



The Home Department

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Susan B. Anthony

O strong, serene, pure rock of womanhood!

Who, looking on the laws and finding less

Than she accounted justice, calmly stood

And bravely asked the nation for redress!

Not for herself; for she was never blind

To storms of opposition that must come—

The bitterness and scorn of lesser minds—

And travelling round the world without a home.

She met with patience all the long delay,

For martyr-like was her insistent faith;

Keeping her steadfast purpose day by day,

With eyes that looked beyond the gates of death.

And still we see her, with unceasing care,

Tolling till Life should turn its final page;

The almond blossom in her silver hair,

A halo of her venerable age.

And tender hearts are wakening everywhere,

And brave souls giving honor to the brave,

And loving words accost her here and there,

In this land and beyond the ocean wave.

So has she won some answer to her toil,

Some earnest that foretells the final price,

Seeing in native and in foreign soil
Some fruitage of her lifelong sacrifice.

So let no woman turn aside from God,

But take God ever with her in her task,

Knowing, whatever lonely ways are trod,

His purposes can answer all we ask:

In garnering priceless riches to the soul,

In holding up before reflective youth,

Amid the strife for pleasure and for gold,

One fearless spirit consecrate to truth.

Nor call her childless, who has risen above

The human passions with their narrow reach,

And in a God-like, universal love
Stretched helpful hands to elevate and teach.

The children of a nobler age will call
This queenly woman "Mother,"

without slur,

Who had no children of her own; for all

Alike were sons and daughters unto her.

—Grace Berwick in St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

A Nation's Gifted Daughter

You have all, doubtless, read much of the last hours and the laying away to rest of one for whom all woman-

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kind must grieve as for a personal loss—Susan B. Anthony. I have wanted to say many things, but have found them so much better said than I could have expressed them, that I have stood by in silence. We know, as one who loved her has said, that we shall never have another Susan B. Anthony, because the conditions which called her up have passed away. She has contributed more than any other woman to the uplifting of her sex and to the progress of humanity along certain lines. She lived but for others. It was always her desire to "die in the harness," and God was good to her in giving her the desire of her heart. She so feared the loss of mental and physical vigor, but neither came to her; even in the death chamber, she was alive to the questions of the hour. Like Moses, she was permitted to look upon the land promised to those she so bravely led through all trials and discouragements, but for some good cause, she was not permitted to enter therein. She expressed regret that, after so many years of struggle, she was allowed so little part in the victory; but in those sixty years of work she had set in motion machinery so vast and opened up avenues so interminable that few intellects are strong enough to grasp their magnitude. When one woman told her she "was always praying for her," she told her to "pray with her hands and feet, and let the prayers take the form of work." At the close of one of her meetings, she said: "Now, I don't want all of you women to rush up here and tell me how much you love me. If you really love me, you'll go home and get right to work." She was always loyal to her sister women. She lived but for their advancement and uplifting.

Such a life is full of lessons. If we would do honor to her memory, let each of us contribute of our best to this great work. Every woman who must work for wages owes her a debt of gratitude, and we should, as she commanded, let our love take the form of work for the ennoblement of our sister women.

The "Hay-Box"

Several readers have asked for information about the "fireless stove," and, as I have friends who laud its convenience greatly, I copy the following directions from the Ladies' World. Personally, I know nothing of it:

"The fireless stove is not at all difficult to make, and costs little or nothing. Any tight box which has a tightly fitting cover will answer; an old trunk is just the thing, if there are no cracks which can not be made perfectly tight. A lining of asbestos paper is a help, though not a necessity. A felt or flannel lining also adds to its heat-retaining powers, but it must be put in so as to be removed and cleaned when necessary. Any kind of tightly-covered vessels may be used, tin or granite ware, but earthen ones are said to retain the heat the longest.

"Fill the box or trunk loosely with hay, fine shavings, excelsior, or something similar, making the right-sized nests as needed in which to set the cooking vessels used. A muslin bag, filled loosely with hay, should be used to cover all closely, then the box cover is closed and made fast, and the cooking goes merrily on "while you wait." In general, it will require from three to five minutes actual boiling on the fire for most

vegetables, the covered vessels containing them to be set immediately while still rapidly boiling, into the prepared nests, and the box cover put on immediately, that no heat be lost. Most articles must be kept in the box, tightly closed, for from two to four hours, though it may be kept hot for ten or twelve. Roasted or boiled meats, or meat soups, require from fifteen to thirty minutes actual cooking on a fire, always in tightly-covered vessels from which the cover is not to be removed. The amount of water used in the first place is important, and must be learned by actual experience, though a little more than "just enough" is best. The hay should be renewed ever two or three weeks, and the muslin bag washed, to prevent sour or musty smells. The box may hold several things at once, but they should all be put in at once to avoid opening until ready to serve. A smaller one can be made for the nursery or sick room, to keep things warm."

