and the heart heavy, when  
there is no one except a stranger to give  
what is much more than simple informa-  
tion to such women. It is a long and hard  
lesson, to be learned little by little, with  
many mistakes and much seeming dullness,  
and perhaps a heavy price for experience.

'What should we have done,' said a wife  
to a convalescent husband, after six weeks  
of weary sickness and delirium, 'if the  
money in the house had given out?' 'You  
could have stepped right down to the F—  
Bank. I have an account there,' he an-  
swered. How simple it sounded; but neither  
that man's intelligent wife, or well edu-  
cated daughters, had the remotest idea how  
to draw the money they needed, though there  
was a large sum credited to the husband  
and father in the bank mentioned.

Sometimes the case is more serious. The  
illness may not end in recovery; or acci-  
dent, or sudden death, may precipitate the  
call for knowledge. There are generally  
friends who may be inquired of, the family  
lawyer or business partner is ready and

willing to aid; but what a maze of igno-  
rance and care to throw into these already  
hard times! How far from pleasant to  
hear from strange lips the personal affairs  
of one who was nearest and dearest to you.  
How infinitely easier to have learned these  
lessons, bit by bit, practicing, if possible,  
as you learned, from the lips that would be  
most patient in teaching, and your wisest  
instructor.

So many of the mistakes made are so  
simple, and so easily remedied if one only  
knew; but to many women the relation of  
the bank to their funds is no clearer than  
to the old Irish woman who had one hun-  
dred dollars placed to her credit by a grate-  
ful employer. She was given a check-  
book, and told she could draw small sums as  
she needed them. Her pleasure increased  
with each check made out, until the hun-  
dred dollars was gone; then she presented  
another with the same assurance as of yore.  
When told she had drawn all her money,  
and could have no more, she was extre-  
mely angry, and spoke fluently to the pay-  
ing teller. 'Ye shall gi' me more o' me  
money,' she said. 'Oi have mony a bit of  
paper left in me book.'

## A Simple Remedy.

Among the simple remedies which should  
be in the family medicine closet, one of the  
most useful is mutton suet. For cuts and  
bruises it is unequalled, as well as for chap-  
ped hands and faces. It is best to procure  
the suet at the butcher's and fry it out at  
home, turning it into small moulds to cool,  
and then roll it in tin foil. A camphor ice  
may be made by putting a piece of cam-  
phor gum the size of a walnut with half a  
cup of mutton tallow, and melting them to-  
gether. Pour the mixture into a little cup  
or mould to become cold.

## Recipes.

From various sources come the following  
recipes:—

**Sponge Cake.**—Beat the whites and yolks  
of three eggs separately, then place them  
together and beat again. Sift in one and a  
half cupfuls of sugar, the same of flour, to  
which has been added and sifted together  
one and a half teaspoonfuls of baking pow-  
der. Add the seasoning and half a teaspoon-  
ful of salt, and stir well together; after which  
add half a cupful of boiling water. Bake in  
one loaf in a buttered tin three-fourths of  
an hour. To be cut when cold.

**Rice Muffins.**—One cupful of freshly boiled  
rice, one cupful of sweet milk, two eggs, two  
tablespoonfuls of melted butter, one tea-  
spoonful of sugar, two teaspoonfuls baking  
powder, and flour enough to make a batter.  
Beat hard, and add the baking powder last.  
Bake in muffin rings.

**Walnuts and butternuts** make a most de-  
licious salad. Break the nut meat in pieces  
and mix them with double the quantity of  
crisp celery cut into bits. Serve on lettuce  
leaves with mayonnaise dressing.

**Stuffed Apples.**—Select as many apples as re-  
quired, being careful to have them of the  
same size. With a long, slim knife take out  
the core. Prepare a filling of grated bread-  
crumbs, a small lump of butter, sugar to  
taste and a little cinnamon or nutmeg. Rub  
all well together fill the hollow in the apples  
with it, set them in a hot oven and let them  
bake until done.

**Southern Rice Bread.**—Put two cupfuls of

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boiled rice into a bowl, add two cupfuls of  
milk and the well-beaten yolks of two eggs.  
Sift in gradually one cupful of flour, and  
half a teaspoonful of salt, two tablespoon-  
fuls of butter (melted) and the whites of the  
eggs, whipped to a stiff froth. Turn into a  
well-greased shallow pan and bake thirty  
minutes in a moderate oven.

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