

HEALTH AND HOME HINTS.

It is a good plan to save all pieces of old table linen for use in drying green salads after they come from their bath.

If the eggs come from the icebox they will whip much stiffer than if kept in a warmer place.

A wire spoon whisk is best for eggs when they are beaten separately. A revolving beater is best when the yolks and whites are whipped together.

A dish of powdered charcoal kept in the refrigerator will help to keep the air sweet. It should be changed twice a week.

Cucumber Pickles.—Put small cucumbers in a stone jar, scatter a handful of salt over them, and cover with boiling water. Let stand over night, then drain and repeat the process. Rinse in clear water, wipe and put into boiling vinegar sweetened and spiced to taste.

Chicken Pie.—Disjoint two small chickens, cut them in as small pieces as possible. Place the chicken in a pan of cold water with a couple of slices of salt pork. Boil until quite tender, then add two teaspoonfuls of chopped parsley, and season with pepper, salt and butter. When the liquid has boiled down till it just covers the chicken, add two eggs which have previously been beaten with one-half cupful of sweet cream; stir until quite thick and then pour into a pan that has previously been lined with a biscuit paste. Cover the baking dish with the paste, making a small incision at the top and bake until tinged with brown.

Rhubarb and Fig Jam.—Take 7 lbs. rhubarb and 3 lbs. or 4 lbs. cooking figs. Chop the figs into as small pieces as possible, wipe and cut the rhubarb, and add pound for pound of preserving sugar. Boil for half an hour, or a little longer if the rhubarb seems hardly stiff enough. Pour into jam pots, and cover when cold. This jam comes in excellently to replenish the cupboard getting empty of last season's preserves.

FOR TIRED LITTLE FOLKS.

"Auntie, please tell me something nice to do. I'm tired of Sabbath. It's too late to go out, and it's too early for the lamp, and the wrong time for everything."

"Well, let me see," said auntie. "Can you tell me of any one in the Bible whose name begins with A?"

"Yes, Adam."

"I'll tell you a B," said auntie; "Benjamin. Now a C."

"Cain."

"Right," said Aunt Sarah.

"Let me tell D," said Joe, hearing our talk; "Daniel."

And so we went through all the letters of the alphabet, and before we thought of it we were called for supper, the house was lighted, and we had a fine time. Try it.—Lessons for the Little Ones.

A map of Jerusalem in mosaic over 1200 years old has been found in Palestine.

In 1903 the number of death from plague in India was 853,000; in 1904 it was 1,040,000.

Sir Walter Scott's great-grandfather was minister for 19 years of Yarrow Parish Church, which is to be repaired. Scott when in Ashiestiel, then in the parish of Yarrow, was wont "to worship at the shrine of his ancestor," and James Hogg, the Ettrick Shepherd, and Willie Laidlaw, Scott's amanuensis, were members of the church.

The old cross of Newton, Ayr, which formerly occupied a site in Main street, and has for years lain in the Newton churchyard, has been re-erected on a site in River street, between the Old and New bridges.

LOVE'S VICTORY.

When I am dead, dear love, if thou should'st feel
Thy loneliness too hard a load to bear,
And that another could thy wound anneal
With gentle tenderness and loving care,
My spirit hovering near thee would not chide.

Even should'st thou smile on a beloved bride—

When I am dead!

I only ask she be not like to me—

As I was dark, let her be fresh and fair;
Instead of brown locks waving wild and free,

Close to her head coil round the golden hair;

And may she tower stately, grand and tall;

I shall not mind that I was frail and small—

When I am dead!

So that she come not nestling to thy side,

Nor clumb up to the level of thy heart.
And lavish kisses without stint or pride,

Or beg sweet pity for some pain or smart,

As I was wont—nor Love's expression crave

To be, as I, Love's gladly fettered slave—

When I am dead!

Nay, love her as thou wilt, and as she will,

With fullest meed, and with a conscience clear,

Even though thy memory hold my memory still,

In quiet corner garnered, close and dear.

If a true heart should give thee of its best,

As I did once, I shall the happier rest—

When I am dead!

—Anne Patchett Martin in Temple Bar.

An Irish judge on the 30th ult. stated that if any women were brought before him on a charge of slapping or scratching a man's face because he had attempted to kiss her he would at once dismiss the charge. He, however, only awarded one shilling of damages against a man who had kissed a widow without getting scratched.

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THE JAPANESE IN KOREA.

It is wonderful how rapidly the Japanese transform whatever they touch. They are now taking possession of Korea and re-shaping that last hermit country. Dr. Morrison, the well-known correspondent of the London Times, has been in Korea, where he was greatly impressed by the transformation effected by the Japanese. He reports that the Japanese troops are paying liberally for everything, and that their conduct is exemplary. Civilian Japanese, he says, are pouring into the country coming largely by families. It is estimated that 60,000 of them are there already, and they are arriving daily. There is practically an uninterrupted chain of Japanese settlements from Fusan in the south to the Yalu in the north. Railway construction shows remarkable extension. With the exception of one bridge at Anju, there is now complete railway communication from Fusan to the Yalu. The Seoul-Fusan railway, with its 276 miles of solid permanent way, is already paying working expenses, though it is not yet formally open. The Seoul-Yalu railway, 300 miles in length, has been entirely constructed by the military since April of last year, and all the trestle bridges will later be changed into permanent structures. A branch is also under construction to Masampo, while another trunk line is about to be constructed across the peninsula from Seoul to Gensan and the Tuman river. All the railways are of standard gauge. Simultaneously extensive reclamation of land and harbor improvements are in progress at Chemulpo and Fusan, while the work of light-house construction by the customs continues without interruption. Order, Dr. Morrison observes, is kept with the smallest possible display of force. A Japanese gendarmarie has taken the place of the worthless Korean police. "Japan now controls all the communication of Korea with the outside world. She has by agreement taken charge of the posts and telegraphs, she has secured the right to fish in the territorial waters round the whole coast of the empire, and she has obtained the opening of the inland and coast waters to the navigation of Japanese vessels."

Baths are cheap in Japan. In Tokio a bath costs about a halfpenny. There are 800 public bathing houses in the city.

In round figures the British trade with the Colonies last year was worth two hundred and thirty-two millions.

"A full mail," as carried by a big Atlantic liner, averages 200,000 letters, and 300 sacks of newspapers.

Rev. Mr. Jasper, of the Irish Presbyterian Church, has declined a call to Dundee Free Church, Dundee.

June 29th was the anniversary of Mrs. Elizabeth Barrett Browning's death, which took place in Florence, June 29th, 1861. The centenary of her birth occurs next year.

Mr. Robert Wilson, the founder, and for many years the chairman of the Keswick Convention for the Promotion of Holiness, died suddenly on the 19th ult. at Broughton Grange, Cumberland.

Mrs. Ann Mackie, Macdonald, died the other day, aged 83 years. She was born, married, and died in the same house, and was never a night out of her house.

Nairn U. F. Church congregation, having been turned out of the church by the Wee Frees, are now worshipping in the Drill Hall.

On the 18th ult. the funeral service of W. Crombie, church officer for 50 years, was held in the Bridgegate U. F. Church.