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What! rob a poor man of his beer And give him good victuals instead? Your heart's very hard, sir, I fear, Or at least you are soft in the head.

What! rob a poor man of his mug And give him a house of his own, With kitchen and parlor so snug. 'Tis enough to draw tears from a stone!

What! rob a poor man of his glass And teach him to read and to write? What! save him from being an ass? 'Tis nothing but malice and spite!

What! rob a poor man of his ale And prevent him from beating his wife, Prom being locked up in a jail. With penal enjoyment for life?

What! rob a poor man of his beer.
And keep him from starving his child?
It makes one feel dreadfully queer;
And I'll thank you to draw it more mild. -John Ploughman's Talk.

> * * * Invalid Rights.

We hear a great deal of the rights of various members of the community. The rights of the invalids are something that should be seriously considered. Every sick person should have suitable food prop-erly served and quiet, restful surroundings. Invalids should be kept free from visitors that will in any way interfere with their restful surroundings. There are a great many people who should never be admitted to the sickroom. They are not fitted to visit the sick. The presence of the trained nurse in the sickroom who insists that visitors should be strictly pro-hibited when there is the slightest risk from their presence, has done more than anything else to establish a precedent in anything else to establish a precedent in this matter. It is no longer the custom to visit the sick, to their own destruction. A great many people in former times were visited to death, Cheerful people are welcomed at a proper time in the sickroom, but at no time should an invalid be bored with people who come out of curlosity or any but kindly intent. Any physician will issue orders if requested to do so that no visitors shall be admitted, and this is excuse enough for excusing one's self to unwelcome visitors.

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The food for invalids should be daintily served, and only a small amount should be served at once. It tempts the appetite to bring a dainty allowance, which may be easily supplemented with more if needed. A complete change of fare, or even a meal served on different dishes, with a cluster of bright flowers added to the tray, will often induce a languid invalid to eat who would otherwise refuse food.

As soon as an invalid is convalescent enough to do something to occupy time and hand, and the physician will allow it, she should be allowed to do so. Nothing is more dangerous than the brooding habit to which so many convalescents are prone. Work of the simplest kinds may weary a sick person, but the weariness that comes from doing absolutely nothing is worse. Au squarium, a window garden or any object of living growing things is a boon for an invalid. Crocheting, tatting and knitting are all employments that do not require an undue exertion of the body and occupy the mind enough to keep away ennul. Often the worst trouble of a convalescent is described in the old rhyme:

Doing nothing was bis curse.

Is there a siu can vex us worse?

Damp Cellars.

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Cellars are very apt to be damp in sum-mer during the driest weather. This is Cellars are very spt to be damp in summer during the driest weather. This is caused by leaving windows open in the daytime, thus allowing the beated air of midday to rush in and strike the cold walls of the cellar, depositing moisture on them in the same way moisture is deposited on the outside of a pitcher of ice water or any dish containing ice and standing in a hot room. The beads of moisture on the walls of the cellar into which the hot air of midday is admitted often run in streams to the floor, and are visible in tiny pools of water. The remedy for this is to keep the cellar carefully closed during the day and open at night, when the outside air is almost as cold as the air of the cellar. A cellar cold and dry treated in this way will be cold and dry treated in this way will be cold and dry at all times unless there is some cause by which moisture is admitted inside the cellar in the daytime. Damp, mouldy cellars have been converted into dry, wholesome ones by simply whitewashing them, closing them up during the day, and airing them during the might.—Ex. A Codfish Dinner.

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There has been a fashionable fad for old-fashioned Colonial cookery and the "codfish dinner" of New England has been one of these revivals Outside of the New England States this kind of dinner is hardly known. Even in New England the people of the coast believe that this dinner cannot be properly cooked away from the "sound of the waves" by New Englanders so unfortunate as to live in the interior. This dinner consists of salt codfish with egg sauce and served with various vegetables. Usually potatoes, beets, carrots, onions and sometimes turnips are served with this dinner. The codfish is the only fish served with this dinner. A whole cod is selected. A dun dish, Miss Parloa, certainly one of our best authorities in New England cookery, tells us, is always preferred by New Englanders to the white fish. The difference in color is produced by a difference in the process of curing. The process that gives a dun fish produces a richer as well as a darker fish.

The night before this dinner is to be served scrub and wash carefully the codfish selected, using a brush. Cut off the fins and tail and soak the fish with the skin side up in an abundunce of clear, cold water. Put the beets, carrots and potatoes to soak, each by themselves if they are winter vegetables; if summer roots is used this is not necessary.

The next day put the fish, still skin side up, in clear, cold water, in a large pan or fish kettle, and let it slowly come to a boiling point, but do not let it boil. Set it where it will keep bot, without actually boiling for five minutes. The fish at the end of this time, will still be whole, but when touched with a knife on serving it will break into tender gelatinous flakes. Serve it, without breixing it, on a huge platter, heated for the purpose. Put about a quarter of a pound of nice salt pork into ittle cubes and fry them slowly until they are brown and crisp, and serve them with the fish. To make the egg sauce to use with the codfish melt a half cup of butter, stir in a teaspoonful of flour and add slowl

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