

LOST ARTS OF WOMEN.

It is possible that in olden times too much stress was laid on the importance of training girls to mend and darn so exquisitely that it would be difficult almost impossible, to discover that there had been any necessity for the labor, but if there was any error in teaching and exacting such perfect work, it was a fault "that leaned to virtue's side," and beyond all comparison better than the wretched "botching" to be found on the trimment of some—of many—of the girls of the present day. Landresses that wash for school girls could make strange revelations of neglect of garments and careless repairs were not their lips sealed from fear of losing good customers. When a broken stitch is allowed to go out unmeasured for until it has become so large that the stocking cannot be worn without some repairs, and is then drawn up in an ugly bunch—hard enough to blister the feet—instead of being nicely darned; or when a tear or rip in dress or undergarment is pulled together with thread coarse enough to injure the fabric; who is to blame—the mother or the daughter? What instruction has ever been given the young girl about looking out for the beginning of evil in her wardrobe? Has she been taught to darn or mend every rent or rip the first possible instant after it was discovered, and to do it neatly? Oh no! Her music or drawing lessons, her French and German, and dancing, are apparently of more importance than such useful work as mending or darning. If a young lady has what, in these days, is the rare skill of compelling her needle to assist her in carrying out all the requisitions which will enable her, with scant materials, to keep herself neatly and genteelly clad; if she can turn, remodel, piece neatly, cover the lack of material by simple and appropriate trimming, until she makes an old, dilapidated-looking garment look "amaist as weel's the new," she will have cause all the days of her life to thank the mother who led her in the way she should go, and whatever changes or vicissitudes may be sent, she has far less to fear than those who, in prosperous days, are only fanciful ornaments of their homes, but when the evil days come, will, through their ignorance, become oppressive burdens upon those who must provide for their support.

DAUGHTER AND WIFE.

A bad daughter seldom makes a good wife. If a girl is ill-tempered at home, snarls at her parents, snaps at brothers and sisters, and "shirks" her ordinary duties, the chances are ten to one that when she gets a home of her own she will make it wretched. There are girls who fancy themselves so far superior to their parents that the mere privilege of enjoying their society in the house ought to be all the old people should have the assurance to ask. While their mothers are busy with domestic duties they sit in the easiest chairs, or lie on the softest sofas, feeding on cheap and trashy novels, and cherishing the notion that they are literary individuals. The household drudgery is too coarse for their parents is to provide them with nice clothes, and be content with admiring their handsome appearance in the intervals of labor. Girls of this sort are very anxious to be married, that they may escape the disagreeables of a home where they are held, more or less, under subjection; therefore they are smiling enough to eligible bachelors, quickly smoothing down the frown which alone they give to their own families. A caller who doesn't have a chance to see how they behave as daughters, may be excused fancying them loving and lovable beings; but one who does see it is foolish if he commits himself by offering marriage to a girl of this sort. She is not fit to be the lady of a worthy man. If she will not assist her mother in the domestic labors, and badger the servants, is she not likely to be equally slothful and ill-tempered when she marries? If she now thinks herself too fine to work, is it safe to expect that her view as to that matter will radically change if she becomes a wife?

WHAT IS "TUCKING?"

A Bothered-looking citizen came into the Gazette office yesterday afternoon, and respectfully asked to be let look at the dictionary. He sat down, and rather anxiously thumbed Webster awhile. "What word are you looking for?" asked a reporter, seeing that the stranger had failed to strike the trail. "Well," said the man, in a burst of confidence, "you see I've only been married a short time, and my wife's gone up to Truckee on a visit, and she's written to me to look in the bottom of her trunk for a lot of 'tucking,' and send it to her. Now, what I want to know what in blazes is 'tucking?' It ain't in the dictionary." "Tucking?" said the reporter, briskly, "why, tucking is the stuff the girls make by poking a sort of short-turned fish-hook through a hole and catching the thread and drawing it back again." "Then the editor spoke up, contemptuously, and said that a man who was so ignorant as that ought to hold his tongue. What the reporter had described was o-hetting. Every body ought to know what tucking was. The ladies in making it used a little contrivance shaped like a mussel, with thread wound up inside of it. Tucking could be purchased, he believed, for ten or fifteen cents a yard, and why intelligent girls should waste a whole day in making what they could get for a short bit was more than he could understand. The married stranger said the editor was mistaken; that the a-ticle he mentioned was not tucking—it was tatting. This he knew for a fact. The editor observed that when a man came to the Gazette office for information, the editor, when he gave it, didn't like to be told he lied. If the stranger wanted to avoid trouble, he had better get out and go to the deuce. As the editor laid down in the face and his eyes were blazing, the married stranger coughed feebly and slunk down stairs. In the meantime, what is "tucking?"

NOTICE.

The Annual Election of Trustees for the ROMAN CATHOLIC SEPARATE SCHOOLS of the City will take place on January 8th, 1879, at the hour of 9 o'clock A. M. One Trustee to be elected for each ward. The Polling Booths will be as follows: Ward No. 1 At City Hall, Richmond street. " 2 Bonnet's office, York st. " 3 Jas. Percival's, Queen's Avenue. " 4 School House, Colborne st. " 5 School House, Bond st. " 6 School House, Waterlon street. " 7 School House, Common School Trustees is held.

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TO THE ELECTORS OF NO. 1 WARD. GENTLEMEN.—Having been nominated a candidate for the above Ward for Alderman for 1879, I now solicit your votes, and if elected will do all I can to advance the interests of the city.

Yours respectfully, ROBT. PRITCHARD. TO THE ELECTORS OF NO. 1 WARD.

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TO THE ELECTORS OF NO. 4 WARD. GENTLEMEN.—Having been nominated as Alderman for the above Ward for 1879, I now solicit your votes, and if returned will do my utmost to advance the interests of the ward and city. A. KEENEYSIDE.

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