

HOUSEHOLD HINTS.

To heat dishes quickly put them into hot water. This is a safer and better plan than heating them in the oven.

Discoloured knife blades will become bright at once if rubbed with a cut raw potato dipped in brick-dust or other knife powder.

Charcoal is a capital disinfectant. Keep a dish of it in the larder, and the food kept there will not quickly taint. In hot weather the charcoal should be changed every ten days.

To remove the smell of paint stand a pail of water in the room for several hours. Add a handful of hay or a couple of sliced onions to the water, and the smell of the paint will be absorbed more quickly.

Like Simcoe Pudding: Line a basin closely with bread, stew one pound of red fruit, adding water if it is not very juicy and sugar to taste. Pour the boiling fruit into the basin lined with bread, covering it with more bread. Put a saucer on the top of the basin and press with a weight. Turn out after four hours and serve cold.

Toronto Tartlets: Beat one egg and two ounces of caster sugar to a cream, flavour with a teaspoonful of orange flower water, and half an ounce of sweet almonds cut up finely. Melt three ounces of fresh butter, and whisk it into the mixture. Line eight small tins with puff pastry, then rather more than half fill with the above mixture, and bake in a steady oven.

Mayonnaise Sauce for Salads: This sauce is often supposed to be difficult to make, and is seldom attempted by the average cook, for few people know that the secret of success is to add the oil slowly. Take the yolk of an egg and the juice of a lemon, beat slowly together. Stir continuously one way gently, and add enough oil to make your sauce of the consistency of thick cream. This may be kept in a bottle for use.

HOT WEATHER DRINKS.

Squeeze the juice from strawberries or raspberries and pour two cupfuls of this upon a cupful of granulated sugar. When the sugar is dissolved, add the juice of a lemon and a quart of iced water. Have it very cold before serving and strew the top with a handful of the whole berries.

Iced chocolate deserves to be better known. Make it as you would any good chocolate. Stir together over the fire four tablespoonfuls of grated chocolate and three tablespoonfuls of granulated sugar with three cupfuls of hot milk and one cupful of hot water, and let simmer for fifteen minutes. Add one teaspoonful of vanilla and a pinch of salt, beat up well with a wire egg-beater, then set aside to become perfectly cold. Serve in tall glasses, and with a spoonful of vanilla ice cream or unsweetened whipped cream on top.—Woman's Home Companion.

TRUE BEAUTY.

The following anecdote of a famous French woman proves the truth of the old saying, "Handsome is that handsome does." A famous lady who once reigned in Paris society was so very homely that her mother said one day, "My poor child, you are too ugly for anyone ever to fall in love with you." From this time Madame de Circourt began to be very kind to the pauper children of the village, the servants of the household, even the birds that hopped about the garden walks. She was always distressed if she happened to be unable to render a service. This goodwill towards everybody made her, it is said, perfectly irresistible. Her life furnishes us a valuable lesson.

SPARKLES.

A school-inspector in England asked a child in a primary school to tell him as nearly as possible what he understood a pilgrim to be.

"A pilgrim is a man who goes about a good deal," was the reply.

This seemed not quite satisfactory to the inspector, and he said, "I go about a good deal," but I am not a pilgrim."

"Please, sir, I mean a good man," was the eager addition.

"If your room is narrow that you cannot see far,

Knock a hole in the ceiling and look at a star."

Tommy—Pop, a rooster doesn't have hair, does he?

Tommy's Pop—No, my son.

Tommy—Then what good does it do him to have a comb?

"I am glad George's parents always boarded," said the prospective bride. "Because why?" asked her girl chum. "Because it will be impossible for him to boast of his mother's cooking," answered the fair one of the preface.

One night a party of soldiers were telling stories of thrilling adventures, wonderful spectacles, marvellous sight-seeing experiences, etc., gathered round the camp fire in the Transvaal. An Irishman had listened with open mouth, staring eyes, and bristling hair at the adventures, so miraculous had been some escapes of his comrades in arms. At last he thought of his sister. Clearing his throat, the Irishman said:

"No doubt, me boys, ye have see some wonderful sights, but me sister Biddy used to squint so bad when she wanted to read a newspaper she'd to buy two, and hold one in each hand, about the length of a bayonet apart, and even then she has sometimes discovered her eyes looking into each other over the bridge of her nose."

