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If I could see him again,
If I could hear him say,
Merry and kind as he used to do,
"Well, little wife, what has come to you "
All through the busy day,
While I have been away?"

Often then I was cross;
Often I used to reply,
"What comes to a woman everywhere?
Washing and baking and household care,
I declare it makes me cry
To think how my days go by !"

Then he would kiss me again,
"Try to be still more kind:
Tenderly say, "My poor little wife;
Would I could give you an easier life "
How could I be so unkind?
Oh, how could I be so blind?

God took him away one day,
Took him away from me;
Now, though I labor the whole day through,
Nobody says: "What has come to you?"
Nobody pities or shares
The weight of my household cares.

Oh, yes, I have children, too; On, yes, I may controlled it.

A mother cannot complain;
But never a son or a daughter's grace.
Can fill the void of their father's place.
A mother cannot complain;
But, oh, for my husband again!

If I had only known
That I should ever find
It was an angel love that for years
Worked for me, cared for me, dried my tears.
I had been far more kind;
But, oh, I was blind!
—Lillie E. Barr, in Ledger.

#### LETTER TO COUSIN CARYL.

Dear Cousin Caryl:—There is never a day now, and has not been for weeks and weeks, without a shower at one or another 'ime through the twenty-four hours, but it reconciles one to the inevitable rain when the poets take to saying such sweet things as this exquisite bit of J. B. Aldrich's.

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"We knew it would rain, for all the moon
A spirit on slender robes of mist
Was lowering its golden buckets down
Into the varory amethyst
Of marsies, and swamps, and dismal fens,
Scooping the dew that lay in the flowers,
Dipping the jowels out of the sea,
To sprinkle them over the land in showers.
We knew it would rain, for the poplars showed
The white of their leaves, the amber grain
Shrunk in the wind, and the lightning now
Is tangled in tremulous skeins of rain."

I am so sorry for Helen's fall and the dear little burned hand! Whether one is far or near, as regards distance, to a physician, it is always humane, to put it mildly, to have a little chest or closet stocked with simple, effective remedies for the common "ills that flesh is heir to." The important treatment for burns is to exclude the air. The best application is a mixture in equal parts of linseed oil and lime water. Any druggist will sell you this already prepared, or you can buy the oil and add the lime water for yourself. The latter is made by putting a piece of unslacked lime, the size of a big walnut, into a common-sized wine bottle of cold water. Shake the bottle a few times, let the contents settle, and pour off the water. This mixture you really ought to keep in the house. To dress a burn, wet a soft cloth in the lime water and linseed oil preparation, and lay over the injured antiace. Put a dry cloth or flannel over this, and secure it in place with a smooth light bandage. Wet the inner cloth from time to time, but do not expose the inner surface to the air. When the inflamation subsides—that is when, as we say, "the fire is out,"—and the time depends upon the extent of the burn, apply a simple ointment. One of the very best is made of common whiting and lard that is free from salt. This does not keep very long, but the ingredients should be in the house so that the salve can be made up quickly when needed. If you are unfortunately out of linseed oil and lime water when Helen burns her hand again, make a dressing of a pint of hot water and milk, one half of each, and a small teaspoonful of common baking soda. Make this hot, then cool sufficiently to apply, keeping the cloth next the skin wet with it. Pastes of flour, starch and the like are cruel things. There is no way of cooling the skin beneath, and they cake and are harsh and irritating.

Dear me! There is no need to bemoan your inability to get any nice candy short of the capital. Make it, cousin mine! No, you do not need to serve any apprenticeship, and it does not necessitate stewing over a fireyou see how pat I have all the objections. But it's not at all intuition on my part, they are simply the obstacles that rose in my own mind when I first heard the matter of making French candies suggested. Of course there are delicious cooked candies, but of those more anon—when the weather is cooler, for example. The one thing that you must have now is confectioner's sugar, nothing else answers. This is white and smooth, something like cornstarch. Of course, you will not buy it of a confectioner, because he will charge 50 or 75 per cent. profit. Get it of any wholesale grocer, and it will cost but a trifle more than the common article. To make a small quantity of candy, take the white of one fresh egg, and an equal quantity of water; stir them (not beating the egg first, notice,) slightly, and add the desired flavor. The amount of this depends upon the strength of the extract used, and upon one's taste. A half teappoonful of extract