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"Do-Ho-Mania."

By Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

Good housekeeping becomes had housekeeping when the mania for order dethrones comfort. It becomes bad housekeeping, when a woman who is endowed with health, and brains, and heart, degenerates into a mere machine for the performance of household duties, or becomes a bundle of irritable nerves, and loses all interest in everything that does not pertain to the domestic realm. An orderly home, well systematized and clean and attractive, is an anteroom of paradise, but only when its inmates have cultivated the mental and spiritual qualities, and retained the health and disposition to enjoy and help others to enjoy the paradise.

The moment a woman relinquishes every aspiration, and gives up every accomplishment to become a "good housekeeper," that moment she is an enemy to her own highest good, and almost invariably to the happiness of her house-

There was a young girl of my acquaintance who graduated with honors from her school, and married a good, homeloving man. They might have lived happily "forever afterward," like the brides of the fairy books, if the wife had not developed what I will term "do-homania." (I mean domestic or housekeeping mania.) The last I saw of the couple, the woman, still young and by nature handsome, looked like one of the witches in Macbeth, with a worn and wrinkled face, an attenuated figure, and an irritable voice, while the despondent and cowed husband was bidden to remove his shoes on the doorstep before entering his own house, lest he track the polished floor.

That sample of good housekeeping is quite sufficient to indicate what this wife and mother was in all other respects in the home. There was neither comfort nor rest nor peace in her domain. Husband and children lived in terror of mussing or disarranging things, and all the order and cleanliness were for spectacular purposes.

The woman made a failure of her whole life, and left, when she died, a memory of an unhappy home for her family. Yet she died in what should have been her prime, believing she had sacrificed her life upon the altar of domestic duty, and had not been "appreciated." I have seen homes where only a broken commandment could deserve such punishment as a few moments' tardiness at meal time incurred. Better a cold lunch at a restaurant counter than a feast in such a

The very first requisite of a home is happiness. To make a happy home bounds to its love, which is not imatmosphere, there must be no fear. There must be no friction or discord. The furniture must not be too good to of God and the rights of His children, use, the floors too beautiful to walk up-The divans must be couches for repose, and if a tired body feels like ying down upon a mattressed bed in the daytime; no terror of disarranging lace covers and wonderful shams should stand in the path to rest. I remember of reading a bit of verse once upon a time, wherein some man who had evidently suTered from too much "good housekeeping," declared his intention to marry the girl who "laughed and let things go." Perhaps he regretted his determination later, but in one line he made the pro-

When things got too badly mixed They'd stir around and get them fixed.'

This is not a plea for disorderly homes or chafing-dish meals. It is not a plea for slovenly houses, slatternly women, or selfish husbands and children who never attempt to be prompt at the table. That extreme is worse than the other—as much worse as the reckless woman is worse igainst the sacrifice of all that is beau-iful in life for the sake of an "orderly

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Ans.-Timothy sown after harvest, provided the season is favorable, should give good results for hay next year. It is well to sow it on the fields that have been spring seeded, so as to gain the advantage of what grass and clover has already become established. Sow the seed on the stubble and work in with the harrow. Try to get it sown just previous to a rain to insure germination. Sow it early enough to give it the benefit of the fall rains. Soon after the harvest is off is a good time. It would be well to give it a fairly thick seed. Of course, the amount would depend largely upon how much grass and clover was already growing. From six to eight pounds per acre should be thick enough, as a rule.

No longer talk about the kind of a man that a good man ought to be, but be such.-Marcus Aurelius.

The misery of this world is occasioned by there not being love enough.—Benjamin

There is no true prayer without some response. Invisible wires from Heaven to earth are ever vibrating with divine blessing, and when prayer touches them, the electric stream of love enters the soul .-Newman Hall.

I call that mind free which sets no prisoned in itself or in a sect, which recognizes in all human beings the image with suffering

Childhood must pass away, and then youth, as surely as age approaches. The true wisdom is to be always seasonable and to change with a good grace in changing circumstances. To love playthings well as a child, to lead an adventurous and honorable youth, and to settle when the time arrives, into a green and smiling age, is to be a good artist in life, and deserve well of yourself and your neighbor.—Robert Louis Stevenson.

True Christianity lives, not in our belief, but in our love, in our love of God, and in our love of man, founded on our love of God.-Max Muller

If there be lying before you any bit of work from which you shrink, go straight up to it. The only way to get rid of it is to do it .- Alexander MacLaren.

There wouldn't be so many sinners if people struggled to get into Heaven as they do to get into society.-The Gentle Cynic.

Use thy youth so that thou mayest have comfort to remember it when it hath forsaken thee, and not sigh and grieve at the account thereof. Use it as the springtime, which soon departeth, and wherein thou oughtest to plant and sow all provisions for a long and happy life,-Sir Walter Baleigh.

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all the elements of a sound prose style." "That observation wounded me at the time," added Lord Morley, "but I afterwards was shrewd enough to perceive its full significance. Though in one sense it was an extinguisher, in another it was

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