For the remainder of the night there was "Peace, perfect peace."

Mrs. Smith once asked her neighbor how much she thought her baby was worth. She said:

"A baby is a crier.

A crier is a messenger,

A messenger is one sent,

One cent is not worth two cents;

Therefore, a baby is not worth two cents."

Queen Wilhelmina of Holland is one of the busiest monarchs of Europe, and never happier than when attending to affairs of state. Even as a child she was fond of asserting her authority. One day she sent for a certain minister and announced that she had quarrelled with and dismissed her governess. The minister gravely asked: "When does your majesty wish her to be beheaded? You know it is the custom in Holland to behead all those who are officially disgraced. It will be necessary for your majesty to be present at the execution, and—" Here the child queen abruptly left the apartment and the governess was reinstated at once.

A Cigarette's Soliloquy.—I am not much of a mathematician but I can add to the boy's nervous troubles, I can subtract from his physical energy. I can multiply his aches and pains. I can divide his mental powers. I can take interest from his work and discount his chances of success.

If we traverse the world it is possible to find cities without walls, without letters, without kings, without wealth, without coin, without schools, without theatres; but a city without a temple, or that presideth not religion is nowhere to be found.—Plutarch.

LEGAL DON'TS FOR WIVES.

1. Don't sign or indorse a note or agree to be surety for any debt unless you are willing and can afford to pay the amount yourself. Never vary from this rule, even in the case of your husband, father or your dearest woman friend.

2. Don't write your name on a blank piece of paper. Many women have done it and bitterly regretted it for the rest of their days.

3. Don't give an unlimited power of attorney to any one. If it is absolutely necessary to give one at all, be sure that it is given only for what it is needed and limit the time as much as possible.

4. Don't do anything in business matters "for politeness," which your judgment tells you you should not do.

5. In short, don't give any promise or sign any paper whatever until you are sure you know the legal effect of it on yourself and your family.

6. Don't write anything even in a friendly letter, which you would not be willing to have used in evidence in court. On the other hand, don't destroy any letter or paper which may have a bearing on a business matter.

7. Don't consent to your husband's assigning his wages. Don't make it necessary by extravagant living.

8. Don't buy furniture, books or anything else for which you cannot afford to pay cash. If you think of buying on the installment plan, first estimate what the interest will amount to and add to it the price of the goods; then find out the cost of goods of the same quality at a cash store and compare the figures. Realize that you own none of the goods bought on the installments until you have paid for all, and that a failure to keep any portion of your agreement may cause you to lose all that you have paid.

9. Don't keep people, rich or poor, waiting for money you owe them.

To this sensible advice, quoted from Good Housekeeping, we should like to add one more suggestion by way of precaution: Don't fail to examine your securities, once in a while, no matter to whose hands the papers are intrusted.

SPIDER'S PREY.

Far up in the mountains of Ceylon there is a spider that spins a web like bright yellow silk, the central net of which is five feet in diameter, while the supporting lines, or guys, as they are called, measure sometimes ten feet or twelve feet. The spider seldom bites or stings, but should any one try to catch him bite he will, and, though not venomous, his jaws are as powerful as a bird's beak. The bodies of these spiders are very handsomely decorated, being bright gold or scarlet underneath, while the upper part is covered with the most delicate slate-colored fur. So strong are the webs that birds the size of larks are frequently caught therein, and even the small but powerful scap lizard falls a victim. A writer says that he has often sat and watched the yellow monster—measuring, when waiting for his prey, with his legs stretched out, fully six inches—striding across the middle of the net, and noted the rapid manner in which he winds his stout threads round the unfortunate captives. He usually throws the coils about the head until the wretched victim is first blinded and then choked. In many unfrequented dark nooks of the jungle you come across skeletons of small birds caught in those terrible snares.—Dundee Advertiser.

The temperate are the most truly luxurious. By abstaining from most things, it is surprising how many things we enjoy.—Stimms.