

THE WAGWORKER

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SOUL OF A LITTLE CHILD.

Nearly all women are fond of jewels, and one of the most acceptable gifts they can receive is a valuable piece of jewelry. They take great pleasure in wearing it, or looking at it and showing it to others, and they are very careful not to injure it or lose it; but far more precious than rubies or the most costly jewels of earth are the souls of the little children committed to their charge—and often so lightly valued by them, says the *Charleston News and Courier*. Few mothers, no matter how bad they may be in other respects, are indifferent to the health and comfort of their children; and there are few mothers who will not sacrifice a great deal in order to secure these things for their little ones. In the care of this precious trust even a conscientious mother often errs, because she does not realize clearly enough how sensitive a child's mind is, and how quick to note every word and action of those around him. It is not enough for parents to fulfill the promises given at the baptism of their child, that they will see that he is taught "those things necessary for his soul's health" in the form of prayers and his religious duties; for unless the lives they lead in the home agree in every particular with what they teach him, their labor will likely be in vain, so far does the force of example outweigh the spoken word.

Danger of injury is not the strongest objection to sending the Liberty bell across the continent. That is to be considered, but there are reasons enough why the bell should stay at home without imagining impossible perils. It should stay at home because it belongs here, says the *Philadelphia Ledger*. It derives its significance from its association with the old state house, where it should remain enshrined. People come from all parts of the world to visit Independence Hall. They have heard of the old bell and look for it there. The shrine of liberty seems to have lost one of its jewels when the bell is not there. To take it away is to desecrate this national sanctuary. There is scarcely more reason for lending out the bell for exhibitions elsewhere than there would be for a similar misuse of the table on which the Declaration was signed or any similar object of patriotic interest. Their interest comes from and belongs to the place.

Mexico went to the gold basis in good season. She has long been noted for her rich silver mines. In fact, she is by far the greatest silver producing country in the world. Her output of gold has also been considerable, though she ranks low in that respect as compared with the United States and several other nations. But she may do better from now on. It is announced that the richest placer gold fields ever found there have been discovered in the state of Oaxaca. The deposits are found in an area of 22,000 acres, and if the proportion of gold reported shall hold out there will be an enormous addition to the world's supply.

There was a birthday party at Pasadena, Cal., which had some rather unusual features. The affair was given in honor of a young lady who had just reached eighteen and who was the junior member of the family. The mother of the five children died several years ago, leaving an estate of \$2,000,000 and a will providing for distributing the fortune when the youngest should come of age. So the party was made the occasion of disposing of the money, and the "favors" to the five consisted of their shares of the big estate. It is quite likely the participants in the distribution quite enjoyed the unique addition to ordinary "doings" at such functions.

A Spiritualistic society in Illinois wants to establish a phantom detective bureau in which the aid will be sought of departed noted sleuths to clear up mysteries of crime. It is to be feared, however, that the spirits called upon will not be responsive to the demand, even if the law would not insist on other mediums of learning the truth than Spiritualistic ones. But even theories these days are getting the speed mania and rushing on to the wildest kind of propositions.

If you wish to talk to the people on Mars Prof. Pickering of Harvard says you can do so for \$10,000,000. Some citizens may think this is a high price, but the man whose wife is accustomed to call him up on the long-distance telephone and forget the flight of time will not consider it exorbitant.

Britain does well if it catches more than a wink of sleep these nights, now that Russia and Austria also have gone feverishly to building Dreadnoughts.

TRIO OF DETROIT STARS.



The three players shown above played an important part in winning the American league flag for their team last season. Reading from left to right they are as follows: Davy Jones, Ty Cobb and Capt. Herman Schaefer.

SEVERAL DETROIT STARS HAVE BROTHERS IN GAME

Younger Members of Families Striving to Win Fame and Money on the Ball Field.

It is a singular fact that nearly half of the members of the Detroit ball club have brothers who are striving with great ambition to win a place in the big leagues. Up to date but one has attracted big-league attention. He is Paul Cobb, brother of Ty Cobb. St. Louis Americans drafted him at the close of the 1908 season. He was not even tried out this spring with the majors, and Manager Jimmy McAleer is now trying to sell him to a minor league club. Charley Schmidt has a brother, a catcher, also, with the Memphis club, and, from all accounts, he promises to develop into a good ball player. In fact, Memphis has turned him over to a Carolina Association club for development.

Davy Jones has a brother who aspires to follow in the footsteps of his famous brother. Eddie Lafitte has a brother, a tall, rangy chap, who would like to become another Charley Bennett or a Johnny Kling. He looks promising, also, Charley O'Leary's brother is an infielder of class, but a weak hitter. He was with Rockford in the Three-I. league until recently, when he was sold to the Oshkosh (Wis.) club.

