

# Household Notes.

PLAIN SEWING. - Just plain sewing-plain, old fashioned hand sewing-has come to be the fashion again, says a correspondent of an 'American journal. Women who once worked mysterious raised wool dogs and parrots on dark canvas, and birthday present for a friend, herself later crazy patchwork, then Kensington embroidery, and, only last year, Renaissance lace, now do fine white sewing, felling, hemming, gathering, finishing off hand embroidery which they do themselves, or with dainty lace whipped on with almost invisible stitches.

Sewing like this our grandmothers did for themselves and their daughters, and in many homes bits of it may be found now, carefully put away in old chests and drawers, the odor of lavendor and dead rose leaves still clinging to them. Machine sewing never has filled the

place of such exquisite work as used to be done in those olden days. It is something well worth reviving. Like the arts of the Middle Ages. which survived through the fostering care of the monasteries, this art has all the while been kept up by patient nuns, who have wrought in their solitude all that these recent years could be purchased of handmade underwear, all that could be bought in the shops, for now and then there has been an old fashioned mother who saw that her daughters had at least one hand made piece in their trousseau, and it was always

a nightdress of softest stuff, trimmed with real lace and seamed, tucked and finished by her loving hands. In the days of the grandmother

sewing was a part of every girl's home training. Now it is taught in the public schools here and there, as school boards recognize that they did know a little in those times a bout the real education of girls.

A dear white haired old lady tells how, when she was a child, she came so interested in gathering her first ruffle that she went over the "stroking" so many times that she

but whole garments with no stitch of machine work upon them. These are for themselves, their children or as a gift to a friend. One wealthy woman made recently an entire petticoat, the ruffles all tucked and many lace insertions let in by hand. It was designed as a

men of leisure are making not only finer sheer linen trifles for the neck,

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a woman of means. Corset covers which they have made with their own delicate fingers are now an especially popular gift from one girl friend to another. These are finished with wash ribbons, which have an old fashioned air, run all around through the border of lace insertion and tied in bows at the neck, waist and shoulders. Popular, too, as a gift and significant, like the return of the chemise, is the hand made fancy apron, another fe-

minine bit of wear long relegated to maids and the kitchen It has been said that a woman

never has such power over a man as when he watches her as she sits ply ing her needle in and out of a fold of soft, white sewing. So, as there always are women who prefer having influence over men to other aims in life, it is not strange that needle and thread in the long summer days should rival golf sticks and pingpong racquet and balls as weapons in the hands of the summer girl with an eye to the real objects of her campaign.

GOOD SENSE .- Discussing the question of women taking the place of men in the business offices and workshops, a woman of experience

"There seems to be a very much mistaken idea that the sex is forcing itself unbidden into places where vomen do not belong.

"Now men can always keep women at home if they provide properly for them. Even the most mannish type of woman and the most self-reliant was, you will always find upon investigation, forced into the fray. She

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# Lessons and Examples Soon afterward Mrs. Fiant Units Leary she would consider it a privilege if she might be allowed to

BEQUESTS .- Every Catholic of means should remember the Church and its institutions, and among the the understanding that the church latter our orphan asylums. Signs are not wanting to show that in recent years, particularly in the United

States, the practise is becoming a little more general. What an im mense amount of good could be done by our Orphan Asylums if they had the means to give a complete education to boys or girls and keep them under training until they had reached an age which would make it safe for them to go out into the world and take up the battle of life. Recent reports of donations and bequests are: Mr. William Galt of Washington D.C., who died June 19, left by will \$1,000 each to the Little Sisters of the Poor, St. Vincent's Orphan Asylum, St. Joseph's Male Orphan Asylum, St. Ann's Infant Asylum and the House of the Good Shepherd, while the same amount is left to the pastor of St. Mary's Church, Alexandria, for the poor of that city. Mr. Galt was in his seventy-seventh year,

and was unmarried. He was a parishioner of St. Patrick's Church, and a trustee of St. Vincent's Orphan Asylum. By the will of the late Rev. Peter

Andre of Detroit, Mich., the sum of \$1,000 is left to his executor for Masses; \$1,000 to the bishop of Detroit for the new church of St. Anparish; \$500 each to St. thony's Vincent's Female Orphan Asylum, Detroit, and St. Francis' Home for Orphans at Monroe: and the remainder, after a sum destined for the testator's monument, is to be used to promote Catholic missions in Africa. Father Andre's library goes to the guardian of the Capuchin convent in Detroit.

TO BUILD A CHURCH .- Through the generosity of Miss Annie Leary, and Mrs. Henry B. Plant, widow of the wealthy railroad and steamboat owner, the Fathers of the Blessed Sacrament of New York, are soon to have a church of their own-the first in the United States, accoring to reports in secular newspapers of New York.

