

WOMAN AND HOME.

SUGGESTIONS AS TO THE CARE OF THE KITCHEN FLOOR.

Cooking and Temperance—A Useful Garment—Married Women's Lives—Some Simple Remedies—Selfish Parents—Need of Hygiene—Household Hints.

The care of the kitchen floor is something in which all good housewives are interested, for a kitchen is never attractive where this has been neglected. No matter how neat and orderly the rest of the room may be, if the floor is not clean the room never looks tidy.

To keep a floor nice and clean is not much very hard work if one goes about it properly. Be sure to have a clean flannel cloth to begin with, for there is nothing like flannel for this purpose, and old flannel underwear is just the thing.

Hot water has long been the standing rule for washing floors, and with plenty of soap and energy the use of the scrubbing brush is often successful in whitening the floor; but the best article for any cold water is the best. Into a pail of clean, cold water put two tablespoonfuls of ammonia. Sweep thoroughly before commencing to wash the floor.

The zinc under the stove should be thoroughly cleaned before the rest of the floor is touched. Begin the floor at one corner of the room, and if convenient, work toward the door. Use plenty of water, and only wash as small a piece of the floor at a time as you can conveniently wash without doing much scrubbing.

Some women prefer using a mop for this work, while others declare they cannot use one, and would much rather go down on their knees to do it. For a woman who uses a mop it is the best thing for washing the kitchen floor, or, in fact, any floor. Any woman who uses clean, soft cloths and plenty of ammonia water, and good soap if desired, in mopping the floor, will have just as nice, clean floor as her next door neighbor, who does it in the old way, besides saving a great deal of strength and time.—Boston Budget.

Good Cooking and Temperance. The condition of the poor in so-called civilized countries is for the most part very deplorable, chiefly because the masses know nothing of the proper methods of preparing food, or of the selection of it. They, as a rule, waste their food in extravagant and injudicious purchases, and then they spoil half they buy through their culinary incapacity.

It may confidently be asserted that not 10 percent of the men who drink do so solely because they wish to. When a man has a positive love of drink exists it is generally a symptom of disease. Men are led to drink or driven to it by external conditions most often, and nothing is more conducive to this end than the miserable dieting which is the common lot of the poor.

Some Simple Remedies. For a sore throat, cut slices of fat, boneless bacon, pepper thickly and tie around the throat with a flannel cloth.

When a felon first begins to make its appearance, take a lemon, cut off one end, put the finger in, and the longer it is kept there the better.

For a cough, boil one ounce of flaxseed in a pint of water, strain and add a little honey, one ounce of rock candy, and the juice of three lemons; mix and boil well. Drink as hot as possible.

Often after cooking a meal a person will feel tired and have no appetite; for this heat a raw egg until light, stir in a little milk and sugar, and season with nutmeg. Drink half an hour before eating.

For a burn or scald, make a paste of common baking soda and water, apply at once and cover with a linen cloth.

At the first signs of a ring round, take a cupful of wood ashes, put in a pan with a quart of cold water, put the pan on the stove, put your finger in the pan, keep it there until the water begins to boil, or as long as you can be borne. Repeat once or twice if necessary.—"L. L." in Good Housekeeping.

Selfish Parents to Blame. A generation or two ago plain American fathers and mothers did not entertain the fanciful idea that the state should take charge of every child's education, mental and physical.

The other day we said that there could be no great improvement in morals until we restored the thorough and efficient system of family education and government which formerly prevailed. What we said applies directly to this cigarette evil. If boys are to be allowed to be their own masters, choose their companions and dispose of their time, we may rest assured that the majority will

pick up many vices that will injure them in the future. Do you want your boy to grow up pure, honest, sober and industrious? Begin your work on him at home, and keep at it. Good laws and good schools can never take the place of the old-fashioned family training.

The Knowledge of Sewing. A generation ago it was thought shocking if a girl married having no knowledge of sewing. Instruction in how to cut and make her own underclothes, and to do plain and fine sewing of all kinds, was esteemed an important part of a young woman's education.

Even if one has no skill in cutting and fitting, she should at least perfect herself in all branches of mending, from laying a patch by the thread to darning stockings well. The best is an accomplished needlewoman, and nearly any needlewoman will profess herself fully competent to mend stockings, which are the staple of civilized homes, knitted thread, and pulled fabric would disgrace the needlewoman in the art.—Christine Perkins Herriek in Harper's Bazar.

Buying to Good Advantage. "Never buy anything because it is cheap," was one of Poor Richard's maxims, and a good one, too. This does not forbid that forethought that looks forward into the future, and selects what one knows can soon be used to good advantage.

Need of Hygiene. Besides being well ventilated, our houses should be full of light and sunshine. Floors should be kept clean and polished, and frequently freshened. Sleeping rooms should be furnished with rugs instead of carpets, that they may be thoroughly cleaned each week.

Girls on Horseback. The wisdom of making young girls ride on the right as well as the left side is very obvious. The crookedness which accompanies all one-sided exercise is avoided, and they become better horsewomen.

