

divine law, and it is the only commandment to which a promise is added.

No; what I mean by the independent living of one's own life is the freedom from fear of not being 'like other girls' in dress, in ways of living, choice of occupation, or any similar way in which your lives develop themselves.

**Improvement in Temper.**

(The American Mother.)

A great improvement in the temper of children will take place when average parents substitute for two time-honored, cold-blooded phrases two other more natural ones. Suppose, instead of a continual 'keep quiet' and 'keep clean,' should be said cheerfully, 'Run about freely,' and 'Never mind clothes, they can be washed.' This would be a new Magna Charta to many tormented little creatures. In reality, fragile clothing that must be continually thought of is as much a straight-jacket as the old-fashioned wooden things called by that name. If we could give our little ones the aboriginal covering of feathers or fur to grow up in, they would be happy and healthy; since we cannot, let us give them waterproof and homespun. And never torture them by that cruel refrain, 'Keep clean.'

**Cleaning Chimneys.**

(The 'Ledger Monthly.')

When the chimneys are cleaned, if soot happens to be dropped on the carpet, throw an equal quantity of salt on it at once and sweep it up together; if this is done at once there will be scarcely a trace left of the soot. If there should be a dingy spot left, as on a very light-grounded carpet there might be, raw cornmeal rubbed in and brushed off two or three times, until the meal stops getting blackened from contact with the carpet, will remove all trace of soot or anything else dark that may have been spilt upon it. The cornmeal must be swept up and exchanged for fresh directly it becomes dirty. When ink is spilled on a carpet, new milk applied with a rag will take it out; as in the case of the cornmeal, the milk must be replaced by fresh directly it becomes blackened.

**Where's Mother ?**

Bursting in from school or play,  
This is what the children say;  
Trooping, crowding, big and small,  
On the threshold, in the hall—  
Joining in the constant cry,  
Ever as the days go by,  
'Where's mother ?'

From the weary bed of pain  
This same question comes again;  
From the boy with sparkling eyes  
Bearing home his earliest prize;  
From the bronzed and bearded son,  
Perils past and honors won:  
'Where's mother ?'

Burdened with a lonely task,  
One day we may vainly ask  
For the comfort of her face,  
For the rest of her embrace;  
Let us love her while we may,  
Well for us that we can say,  
'Where's mother ?'

Mother with untiring hands,  
At the post of duty stands,  
Patient, seeking not her own,  
Anxious for the good alone  
Of the children as they cry,  
Ever as the days go by,  
'Where's mother ?'

**Selected Recipes**

**Sugar Ketchup.**—For browning gravies or soups, is prepared as follows:—Pound in a mortar six ounces of coarse brown sugar. Set a small frying pan on the stove, with two ounces of butter in it. Add the sugar, and mix all well with a wooden spoon. After boiling stand this by the side of the fire till it has become a rich, dark color. Season the ketchup with

pepper, a little sauce, and allspice to taste. Place the coloring in bottles, cork, and keep.

**Baked Fish with Stuffing.**—Season one pint of carefully rubbed bread crumbs with two tablespoonfuls of melted butter, a salt spoonful of white pepper, a teaspoonful of salt. Stuff this into the fish. Score the fish on one side. Give the fish a graceful twist, fasten with a skewer; baste with melted butter, and bake in a quick oven three-quarters of an hour, basting frequently.

**Egg Sauce.**—Beat the yolks of three eggs until creamy; add to them gradually half a pint of water from the pan in which the fish was baked. This you will make by adding water after the fish is taken out. Take from the fire; add a table spoonful of butter, two tablespoonfuls of scented vinegar, just a suspicion of salt and pepper.

**Broiled Steak with Onion Sauce.**—Season a medium-sized sirloin steak with salt and pepper and broil. Dish up, pour onion sauce over and serve. **Onion Sauce.**—Slice fine four onions, fry light-brown in butter, add half a pint of brown gravy and a ladleful of broth, salt and pepper. Reduce to a proper consistency and finish with chopped parsley and a few drops of vinegar.

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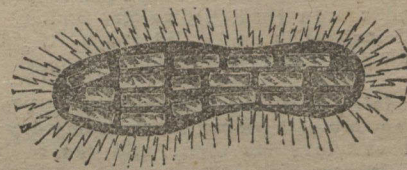
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