George Moriarity's brother is trying for a berth in the Wisconsin league and bids fair to win out. He wrote his brother the other day and remarked: "There is another fellow trying for the same job that I'm after. I've learned one thing while sitting on the bench, and that is to run bases." It is a remarkable fact that in baseball the name of Jennings only harmonizes when Hughie prefaces it. In the big Jennings family only two played ball, one with great distinction and remarkable success. The other only played for the pastime it afforded him. Yet six other husky Jennings boys are in various other professions, with no baseball inclinations.

KNOWS HOW TO HIT.



Sherwood Magee, left fielder for the Philadelphia National league, has been for several years one of the star sluggers of the big leagues. He bids fair to equal his past performances this season.

BIG LEAGUE SCOUTS WATCH WINNING TEAMS OF MINORS

Most Desirable Men Are Those Who Have Played on Flag-Winning Clubs.

It's great to be a member of a pennant-winning club in the minor leagues, for it is the winning teams that the big league scouts pay the most attention to, and, as a result, it is the members of championship clubs that secure the opportunity to get a trial with the big league clubs that secure the opportunity to get a trial with the big leagues. It may be that the recruits will not make good, but nevertheless they do not lose much at that. When drafted or bought by the big leagues in the fall, they are generally tendered a contract in excess of what they received in the minor leagues. Then, in the event of their going back to the bushes, the club acquiring them has to assume their big league contract for that year at any rate.

The crop of minor league pennant-winning players that was bought and drafted by the big leagues last year was a large one, numbering about fifty or sixty men. Of this number over twenty are still carried on the major league rosters. Cleveland has three in St. Louis, who was with the Jacksonville and Nashville pennant-winning clubs of the South Atlantic and Southern leagues last season; Easterly, who helped Los Angeles win the bunting in the Pacific Coast league, and Goode, whose batting and base-running aided Akron to take down the O. and P. league championship.

New York Americans have six men who were with minor league champions in 1908. Vaughn of Scranton, Cree and Warhop of Williamsport, Knight and Schmidt of Baltimore, and Quinn of Richmond. Detroit has a pair in Bush of Indianapolis and Beckendorf of Scranton. Connie Mack has only one, Paddy Livingston of Indianapolis. French of the Evansville club is Boston's pennant-winner, while St. Louis has two in Griggs of San Antonio and Justus of Lancaster. Neither is a regular. Gray of the Washington club is from the Los Angeles champions.

The national league champion recruits are as follows: New York, Marquard and Durham of Indianapolis; Pittsburg, Miller of Wausau; Cincinnati, Wacker of Evansville, and Oakes of Los Angeles; St. Louis, Catcher Ludwig of Springfield, Ill.; and Outfielder Ellis of Los Angeles; Boston, Pitcher White of Lancaster, O.; Chicago, Pitcher Hagerman of Topeka; Philadelphia, Infielder Shean of Williamsport; Brooklyn, Outfielder Kustus of Evansville, and Third Baseman McIlveen of Nashville.

Passing of Jack Taylor.

The release of Pitcher Jack Taylor who helped to keep the Columbus club up in the race in the American association last year, means the passing of Jack Taylor from the big leagues, for it is not likely that any other club in the association will take a chance on him now that Columbus has passed him up. Taylor has been a notable pitcher for the past 12 years and he was considered one of the mainstays in the Chicago club for quite a while. Taylor started out as a big minor league pitcher with the Milwaukee club about 1895, when Connie Mack secured him from down in Ohio.

Athens Games Next Year. The efforts of the Athens Olympic games committee will assure contests in the Stadium next year. The Greek government will bring in a bill authorizing the issue of commemorative postage stamps, and out of the sales the sum of \$50,000 will be set aside toward the cost of the games.

THE HEIR'S HAIR-MOVING.



Mr. White—It's no use, my dear, I shall have to have my whiskers off; baby is pulling 'em out by the roots.
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Had Her Doubts.

"Mamma, does God watch over and take care of me when I am asleep?" suddenly asked little Marjory one evening after she had said her prayers and was ready to be tucked into her crib.

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Modern Solomon.

Two women who appeared before a Paris magistrate both claimed possession of a flatiron. The magistrate solved the difficulty by giving the iron to one of them, a laundress, and presenting the other with a theater ticket.

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CHAT ON MATTERS OF GENERAL INTEREST.

Most Effective Method of Cleaning Table Knives—Bake Fish in Paper—Easy Way to Remove Grease from Carpets.

