

household with the information that Helena Mills had given up her studies even, and gone into the kitchen—"and if you believe it, she likes it." Then would follow reflection upon the natural ability and bias of mind of young women who were "fond of washing dishes."

This sensible, accomplished little drawing teacher was the only one to be found, who mingled in the "upper circles of New City, who said a word either in praise or defense of Helena Mills' new vocation. Miss Carleton always and everywhere protested that the young girl's course was not only praiseworthy but beautiful. She maintained that every woman, young or old, high or low, who took upon herself the labor of elevating the much abused, as well as despised vocation of housework—upon which the comfort of every home depends—to a fine art, was a public benefactor.

Miss Carleton's friends all listened and laughed, and then went on with their senseless and malicious tirade. She was heartily glad when her engagements in New City were ended and she was not obliged to move in such "select" society, whose ideas were always a mere echo of opinions—no matter how trivial and foolish—which had been expressed by a few of the most wealthy members.

Mrs. Dr. Forbes, nee Miss Carleton, had heard very little about New City society for five years. But having occasion to pass through the place on the cars lately treated herself to little gossip chat with the conductor, whom she had known as a New City gallant.

"There is no particular news, Mrs. Forbes," said he, "unless it is the engagement of Helena Mills to young lawyer Bartlett, son of Colonel James Bartlett, you remember, owner of the big corner art store. A capital choice the youngsquire has made, too. She's as good as gold, and everybody says she's the best girl in the city. She is a perfect lady, withal, and treats everybody well. Not a bit of nonsense or shoddy about her. Why, bless you, Mrs. Forbes, when her father failed in '72, she took entire charge of the family, and she has managed the house ever since.

Her father is now in business again for himself, and employs more men than ever. Her mother, who has been an invalid for years, was forced by Helena's example to try and exert herself so as to share her daughter's burden to some extent. As the result of her new, active life she has followed she lost all her ailments, and is now a happy, hearty, healthy woman. Helena's brothers have grown up to be fine, manly, helpful fellows, and the whole family are better off every way than before. As matters were going on before Mr. Mills' failure, the whole family were in danger of being spoiled by too much luxury.

"There was a good deal of talk at first among the big bugs about Helena's pots and kettles, and they used to say she had found her true 'level.' I always thought there was a piece of malice in her talk, for the girls of her set envied her beauty and accomplishments. I am rather fond of telling them now that Helena Mills has found her 'level' in the richest, most influential, and just the best family in New City."

FACETIÆ.

AN ONLY CHILD.

"If I had an only son," remarked Brother Gardner, of the Lime Kiln Club, "if I had an only son, and he grew up as only sons are pretty sure to do, an' he went on a Sunday-akule picnic an' got drowned I should feel little sorry an' a heap thankful. If I had an only darter, an' she grew

up, as only darters allus grow, an' she run away wid a lightnin'-rod man, and was left in de po'-house, I should feel a little sorry, but not a bit surprised. De family wid an only son or an only darter needs nooder trouble. When you meet a man who carries his cigars in hint bocket an' goes off behind de ba'n to take a chow of t-r-backer, sot him down for an only son. When you meet a man who flusters and brags an' seeks to lord it ober odder people you have found an only son. When you meet a man who thinks de world was made for him alone you have met an only son. De only son an' de man who takes up two seats in the kyars—who eats hisself sick when he pays two shillings fur all he can eat—who crowds de children at a festival. I doan' say dat he am to blame, but I do say dat de world feels relieved when he goes to his grave. Once in a lifetime you may hear of an only son who hasn't turned de family out of doahs nor had all de nayburs for a mile round shoot at him an' offer to buy him a tombstone, but be keerful how you believe it.

