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Birth of Photography.

Nowadays photography is a fulsome flatterer, at its inception it was uncomfortably candid. The man or woman who was first photographed by the method of Daguerre saw his or her peculiar defects unblushingly revealed to the world, were they freckles, crooked noses, superfluous hair, or a cast in the eye; re-touching was a product of the after years. According to the New York Evening Sun, "those were really good old days! When you went to have yourself daguerrotyped, all you had to do was to dress according to several pages of directions, get your face white-washed, and sit for the third of an hour with your body and head screwed in a chair while the sun roasted you in a skylight parlor or the daguerrotypist's back yard." I wonder if the present-day ladies whose chief hobby and recreation is being photographed, would have found another form of amusement had they lived in those days.

The secret of the art was brought by Prof. S. F. Morse from Paris whither he had gone in the interests of his invention of the telegraph. He got it from Daguerre, and, coming home, began to follow the Frenchman's lead in "taking" views out of doors. It was left to Dr. Draper to use first the living object. "Dr. Draper, after studying the whole process, decided that it could be improved upon in some way to take pictures of anything living. His studies in chemistry and physics helped him greatly, and finally, working on the top floor of the New York University building, he made the first portrait of a person by a photographic process. The subject was his sister, Dorothy Catherine, and his camera was a cigar-box fitted with a spectacle lens. Professor Morse had failed to get any portraits of his daughter and her friends, although he had tried often.

It required something more than the injunction to "look pleasant" to get the desired results. Dr. Draper had a Frenchman named Gouraud write out their directions in full. They ran in part as follows: The chair in which the sitter is placed has a staff at its back, terminating in an iron ring, which supports the head, so arranged as to have motion in directions to suit any stature and any attitude. By simply resting the back or the side of the head against this ring, it may be kept sufficiently still to allow the minutest marks on the face to be copied. The hands should never rest upon the chest, for the motion of respiration disturbs them so much as to make them of a thick and clumsy appearance, destroying also the representation of the veins on the back, which if they are held motionless, are copied with surprising beauty. . . . The eye appears beautifully; the iris with sharpness, and the white dot of light upon it with such strength and so much reality and life as to surprise those who have never seen it before. Many are persuaded that the pencil of the painter has been secretly employed to give this finishing touch.—T. P's. Weekly.

Winning.

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And a little self-control,
And some grim determination
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And a firm and stern-set chin,
No matter what the battle,
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There's no easy path to glory,
There's no rosy road to fame,
Life, however we may view it,
Is no simple parlor game;
But its prizes call for fighting,
For endurance and for grit,
For a rugged disposition
And a "don't-know-when-to-quit."

You must take a blow or give one,
You must risk and you must lose,
And expect that in the struggle
You will suffer from a bruise.
But you mustn't wince or falter,
If a fight you once begin,
Be a man and face the battle—
That's the only way to win.

—Harvester World.

The Ingle Nook.

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The Scrap Bag.
COOKING VEGETABLES.

If the odor of vegetables, when cooking, is much disliked, set a small pan containing vinegar and spices on the stove. This will kill the odor of the vegetables.

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TO ERADICATE VERMIN.

If, by any mischance, vermin has got into the children's heads apply coal-oil, alcohol, or spirits of camphor. Repeat if necessary.

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CLEANING IRISH CROCHET.

Wash the article carefully and rinse well. Next dip it into a little warm water in which a teaspoonful of sugar has been dissolved, and squeeze as dry as possible in a clean cloth, then pull them into shape and pin upon a cloth to dry. Be careful to fasten every part of the article in shape.

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STORING POTATOES.

A writer in an American magazine states that potatoes may be prevented from rotting as follows: Spread the bottom of the bin, where they are to be stored, with about one inch of pulverized, unslaked lime, put on the potatoes, then, when they have been piled in to the depth of a few feet, put on another layer of the lime.

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TO REMOVE GREASE FROM WOOD.

Do not scrub with hot water; cover the spots with soda and rub with a little cold water.

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MAKING SHOES WATER PROOF.

The following method is recommended for making children's or other shoes waterproof: Take 1 ounce yellow beeswax, 2 ounces powdered resin, and one pint of neat's-foot oil. Warm together over a very slow fire. Apply warm to the shoes with a rag and rub in all the leather will absorb, keeping it warm all the while. Now pour some into an old shallow tin and set the shoes in it until the soles are well saturated. It is well to blacken the shoes nicely before applying the waterproofing.

Another method given by Scientific American is this: Apply the following mixture: Linseed oil, 1 part; mutton tallow, 1 lb.; beeswax, 1 lb. Melt and mix thoroughly together and apply to the warmed boots with a brush. You may add a little ivory black if you like. A coat of gum copal varnish applied to the soles, and repeated as it dries until the surface shines will make the sole waterproof, and will also make it last three times longer.

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TO REJUVENATE AN OLD COAT.

A woman who had an old black coat that had become very dingy says she rejuvenated it by first brushing it well then rubbing it all over with a sponge dipped in liquid shoe polish, applying just a little of the liquid, very evenly. Her coat, she says, has been mistaken for a new garment.

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TO HAVE EARLY SWEET PEAS.

Dig a trench in the fall about 10 inches deep. In the bottom place a layer of fine pebbles for drainage, if required, next put in an inch of old manure, then 2 or 3 inches of soil. Sow the peas in this, then just before the heavy winter snows and frosts come fill up the trench with soil. In spring the plants will come up all ready for early blooming.

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