

### Timely Advice to Girls.

The following advice to the girls is being extensively distributed among families of the eastern States: Don't go with a man if he is a stranger to you, or one whose reputation you are not acquainted with. Remember that in ordinary business the same rule is applied as a protection against the loss of money. No banker or money lender would trust a stranger; no business man would sell his goods on time without guarantee against loss or deception. Why then should a woman, young or old, trust her virtues and herself to a man she does not know whether he is honorable or not? Look at the foot-prints of time and see how many of your sex have been driven to a life of shame by ignoring the rule. Avoid all Sunday and Sunday night dances and the wine-cup. In marrying make your match; but wait till you reach the age of twenty-three or twenty-five. Do not marry a man to get rid of him, or to oblige him, or to save him. A man who has formed bad habits, what is he? What is there of him you can love? The man who would go to destruction without you would quite as likely go with you, and perhaps drag you along. Remember your future happiness depends altogether on the kind of a partner you get, as it is he that makes your home on earth a heaven or a home of sorrow. Therefore, be sure, take none other than one that is equally pure as yourself. Remember that man, when he seeks for a wife, seeks sobriety, virtue and purity in a woman. Why should not woman demand the same of man? Drunkenness turns a man out of himself and leaves

a brute in its place. Do not marry for a home and a living when, by taking care of your health, you can be strong enough to earn your own living. Do not go with a licentious man, as his words will ultimately prove as the bite of an adder and the sting of a serpent. Be kind and true to your own sex. If by chance one should fall to-day, do not slumber, but help her, as she may be up to-morrow. Do not let fathers, mothers or aunts sell you for money or position into bondage, tears and life-long miseries, which you alone must endure. Do not meet any man clandestinely, as it may be to your sorrow. Do not place yourself habitually in the society of any suitor until you have decided the question of matrimony. Human wills are weak—girls, especially, often become bewildered and do not know their error until it is too late. Therefore wait until the age of twenty-three or

twenty-five is reached. If younger you are but children. Get away from all other influences except "good mothers." Settle your head and make up your mind alone. A word from a good mother will not harm you, as she is the last and crowning handiwork of God, the link connecting heaven and earth, the endowment of purity, holiness and heavenly grace, the most perfect combination of modesty, patience, devotion, affection, gratitude, and fit for any high or holy trust. Did not she watch over you from infancy to childhood, from childhood to girlhood? Forget not, a promise may be made in a moment of sympathy, or even half delirious ecstasy, which must be redeemed through years of sorrow, toil and pain. Forget not, he only that is free from vice is fit to be your companion, and no other. Drop the company of him at once who has uttered a word unbecoming to true manhood, for if a man is true to himself, then it must follow as the day the night, he cannot be false to woman. As you make your bed so you must sleep. Take none that has ever slandered or betrayed one of your sex, or broken a promise. He is not worthy of a wife, nor will he ever be true to one.—[Exchange.

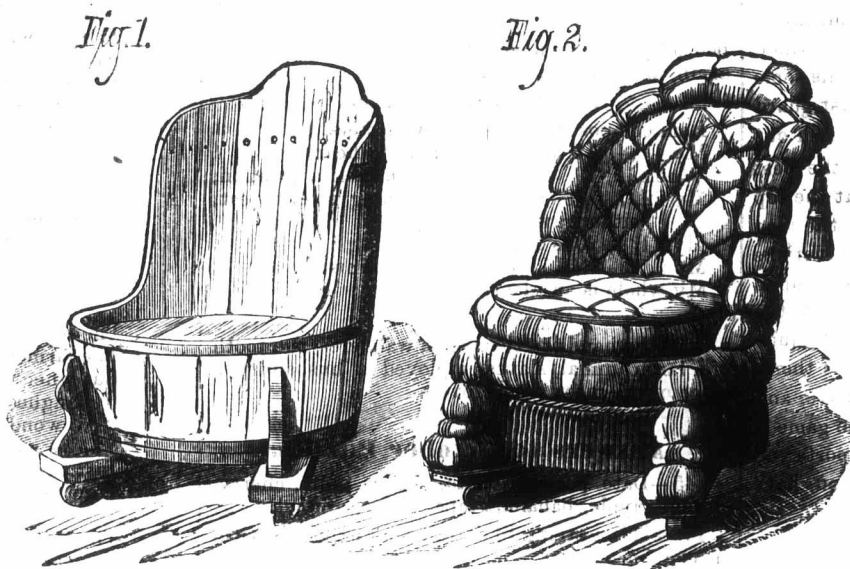
Revenge is a momentary triumph, the satisfaction of which dies at once, and is succeeded by remorse; whereas forgiveness, which is the noblest of all revenge, entails a perpetual pleasure. It was well said by a Roman emperor that he wished to put an end to all his enemies by converting them into friends.