"When you meet a woman who puts you in mind of selfishness out for an airin', sot her down as an only darter. When you fin' a woman who expects thr kyars to stop in de middle of a block—when you meet a woman whose husband am allus ready to dodge, sot her down for an only darter. De only darter grows up to whine an' complain an' tryannize an' make de world mo' wretched for people wretched 'nuff befo.' De odder day I was called upon to go over to a naybur's an' box de years of an only darter whose poo' ole mudder lay on a bed of sickness, an' I nuss' say dat I kinder enjoyed it. Dat same evenin' I was called up to visit anoder naybur whose only son wanted to sell de family cook stove to buy him a yaller dog an' a single-barreled shot-gun. I had a short struggle wid de young man, an' he won't be out of bed fur a week to come.

"My experience is dat a family which de Lawd had forsake, a rter sending one chile has woe an' sorrow in der household. Selfishness takes root dar' an' growz amazin' fast. Wickedness creeps in dar' an' nebbber lets go. De small-pox kin be stamped out—de yaller fever mus' give way to frost—de cholera only settles down here an' dar', but the only chile am allus wid us. He or she meets us ebery day—walks wid us frow life—brings upon us de larger sheer of our miseries. Pity de fadder with an only son—thrice pity de mudder wid an only darter.

He was a Fourth-st. snob, and the evening he called he hung his coat up in the hall and said: "Hang there, you \$60 overcoat." Pulling off his gloves and putting them on the table, he said: "Lay there, you \$3 gloves." Sitting his cane in the rack, he said: "Stand there, you \$15 cane." Giving his mustache an extra twist, he said: "Stand erect, you last month's mustache." He then went into the parlor, and would have sat down, but she pulled the chair out from under him, and as he fell on the floor she said: "Lay there, you one-cent fool."

A NASHVILLE husband was sitting in his store the other day when a letter in familiar hand writing was handed to him. It was from his wife whom he had left at home that morning with every assurance of her affection and devotion. But the very first sentence startled him, and as he read on the most horrible suspicions seized him. I am forced to tell you something that I know will trouble you,

but it is my duty to do so. I am determined you shall know it let the result be what it may, I have known for a week that this trial was coming, but kept it to myself until to-day, when it has reached a crisis and I cannot keep it any longer. You must not censure me too harshly, for you reap the results as well as myself. I do hope it won't crush you. The flour is all out. Please send me some this afternoon. I thought by this method you would not forget it. She was right, he did not.

HOUSEHOLD.

TO PREVENT WOODEN VESSELS FROM CRACKING.—Wooden bowls, and other ware of this sort, as well as cross-sections from tree trunks, and short logs cut for various purposes, are very apt to crack and split while seasoning. To prevent this completely, the pores of the wood should be well filled with linseed, or some other vegetable oxidizing oil, while it is yet green, and before it begins to show any signs of cracking or checking this will completely obviate this inconvenience.

DIPHTHERIA.—A gentleman who has administered the following remedy for diphtheria says that it has always proved effectual in affording speedy relief. Take a common tobacco-pipe, place a live coal within the bowl, drop a little tar upon the coal, and let the patient draw smoke into the mouth and discharge it through the nostrils. The remedy is safe and simple, and should be tried whenever occasion may require. Many valuable lives may be saved, the informant confidently believes, by prompt treatment as above.

SOUP STOCK.—In making soup from raw meats break the bones apart, place them in a pot, cover them with cold water, boil slowly for five or six hours; add salt to quicken the rising of the scum, which should be thoroughly removed. Cut up three carrots, three turnips two heads of celery and two onions; add to the stock, together with six or eight cloves, a bouquet of herbs, and a teaspoonful of whole pepper, strain into a deep saucepan and clarify with the white of an egg. It will then be ready for an indefinite variety of soups.

STICKY FLY-PAPER.—A correspondent of *New Remedies* commends the following as cheap and effective. In a tin vessel melt one pound of resin, and then add about two fluid drachms of linseed oil. While the mixture is warm, dip the spatula into it, and spread what adheres to the blade on foolscap paper, after which it may be allowed to cool. I have learned by experience that different samples of resin require different proportions of oil. When the mixture is found to be too hard for spreading, more oil may be added; if too soft, add resin.



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