

BUILDING OF THE CELLAR AND THE CARE THEREOF.

Care of the Hands—What the Wife Deserves—If Men Only Knew—Feminine Pockets—Headress—Women Who Never Rest—Notes and Items.

First and foremost, health and its great sustainer, cleanliness, demand a dry cellar. The floor, in order to prevent the entrance of moisture from below, must be laid with cement or asphalt, and the cesspools and plumbing must be in good condition.

There are many modes of building them, but a simple and practical way is to firmly plant four uprights, one at each corner of the square or oblong of the desired dimensions. The wall of the cellar may be utilized for one side, and cross-boards nailed to the uprights form two more.

A cool corner of the cellar, remote from furnace, build a shelved and roomy closet, whose door is provided with a lock, for the storing of jellies, preserves, pickles, etc., the floor of which can be utilized for the winter's stock of potatoes.

Bulbs, when removed from the garden, can be thrown into a basket and hung from a convenient hook in the ceiling or under side of a shelf.

To keep the cellar as pure and clean as it ought to be kept, the housekeeper need give but three orders, each of which, however, must be implicitly obeyed: First, the cellar to be thoroughly swept, not less than once in a fortnight, and during the heated term occasionally washed with a broom and plenty of water.

Care of the Housewife's Hands. One of the greatest trials of women who must do more or less housework is that of keeping their hands in shapely condition. It is all very well to say put on a pair of gloves to dust or sweep, to make beds, or to garden.

No, it is wisest to keep the nails trimmed closely, neatly rounded so that the tip is shaped exactly like the half circle at the bottom, using the file frequently, for that makes a neater, clearer cut, edge than any knife or scissors.

Then, no matter if the tasks of the day include preparing small fruits for preserving, and washing pans and pans, which are some of the hardest duties of housework on hands and finger nails, never permit the nails to remain in a stained condition.

Mysteries of Feminine Pockets. A fashionable young lady thus reveals one of the mysteries of shopping: "As I make small purchases I lift the back of my hat and shove into the crown such trifles as hairpins, lace, needles, gloves, thread, etc.

Many ladies out shopping have been seen to dispose of parcels of quite a large size in their closed umbrellas, the overlapping folds of silk entirely concealing them from shop-keepers' view. It is a notorious fact that shop-

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What the Wife Deserves. "My dear," said an eminent philanthropist to his wife one day as he suddenly burst into the sitting room, "I have been counting the windows in our house, and find there are forty. It just occurs to me that you have to keep these forty windows clean, or superintend the process.

The wife who told this in after years to her husband's credit, sat down with him and for the first time since their marriage opened her heart freely upon the topic of woman's allowance. She confessed to having had many a sorrowful hour at her position as a beggar.

Robert saw woman's work in a new light. From that time till today he has placed a generous share of his income in his hands, not as a gift, but a right. And he knows that I will no more fritter it away than he will.

If Men Only Knew. If men only knew. But they do not, and never will. The women they marry are often enigmas to them. In "courtship days" the girls are angels, their whims are adorable, their defects beautiful.

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Hats for Short Ladies. In the hope of adding to her height, a diminutive daughter of Eva will mount on her head a hat as tall as one of the "busties" of her majesty's horse guards.

The Face and the Veil. And one must consider the size of the veil also. The part of the face that shows the marks of age first is the lower part—wrinkles deepen about the mouth and the skin gets brown there.

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LEARNING TO THINK.

"PLAIN LIVING AND HIGH THINKING" FOR THE FAIR SEX.

A Woman's Ideas Concerning the Development of Mind and Character—A Whole Sermon in Brief—When the Millennium May Be Expected.

"Plain living and high thinking." That was Emerson's motto, wasn't it? How many women realize that they exactly reverse this motto; or, worse yet, make it, "High living and no thinking?"

Now, a woman need not be a gey. A woman who thinks and reads and talks intelligently need not, of necessity, transform herself by negligence, perhaps—into that lightly esteemed personage commonly designated as a "trump."

So many women are straining for a plane of high living which they cannot afford. I have known women who would deny themselves the comforts of life in order to have the showy luxuries.

It is important, so long as women continue to be, as Emerson conceded, the "darker portion of humanity," that they make themselves attractive, but that is a term and a quality that pertains to the mind as well as to the body.

A Train Worth Riding On. There is one train on the Central road, however, which, though his heart has yearned to ride on, has never taken Chauncey M. Depew.

This mysterious train is the pay car of the great Central system. It has had more narrow escapes than any train on the road. It makes it own time table, and it goes between stations sometimes with a rapidity which the old Commodore never experienced.

Now, this is the train that Mr. Depew desires in his heart to spend a night and day upon. As he once said to the writer, "It would be an experience in railroading that would make life worth the living."

Old Lady (to street gamin)—You don't chew tobacco, do you, little boy? Little Boy—No-m; but I kin git yer a cigarette.—New York Sun.

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