

HOUSEHOLD.

Read it Again.

Here may I emphasize the importance of teaching the children to love their books, to enjoy hearing them read again and again. Many a mother has done her little ones untold injury by saying, 'O I've read you that, you don't want to hear it again.' If the child does want to hear it again, congratulate yourself and be thankful that a beginning has been made toward a love for books. Then read it again and again as long as the child cares for it, and exert yourself to bring out new ideas and new beauties at each re-reading.

Another important thing is to inculcate early the love of reading to one's self. The mind takes its bent in early youth, and if the time is all given up to play it is hard work to turn the attention to learning to read a little later. But when the child has had the kindergarten training and handled and talked about the objects, then comes the desire to read about these same objects, and thus the love for reading comes naturally and easily, and after a little, when the child can follow along where the mother is reading, and can pick out for himself a few sentences here and there, then the book really becomes his, and his love for it and for books in general grows apace. Encourage the child to read aloud to you, and to read to himself, but keep a watchful eye over what he does read. It is when he thus reads for himself the story or poem which perhaps you first read to him, and then reads it again and again, that he begins to find companionship in books. The mother should not read too much to the child, lest he care little for reading himself. Let her use every means to increase his own desire to read.

Let the study of nature go with the reading of books. Examine the wild flowers, the birds and the caterpillars. Couple the study of nature and books together. If during the winter you have read to the children Jack in the Pulpit, take them to see the 'Jacks' in their own homes. If Tennyson's Brook has been a favorite, take the little ones where they can hear it splashing and gurgling, and then read again the beautiful poem. Take pains to collect beautiful thoughts and exquisite quotations about the plants or animals, or of the country where the children are. Whatever the surroundings there are many books that will furnish just the thoughts we want for the little ones, and thus all nature will work with us to instill into their hearts a love for the beautiful, whether found in nature, in books or in character.—Ruth Mowry Brown, in 'The Congregationalist.'

Finances in the Home.

A lack of sound business understanding between husband and wife has been the ruin of more homes than poverty. When a man and woman enter into a marriage—that most important partnership in life—both members in the new firm should have a distinct appreciation of the financial situation, and as the years pass, the firm's profits and losses should come within the equal knowledge of both.

So would be avoided much of the unhappiness that arises from the husband's thinking his wife extravagant, or the wife's thinking her husband stingy. Nothing is more discouraging to a man than to see his hard-earned money thrown recklessly away on luxuries he feels that only the families of richer men can afford; but often this expenditure is due, not to wilfulness on the wife's part, but to simply not knowing how much her husband can afford to have her spend. He is often over-indulgent. She tells him of two bonnets; one is five dollars more than the other, and she doesn't know whether she ought to get it—but it is a dear of a bonnet,' she adds, and he, too weakly loving, tells her 'to buy it and look pretty,' and then when the bill comes in he broods over his expenses.

At another time she asks for money to buy a certain piece of bric-a-brac, and meets with a refusal, and, at a loss to reconcile her husband's former generosity with the present denial, inwardly decides that 'he is close.'

Both of these misunderstandings are due

to a want of mutual advice and confidence concerning the household treasury.

The way to avoid the unhappiness that such misunderstandings invariably bring about, is for the wife to have an allowance for household expenses, knowing exactly what ratio this allowance bears to her husband's whole income. Whether the allowance be large or small will really matter very little in a home that is established on the above sound-money basis.—'Dixie Farmer.'

Some Summer Dishes.

(By Katherine Armstrong, in 'The Independent.')

It is often a perplexing matter with mother-familias to decide, when the temperature is high and appetites are consequently poor or capricious, what to have for the principal breakfast dish. All people cannot, or think they cannot, do without meat, yet it is hardly welcome of a warm summer morning. Fish or eggs seem to be equally nourishing and sustaining; but we cannot always have even those, and we tire of repetition in food quite as soon as in anything else. Where a roast has been for dinner, slices of cold meat with cooling relishes make a fair and acceptable breakfast the next morning. A ham, or half a ham, boiled, will keep in the refrigerator good for a fortnight. A regular dependence it is in case of emergency, as unexpected company to lunch or a picnic party suddenly gotten up by the juvenile portion of the family.

But we do not always want plain cold meat for our breakfast. What is called the 'skirt' of beef is very nutritious and sweet, can be made available for a dinner dish and relishes well the morning after, served cold, and its savory flavor is a pleasant change. Make dressing of one pint of fine bread crumbs, one beaten egg, some powdered thyme, salt, pepper, and butter the size of an egg. Mix all this well, spread over the skirt and roll up like a jelly roll and tie. This is good either roasted or boiled. In the first place it will require a long hour in a good oven, to be covered with bits of butter, and basted often with the cup of water in the pan beneath. When done, make a gravy of the drippings. It will be found very rich in the strong juice of the meat. The 'cold cuts' from this dish will be found savory and toothsome. To boil, simmer, gently for an hour or more with just sufficient water to cover.

A can of lobster, if fresh ones are not to be had, makes an agreeable change. Drain the lobster, look it over carefully to take out the bones, and break it up into uniform pieces. Then put in a bright saucepan with a lump of butter, and milk enough to cover. Thicken this, when hot, with a spoonful of flour, blanched in a little cold milk. When removed from the fire stir in one egg, carefully so as not to break up the lobster. Spread upon hot buttered toast, and it is ready to serve.

A very quick desert may be made with berries and gelatine in this way: To one ounce of gelatine put half a cup of cold water. In one hour add one pint of boiling water and one coffee cup of sugar. Dissolve well. This is the foundation of a great variety of cold desserts. Butter two one-quart bowls and divide equally between them the still liquid jelly. Now drop carefully into it clean whole strawberries till the bowls are full. Put on the ice to harden. Anything made with gelatine in warm weather should be made the day before wanted. Into the same jelly drop raspberries, and you have a raspberry dessert, and if served with cream it is all the more delicious. It is made, too, of pineapple, by shredding the fruit finely and dropping it in, and of orange also; but the quantity of orange juice should be allowed for; less water in proportion used, and the juice of one lemon added to emphasize the flavor of the orange, as of itself its taste is not especially decided when used in jelly. A coffee charlotte russe is a change from the ordinary kind and easily made. Make a coffee-cup of very strong, clear coffee and in it dissolve one ounce of gelatine. Now to one pint of thick cream add four spoonfuls of powdered sugar and beat to a stiff froth with the eggbeater. Now add the thick and clear gelatin, swollen in the coffee, and beat all together till of an even consistency. Line a pudding dish with the sponge cake slices or lady's fingers, pour in the coffee and cream, and put on ice till wanted.

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