

my yarn, and spetches the children's shoes; he's as kind a husband as a woman need to have." "But his being a cripple is a heavy misfortune to you," said I. "Why, ma'am, I don't think on it in that light," replied the thread woman; "I consider that I've great reason to be thankful he never took to any bad habits." "How many children have you?" "Six sons and five daughters, ma'am." "Six sons and five daughters! what a family for a poor woman to support." "It is a family surely, ma'am, but there ain't one of them I'd be willing to loose. They are as good children as needs be, all willing to work, and all dear to me; even the littlest boy, when he gets a farthing now and then for going an errand, will be sure and bring it to mam." "So your daughters spin your thread?" "No, ma'am; as soon as they are old enough they go out to service. I don't want to keep them always delving for me; they are always willing to give me what they can; but it is right and fair they should do a little for themselves. I do all my spinning after the folks are in bed." Don't you think you would be better off if you had no one but yourself to provide for?" "Why no, ma'am, I don't. If I had not been married I should always have had to work as hard as I could, and now I can't do no more than that. My children are a great comfort to me; and I look forward to the time when they'll do as much for me as I have done for them." Here was true Philosophy!

SPEEDY CURE FOR A SPRAIN.—Take a large spoonful of Honey, the same quantity of salt, and the white of an egg; beat them all up together incessantly for two hours, then let it stand one hour, and anoint the place affected with the oil which will be produced, keeping the part well rolled with a good bandage. This is said generally to have enabled persons with sprained ancles (frequently more tediously cured than even a broken limb, and often leaving a perpetual weakness in the part,) to walk in twenty-four hours.

An invaluable recipe, the writer has proved it.

STOMACH PLASTER, FOR A COUGH.—Take bee's-wax, Burgundy pitch, and rosin, each an ounce; melt them together in a clean pip-kin, and then stir in three-quarters of an ounce of common turpentine, and half an ounce of oil of mace. Spread on a piece of sheep's leather, grate some nutmeg over the whole plaster, and apply it quite warm to the stomach.

SPEEDY REMEDY FOR THE CURE OF A BRUISED EYE.—Boil a handful of hyssop leaves in a little water, till they are quite tender: apply it hot to the eye; tie it on tight at bed time, and the eye will be better next morning. This recipe is taken from a large and valuable collection, which formerly belonged to the Earl of Shaftesbury, and it is there asserted, that "a man who had his