

A woman from whom the cat flees, the children will hide from, and there's something very wrong with either her or—the cat.

The relative values of the things of life are not easily seen or understood. There are those who place the greatest importance upon their food. Others make pleasure a leader, whom they follow very gladly. To many a woman displays in the chief aim of life. Sometimes these people have been their own undoing. Sometimes they were set wrong in the beginning by their careless or ignorant parents. If you inculcate a love of dress in your daughter's mind—it is your fault if finery is more than her very soul some day. If you set before your boy an example of sharpness in business, who is to blame if he feathers his own nest with the pluckings of some one else's geese when he is grown. And you cannot expect either daughter or son to be more than you are. It is a clear case of brooming off your own doorstep the very first thing.

This is the month for the white sewing. The woman of fore-thought is making over, and cutting down, repairing, buying, planning, setting in order the spring and summer wardrobes of her family, and attending to the napery and general house linen.

It does seem early to be thinking of prints and underlinen, and the new ser-viettes, but it is only a turn of the wheel, and the warmth of summer will be upon us, and woe to us and ours if like the unfortunate girl of poesy, we have "nothing to wear."

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AN INTERESTING EXPERIMENT.

Procure a drinking glass which has a footstalk, and stretch over the mouth a piece of wet paper, gumming or pasting it at its edges to the glass. When the paper is dry—but not till then—strew dry sand thinly over it. Place the tumbler on the table, and hold directly above it and parallel to the paper, a sheet of glass, which afterwards strew with sand in the same way as the paper, the edges having been previously smoothed with emery paper. Draw a violin bow along any portion of the edges, and the sand upon the glass is made to vibrate, it will form various figures, which will be exactly imitated by the sand upon the paper. If a violin be played within a few inches of the paper, this will also cause vibration in the same way, and so we obtain a record of sound.

HERE AND THERE.

The phrase that "good wine needs no bush" arose from the custom, in early times, before the inns were established on public roads, of those having wine to sell, hanging out a bush by way of a sign, hence it became a saying that "good wine would find customers without a bush."

The following advertisement recently appeared in an American newspaper:—"A young man of good figure and disposition, unable though desirous to procure a wife without the preliminary trouble of amassing a fortune, proposes the following expedient to attain the object of his wish. He offers himself as a prize in a lottery, to all widows and maidens under thirty-two. The number of tickets to be 600 at \$50 each. Only one number to be drawn, the fortunate proprietor of which is entitled to the husband and the \$30,000.

The most curious timekeeper, perhaps, that has ever been made in America was the work of one Victor Doriot, who lived at Bristol, Tennessee, about twenty years ago. This oddity was nothing more or less than a wooden watch. The case was made of briar root, and the inside works, except three of the main wheels and the springs (which were of metal,) were made from a piece of an old box-wood rule. The face, which was polished until it looked like a slab of finest ivory, was made from the shoulder-blade of an old cow. "Doriot's queer watch," as it was called, was an open-faced affair, with a glass crystal, and was pronounced a fine piece of work by all the watchmakers in East Tennessee.

A short time ago a dog seized a purse belonging to a poor family, and made off with it before anyone had time to catch him. The purse contained all they possessed—a sum of about \$200, with which they were about to purchase a business in the hope of retrieving their fallen fortunes. This loss was a severe blow, and seemed in reality the last straw that would drive them into the workhouse. After a while however, they plucked up courage, and turned their hands to anything they could find to do, with the result that after a struggle things began to mend and in time they were able to purchase a business which made them comfortable again. It was a strange thing that the business they originally intended purchasing was utterly worthless and plunged the unfortunate people who bought it into bankruptcy.