Miss Leary, whose charitable deeds eldom become known to the public has done much for the Fathers of the Blessed Sacrament. They had long desired to come to this city which they regarded as a promising field for their labors, but as the ceremonial of the perpetual adoration of the

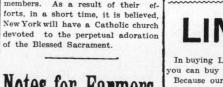
deeming it was not time for the fathers to make their home here. Miss Leary enlisted many of her society friends in the cause, but for some reason the money did not apsome reason the money did not ap-pear as rapidly and as generously as had been hoped. Then it was she de-termined she would erect a church with her own funds, and that it should be a memorial to her dead brother Arthur. Only a few of her friends know of the determination, and that for some months she had been looking for a desirable site for the edifice, which is to be erected in one of the select parts of the city, but as yet the location has not been

decided on. One of those who learned recently of the determination of Miss Leary was Mrs. Plant.

When she was visiting Miss Leary not long ago their conversation turned on church work, and then it was that Mrs. Plant heard of her friend's desire that the Fathers of the Blessed Sacrament should have a church of their own. Mrs. Plant became interested at once and said she would do anything in her power to bring about this result.

share in the expense of erecting the church. Miss Leary gave her con-sent readily, but, that she might not be outdone by her friend, it was with should be a memorial, jointly, to Arthur Leary and to Henry B. Plant. Both decided, however, that while

they were ready to bear the burden of the outlay, any one who desired to aid might do so. So an auxiliary association has been formed, with Miss Leary as general treasurer, and several of her friends have become members. As a result of their ef. forts, in a short time, it is believed, New York will have a Catholic church devoted to the perpetual adoration



Notes for Farmers. other. LIVE STOCK .- For quick returns,

the hog is far ahead of the steer or sheep. He is easily fitted for slaughter at six months old, and at that time, if he has been well fattened, 80 per cent. of his live weight is in dressed meat. It will not pay to keep poor cow And while it is possible for milk. en. to waste feed by giving excessive

quantities to good cows, we are in much more danger of cutting down profits by feeding too sparingly. My study of the subject leads me to be lieve that the majority of owners would make their dairy stock more profitable if they would come considerably nearer to what is called high feeding. Many farmers salt their cows on

the ground. That is not the best way. Boxes, or if the cows come up under the shed at night, a strip of board nailed along the edge of

long sill to make a wide trough will hold the salt far batter, and the cows can get it as they need it. The old way is wasteful, and waste means harder work to get along on the farm, as it does everywhere.

"The real practical difficulty is to know just what each cow will do be-forehand. It is unfortunate that they do not come into the world tagged with their capacity in some indelible manner, so that purchaser can know what to expect. Careful records and studies of animal rior have given us much material from which to estimate capacity, and by using good judgment and giving our judgment the benefit of any

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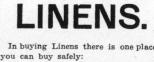
Could you do your best if you were kept busy fighting flies from morning to night? No more can the cow Help her a little by the use of the sprayer. She will reciprocate every such kindness, and do it in a most pleasing way, too.

Feed determines the quantity of milk, while the blood of the animal determines the milk's richness For that reason it does not pay to bother with calves of blue milk stock (unless for selling milk, and hardly Nor does it pay to fuss with then): a calf that for any reason is lacking in individual vigor.

There are a great many articles on the farm that can be consumed the poultry with advantage. Turkeys will clean tobacco of the large worms, and there are no better destroyers of grasshoppers and moths than turkeys and guineas, as they forage early and late. Ducks eat anything that a hog will consume and they are excellent scavengers. Geese prefer the pasture, and also young and tender weeds. During the eason from May to October classes of fowls, if given their liberty, can secure an abundance of food without aid from the farmer, and eggs in summer are really more pro-

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suggestive. They show the gre which non-Catholics a braries and to brin the young. The great the young. The great this is to keep them within the sphere of C ence. It is the same and common schools. totally secular instruc ence to religious educa all know. Catholics sh of libraries where the standard Catholic wri find a place. Catho should be safeguarde apt to weaken their famorals. We have a li at present in our own reason why non-Catl are opposed to priests thing to do with the the books to be bough be evident to our rea foregoing remarks.

CATHOLIC SAILOR dispute arose at the week between the own crew of a steamer in crew had joined the sh dition that they were t

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was ready for the band. Soon the little maid was allowed

to put together a garment for her-In an old Southern town there lived until recently a maiden lady representing the past, who was held up as an example to a vounger and more perverse female generation, because, as her aged mother would tell with pride:- "When Georgiana was six years old she made a shift out and out for herself." "Shift," there, is still among old fashioned people

the term for the essentially feminine garment known as a chemise It is significant to note that with

the revival of hand sewing the chemise has come to be the fashion again. Once it was put aside with many arguments as to its being a clumsy and unnecessary piece of underwear.

Most of the high class shops, to supply the increased demand, are now showing a large supply of beautiful sets of hand made underwear All of it, however, is not done with the fine, small stitches to be expected, but the best of it is exquisite in every particular and as beautiful to ecuted by a master.

The truest sign of the revival of and sewing is not the things seen ones at this time. They speedily re-

was unprovided for. Often she cared for others who were left dependent dependent application for admis-transplaced by the performance of the perf wore the piece to threads before it for others who were left dependent upon her.

Women are not fond of working in the world, although they may pretend that they are when they have found a place there. Many of they them remain until the very end strangely reticent about their occupations and are foolishly sensitive a bout having the fact that they work for a living alluded to.

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