Cleaning Knives.

Many a housekeeper finds it most discouraging to keep the blades of her table knives thoroughly clean and bright. They should always be clean and rubbed with soft flannel only. If they are spotted, rub some wood ashes on a freshly-cut piece of Irish potato and scour the knife blade with it. Ivory-handled knives should never be dipped in hot water, as the heat turns the ivory yellow. When not in use, expensive knives should be carefully wrapped in tissue paper and kept in a box in a drawer of the buffet.

Bake Fish in Paper.

The following method does away with fishy dishes, disagreeable odors, etc.: Clean and wash the fish thoroughly, salt, pepper, and flour it inside and out (sparingly), then roll in manila paper at least three times. Pinch the ends of the paper together, then fold back, and pin securely, to prevent the escape of the juices. Bake in a moderate oven, and allow 15 minutes more than if baking the same fish in a pan. When ready to serve, remove the paper, to which the skin will adhere, and place the delicious, juicy meat upon the platter. Garnish as desired.—Woman's Home Companion.

Grease on Carpets.

An excellent paste for getting grease from carpets is made by mixing fuller's earth with ammonia and water. Apply the mixture thick; let it remain over night, then remove with a stiff brush. The ammonia may be omitted if the colors in the carpet are delicate. After the grease is out the colors may be freshened by sweeping with moist silt.

Things to Know.

To keep milk from becoming soggy, serve the boiling buttered milk in a covered pitcher, so that each individual may pour it himself over his toast. Wet shoes should be stuffed with paper before putting away. The paper will absorb the moisture and keep the shoes from becoming hard. When paint sticks to glass it can be removed with hot vinegar. A porcelain tub or sink may be thoroughly cleansed with a flannel dipped in spirits of turpentine. To destroy ants in a house, dip an old sponge into sweetened water and lay it where they can get at it. They will all swarm around it, when it may be taken up and thrown into boiling water. To polish zinc, rub briskly with a cloth dipped in kerosene, and rinse off with boiling water. When soaking mackerel or other salt fish, see that the skin side is placed uppermost. It is said that good black ink mixed with the white of an egg is excellent to restore the color to black kid, shoes and gloves both.

Gold Cake.

Half a cupful of butter, one cup of sugar, one whole egg, yolks of four eggs, third of a teaspoonful of lemon extract, third of a teaspoonful of vanilla extract, third of a teaspoonful of almond extract, half a cupful of milk, 1½ cupfuls of flour, two teaspoonfuls of baking powder. Cream the butter and add the sugar gradually; beat whole egg and yolks until light. Add extracts one at a time as measured and beat in well. Alternate milk and flour, sift with baking powder and beat quickly. Bake in oblong loaf pan. Cook in moderate oven 20 to 30 minutes.

Potato Soup.

Pare and cut into dice three potatoes, cover with water, add a piece of butter and a little onion, if liked, and boil until done. Then add a quart of sweet milk. While this heats make a dough by rubbing one tablespoonful of lard into a small cup of flour with a half teaspoonful of baking powder in it; add milk to make a stiff dough, roll thin, cut into strips or small squares, drop in when milk comes to a boil, cover, and boil ten minutes; season with pepper, salt and a little finely chopped parsley or thyme.

Strawberry Fingers.

The little sponge cakes, usually designated as "lady fingers," are used for this dainty. These are divided and packed as full as the narrow pieces will hold with fresh strawberries. A thick coating of whipped cream covers the berries, and the top of the "finger" is put on after the filling has been arranged. Arrange in a flat platter with whipped cream over all and a bright line at the edge of strawberries.

Scalloped Eggs.

Slice six or eight eggs and put in a pudding dish with one pint of sauce made of cream or soup stock, and season with salt, pepper and parsley. One of two tablespoons grated cheese is put in the sauce. Sprinkle with bread crumbs and brown in the oven.

In the Bathroom.

For porcelain bath tubs and galvanized wash tubs there is nothing better than kerosene. Use a small brush when dirty. It will remove all gummy substances that so often gather around the edge of a tub.

To Test Baking.

Moisten end of finger, touch bottom of pan; if it "sizzles" as when you touch a hot iron, the baking is done. This is an infallible test. There will be no sizzle till baking is thoroughly done.

Memorial to Brave Explorer.

A memorial has just been erected in Kensington cemetery, London, to the memory of Admiral Sir Francis Leopold McClintock, the Arctic explorer and discoverer of the lost Franklin expedition. It takes the form of an old style wheel cross standing on a massive molded base, reaching to a height of ten feet and erected in rough silver-gray Cornish granite.

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