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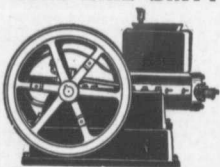
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Flowers in the Home

W. R. Lanson, N. Duk.

A few plants do much to make a house homelike. They can be easily raised. One of the most important things in drainage. If tin cans are used in which to grow them, punch the bottom full of holes with a spike. Then put in an inch layer of coarse gravel, pieces of coal or broken crockery. The regular flower pot has a hole in it but put in the gravel, deal of organic matter—one-third leaf mould and two-thirds soil makes a good mixture. Well rotted manure can be used in place of the leaf



A Cozy Old Homestead in Prince Edward County

mould. When the plants become root bound they should be put into a larger pot. This condition is indicated when the roots come out through the holes in the bottom.

Plants like geraniums, begonias, flowering maple, fuchsias and dwarf roses are very satisfactory. Ferns require the same soil and drainage but are shade loving plants. If placed near a window they will do better if there is a curtain, scrim for instance, to shut off part of the light. A good way is to set the fern in a jardiner containing some water, place a block of wood or something for the pot to set on to keep it out of the water.

Selfish Girls

Miss Margaret Whitley

When one sees the selfish things that some of the girls of to-day are guilty of, it is indeed difficult not to call their attention to their behaviour which would stand correction at once. It is not the intention of the writer to place all the blame for this condition of affairs on the girls themselves, for often the mothers are as much at fault, because they have trained their daughters to think only of themselves. Many girls would change their ways if they saw how selfish their conduct appeared to others.

Some girls are not willing to work. They never think of getting up to help prepare the breakfast and often have a hard time to get down in time to eat with the family after some one else has gotten it ready. They enjoy a good dinner but do not want to help get it and object to washing the dishes after it is eaten. They want plenty of clean smoothly ironed clothes, but are perfectly willing that their mothers shall do the necessary work.

COMPARISON IN CLOTHES

Another thing that many girls are selfish in is wanting all the pretty clothes. If they have nice shoes, dresses, hats, coats, and gloves it does not concern them if their mothers are shabby or not. Some girls look so nice on the streets that one is surprised that they themselves do not notice the difference between their own clothes and those of their mothers. Many a woman feels much older than she really is simply because she wears shabby old-fashioned

clothes in order to give her daughters what they desire.

Then some girls want all the good times. They go visiting, attend picnics and parties and entertain their friends all at the expense of their hard-working mothers, who possibly never go anywhere from the beginning of the year till the end. Nearly every one can think of some woman who is rarely or never seen away from home. One knows such a person is living simply because he has not heard of her death.

GIRLS WHO HELP MOTHER

And then, standing up for comparison with these selfish girls, are a large number of others, who with

much less time are just as accomplished and attractive, who help their mothers by working at home or by buying them the little necessities with money they earn by working. They think not only of themselves, but consider it a pleasure to buy a piece of furniture for the home, or a pretty dress,

or hat or pair of gloves for their mother, who possibly cannot get everything for herself just as she needs it. Neither are they willing for their mothers to wear their cast-off clothes, but like to see them look neat and well dressed like other women.—Farmers' Review.

Whipping Cream

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The factors necessary to get cream to whip well are to have it thick, cold and a little sour.

Thin cream, that is cream containing less than 25 per cent. of butter fat, is nearly impossible to whip when the temperature is above 50 per cent. F. Skim milk can be whipped to a froth when the temperature is near the freezing point. This can be noticed when freezing ice cream or of the albumen and casein upon the viscosity. This cream will whip easily near the freezing point on account of the increased viscosity which aids in incorporating the air.

If cream is allowed to sour, it will thicken somewhat owing to the curdling of the casein. This collects the fat globules and holds them together. Ageing thin cream for a day or two will allow it to whip much more readily.

Thick cream or cream containing from 25 to 40 per cent. of butter fat will whip quite readily at 50 per cent. F. even when rather sweet, yet better results are obtained after it has soured a little.

Separator cream often gives trouble in whipping on account of being used too soon after skimming—too sweet. It will whip as readily as any other cream when it contains over 25 per cent. of butter fat and is cold. The tendency is to get separator cream rather thin—usually about 20 per cent.; hence the difficulty in whipping. Separator cream usually is thin, sweet, and is allowed to stand, and consequently creates the impression that machine separated cream will not whip.

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