To Have Pretty Teeth. The Paris Figaro says that if you want your children to have pretty teeth you must begin with the second dentition to press back with the finger every morning the teeth which have a tendency to project forward and to pull forward those which tend backward.

The Salmon Held in Averton. The fisherman in Scotland declare that the salmon's tail is pointed "since Loki became a salmon, and was caught by that appendage while slipping through a net set for him by the gods." Curious to say in some parts of Scotland the salmon is held in great reverence, its name not even being mentioned.

A Dress Made of Thread. A young lady of Austin, who has much time to spare, and who is very skillful with the needle and excels in all fancy crochet work, has made a unique dress. The material is common spool thread, white, and the entire dress is hand-crocheted work, beautifully flowered and strongly made, and about 10,000 yards of thread were used in its construction.

The "Neighboring Darnier." A new trade for women in Albany is that of "neighboring darnier." The woman who follows it has for her customers a dozen or twenty households, each of which she visits weekly, and spends a few hours in doing up the family darning and mending.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Notes and Paragraphs of All Sorts Cleaned from the Newspapers.

The Spanish government is buying English horses. Italians are engaged in making cheese out of tomato pulp at Burlington (N. J.) curing house.

James S. Withers, of San Francisco, owns a snuff box made of the first lot of gold found in California in 1849.

Boys between the ages of 10 and 15 who will neither work nor go to school are to work breaking stone at Dalton, Kan.

The Leona has started a factory at Oaxaca that turns out 1,000,000 backbones a day. It also makes 2,000 snow shovels a day.

A new railroad is to be built in equatorial Africa, crossing the continent from Senegal, Lower Guinea, to some Portuguese port in Mozambique.

Berlin capitalists employed the other day, for the first time, women to distribute their pamphlets, and over 30,000 were scattered around before the police found out what was going on.

It has been decided by a California court that a real estate deed from husband to wife where "love and affection" are named as the consideration is not valid unless there was actually some consideration at the time of the transfer.

One of the most original specimens of German journalism is the weekly sheet about to appear in London, under the title of "The Mother-in-Law," every number to which, male or female, may also be a contributor.

At Moscow, Russia, there arrived a few weeks ago a long train filled entirely with grapes. They came from Tiflis, south of the Caucasia mountains, and were packed in barrels with air tight covers. The grapes are picked when half ripe, and are long enough on the stem to be well ripened on their arrival.

Finger Levels made of black lacquer were one of the quaint curiosities of a dinner party at Boston the other night. The guests could not discover why the pretty things did not talk, but that was a secret of the ingenious hostess, and she wouldn't tell.

A Bridgeport (Conn.) man presented at a bank another's check for \$24. The maker of the check had only \$23.27 on deposit, and the bank refused to cash the check. When the man with the check deposited 25 cents in the other man's credit, again presented the check, and got the money.

Russia is considering the advisability of enacting a law providing that children born in Russia of naturalized German parents shall be regarded as Russian subjects from birth, instead of from the time they attain their majority, as at present, thus making them liable to military service.

When, in 1875, the United States troops occupied Shimon, Gu., they turned out to shift as they might many apparently worn-out horses. Some of these war steeds regenerated fast, and were soon clearing the plow in the conquered territories, and one of them, at least, is living in vigorous old age in Missouri country.

The engineers of a heavy double-header train saw a rock on the track near the village of Rock Glen, N. Y. They whistled for brakes, and when the train was almost upon the child on the engineers' lap from his locomotive, and running ahead, caught the infant from the track. As a reward the mother has recorded the engineer's name in the family Bible.

There was an extra ordinary drought in one part of China this year. On July 7, E. B. Sherril, the Texas Chelco, custom and Chelco circuit, issued a proclamation prohibiting the killing of four footed beasts, and with some officials, went to the Tin Ho temple to pray for the gods for rain. On the following day there was a gentle rain and on the 15th a heavy shower.

In tearing down an old farmhouse, five miles from Monticello, Ga., workmen found an old time slave ship between the weather boarding and the log walls. It is made of a leather strap two inches wide and about a foot and a half long, fastened in a polished birch handle some two feet long, with a string in the rod by which it might be attached to the wheel. It reminded one of old times.

Just in front of the spot where President Cleveland stood in the room of the board of commissioners in the city hall of Philadelphia when he received the public of the recent centennial, there is a threadbare carpet in the court. It was found by the people marching up to him, shaking hands and then turning toward the exit. Many thousands of shuffling feet in that turn wore the carpets to threads in a few hours.

Spurious Archeological Articles. A regular gang of manufacturers of spurious archeological articles has recently been convicted in the Canton of Neuchâtel, whose scholars had long complained of the frauds practiced on buyers for relics of prehistoric times. One of the accused had invented the "born age" for the benefit of an enthusiastic antiquarian, and dug out for him a number of skillfully prepared articles of horn.

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