

well as food, all the better. Also we must remember not to take over-much food up at one time, for this will be likely to set the invalid against it altogether. It also seems almost needless to say that as soon as the patient has eaten as much as he wishes, take the food quite out of the room, and when it is time for food again bring it in fresh, in a fresh dish with a clean spoon, having made a change in some way. Nothing is more likely to disgust an invalid than to have the food which he had left brought him again and again, as if he were a naughty child, and must finish one portion before any more was given him. We should anticipate and consider the fancies of sick people. When a doctor is attending a case always consult him before offering any food to an invalid. It is a good plan, however, to think over beforehand two or three dishes which can be obtained and prepared without difficulty, then suggest these to the medical man. Every good doctor knows that "kitchen physic" will frequently do more good than drugs, and he will rejoice when he sees that this part of the medical treatment is not neglected.

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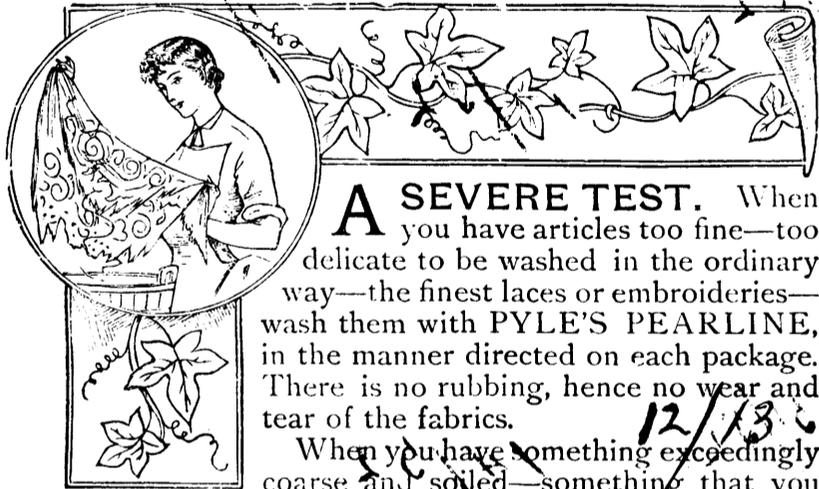
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