### Female Society.

What is it that makes all those men who associate habitually with women superior to others who do not? What makes that woman who is accustomed to, and at ease in, the society of men, superior to her sex in general? Solely because they are in the habit of free, graceful, continued conversation, with the other sex. Women in this way lose their frivolity, their faculties awaken, their delicacies and peculiarities unfold all their beauty and captivation in the spirit of intellectual rivalry. And the men lose their pedantic, rude, declamatory, or sullen manner. The coin of the understanding and the heart changes continually. Their asperities are rubbed off, their better materials polished and brightened, and their richness, like gold, is wrought into finer workmanship by the fingers of women than it ever could be by those of men. The iron and steel of their characters are hidden, like the character and armor of a giant, by studs and knots of gold and precious stones, when they are not wanted in actual warfare.

### An Easily Made Chair.

We give an engraving of a very cheap yet strong and comfortable chair which may be made as elegant as the tastes of the maker may dictate. This chair, as will be seen by reference to Fig. 1, consists of a barrel cut off about the second hoop so as to form a complete back with half arms at the side. The barrel thus cut is mounted on two strips of



A CHEAP AND COMFORTABLE CHAIR.

wood, having casters under their ends, and brackets above to form the legs and to add to the appearance of the chair. A head is fitted to the circular portion, and the whole is neatly upholstered, as shown in Fig. 2.

Of course it is necessary to select a good barrel bound with iron hoops, and a little care should be taken in the upholstering to disguise the barrel form as much as possible.

### Something to Talk About.

Model progress has given inventions to almost every demand of restless humanity; but it has signally failed in one particular, for which it is probably not to blame—that is, it has never invented for people something to talk about. If this want were properly supplied, it would be regarded as the finest stroke of economy—since it would curtail two-thirds of the most grievous sin of mankind. Now where two or three are gathered together, the first query running along the keen thread of satiety is "what shall be talked about?" It is said that women, especially in groups or confidential circles, or on sick-beds, become the most pitiful victims of the annoying want. And you might as well ask why a man seldom likes his wife to stay with her relatives, as to inquire what would satisfy this demand. Some have various palliatives; and when you wish one of them, perhaps, to impart a beautiful thought, fact, or fancy which it has been a burden to enjoy alone, expecting a quick appreciation and understanding as kindred offerings from her, she is seen

rummaging in gossiping rubbish for something to talk about. Sometimes she will bring in the last marriage as a substitute for a subject; her visits to the newly-married lady, who has unwittingly fallen a victim to the alert vision and senses of her attentive visitress. The latter already has a full catalogue of the "knows" and "don't knows." And any want of judgment discovered in the young wife is held as a sweet morsel among the list of shortcomings. These watchers generally degenerate into back-biters—carrion crows of society.

It is truly distressing to see how painful some young people who are more refined than sensible, or wealthier than either, are made aware of the want of something to talk about, when they resolve to speak fluently, ere the fine wine of love has stimulated them to utter extravagant and pretty speeches. Witness one, for instance, who has started out on that never-worn-out topic, the weather. How he is suddenly halted by that enemy of a proverb beating through his brain, "there is nothing new under the sun!" just when he was most hopeful of nice invention. After a silence, broken by moving his chair or feet, which have suddenly become objects of interest, and while the lady is chasing after thoughts for presentation, he ventures an opinion "that it was fine yesterday and is bad to-day; it will be fine to-morrow." The next moment he is again beating about life's heap of petty trivialities for pearls of price, which are won only with knowledge and often sorrow.

### For the Sick Room.

In preparing a meal for any one whose appetite is delicate, it should be made to look as tempting as possible. The tray should be covered with the whitest napkin, and the silver, glass and china should shine with cleanliness. There should not be too great a variety of viands, and but a very small portion of each one. Nothing more quickly disgusts a feeble appetite than a quantity of food presented at one time.

The patient never should be consulted before-hand as to what he will eat or what he will drink. If he asks for anything, give it to him, with the doctor's permission, otherwise prepare something he is known to like and offer it without previous comment. One of the chief offices of a good nurse is to think for her patient. His slightest want

should be anticipated and gratified before he has time to express it. Quick observation will enable her to detect the first symptom of worry or excitement and to remove the cause. An invalid never should be teased with the exertion of making a decision. Whether the room is too hot or too cold; whether chicken broth, beef tea, or gruel is best for his luncheon, and all similar matters, are questions which should be decided without appealing to him.

Household troubles should be kept, as far as possible, from the sick room. Squabbles of children or servants never should find an echo there. In the event of some calamity occurring, of which the sufferer should be informed, the ill news should be broken as gently as possible, and every soothing device employed to help him bear the shock.

Above all, an invalid, or even a person apparently convalescent, should be saved from his friends. One garrulous acquaintance, admitted for half an hour, will undo the good done by a week of tender nursing. Whoever is the responsible person in charge should know how much her patient can bear; she should keep a careful watch on visitors of whose discretion she is not certain, and the moment she perceives it to be necessary, politely but firmly dismiss them. She must carry out implicitly the doctor's directions, particularly those regarding medicine and diet. Strict obedience to his orders, a faithful, diligent, painstaking following of his instructions will insure to the sufferer the best results from his skill, and bring order, method and regularity into domestic nursing.