At a small expense, a most cleanly and efficient fireless stove may be made as follows: Procure a close wooden box with a tight cover, and line to the thickness of one-half inch or so with asbestos or mineral wool; then take a tightly-covered tin box (a bread box will answer) and fit snugly within the asbestos-lined box. The covered cooking vessels containing the rapidly boiling food are placed in the tin box and both covers tightly closed, when the heat will be retained as with the hay-filling. The tin box may be kept clean with little trouble, and no re-lining is necessary, as with the hay filling. This style of fireless stove should not be made too large, as small ones, holding one or two vessels only, retain the heat much better, and one may have several separate ones, if necessary. It is claimed that the fireless stove, or hay-box, gives great satisfaction, and, as it is so easy to make, and inexpensive, it should be tried during the hot months, especially. If any of our readers have used this convenience, satisfactorily or otherwise, I shall be glad to hear from them.

Butter for Cooking

Butter used for cooking purposes should be put over the fire with one-fourth as much water as there is butter and allowed to melt (not boil). The scum which rises should be removed, and the mixture set away to cool. When quite cold, remove the butter, put it into a jar or can ready for use. It does not become rancid as quickly as it would without having been put through this process, since all the milk in the butter settles in the water when it is heated. If you have butter too old to use for cooking, put it through this process, separate the butter from the water and add to your soap grease. The old fashioned soft soap comes handy for many purposes in the home, and often waste can be avoided by making up the accumulation of old grease.

Details in Dressing

One should not make the mistake of thinking, to appear well dressed, she must go to great expense, or employ a great deal of time over her toilet, though, of course, there must be some expense and much care. The most necessary of all things is that care should be given to keep our garments at all times presentable, and

to attend to the little touches of the toilet without which nothing can render a woman "pleasant to look upon," and it is to the amount of attention given to these details that the difference between the well and the indifferently dressed appearance of women is to be attributed. A writer on such subject, writing to an exchange, says this: "Notice the women you see on the street and indoors, and observe how few have their collars properly fastened. This, in itself, is trivial; but its effect upon the waist is important, and a collar awry means a gown spoiled. The collar is rarely fastened so that both edges are alike, top and bottom, for the reason that the closing is in the back, and a woman does not take the trouble to use a hand-glass to see if it has been done correctly. The same applies to her belt in the back, and while this has been commented upon many times, the same slovenly habit seems to prevail." In justice to women, few belts and waists are now separated by yawning gaps, but the fullness of the shirt waist is rarely in the middle, though this might be easily affected. A sure way of having this in order is by hooks and eyes. Two hooks should be on the back of the waist, and two eyes on the skirt-band to correspond. Besides this, on the waist there should be a tape to serve as a belt that is brought around over the fullness of the waist in front and tied in the middle under a hook on the front of the corset. Tying this firmly will keep the fullness in the middle of the back in its right place without moving.

Then, too, in closing the back of the skirt, hooks are often allowed to half-hang on, and the placket-hole gaps, or presents a strained appearance decidedly slovenly. The hook must be sewed under the back, as well as through the little holes at the end, but the strain on the thread under the hook is so great as to cause it to speedily rip, and it must need continual attention. These are a few of the "little foxes" which spoil the vines, and nothing but constant care will remedy them. Women can easily recall other such details, annoying to say the least, to the wearer, and it is not seldom that the daintiest trimmings on gowns are spoiled in effect by just such lack of the "stitch in time" and the constant attention to these details without which the most expensive gowns soon become "dowdyish."

Cleaning Wall Paper

First, remove all the grease spots by placing folds of blotting paper over them and ironing with a moderately hot flat-iron. Brush all the dust from the paper, and clean and brighten with Fuller's earth, mixed with water to form a paste, which must be hard enough to handle, like bread dough. To clean the paper, take a small lump of the clay and, commencing at the top of the room, wipe it down lightly, about a half yard at each stroke, until all the upper part of the paper is clean; then go around the room again, cleaning another half yard with the sweeping stroke, always commencing each successive course a little higher than the last course had extended, until the walls are all cleaned to the bottom. Great caution must be used not to rub the paper too hard, or to attempt cleaning from side to side horizontally. The soiled part of the Fuller's earth must be cut off each time, and pieces renewed as often as necessary. To improve the torn parts of the paper, which usually occur near the bottom of the wall, buy some in-

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