

FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN.

PRACTICAL AND VALUABLE READING FOR THE LADIES.

Comes Natural to Women—Cost of Clothes—An Independent Princess—To Hold a Child in Bed—George Gould's Domestic Wife.

Cost of Clothes.

How much does a girl in society require to dress upon? A gentleman with a large income, but with no end of calls upon it, would like this question answered on a liberal but by no means an extravagant scale.

Another young woman, who is not at all frivolous, but who dresses remarkably well, and who rides on the crest of the fashionable wave in New York and Newport, tells us that \$1,200 covers all her personal expenses.

Comes Natural to Women.

Self-sacrifice comes natural to women. Much of it is born in them, and what is not is ground into them from their childhood by education.

The purely useless side of this entire self-abnegation must sometimes strike the beholder. Such effacing of individuality is not uncommon, and it gives as little real benefit to the family as it does to the individual.

The Romance of a Bible.

When John G. Keable left home in 1861 as a volunteer in the Twentieth Indiana Regiment he took with him a lock of his young wife's and 8-months-old daughter's hair, carefully inclosed in a Bible which was given him by his wife.

To Distinguish a Perfect Woman.

It was a very old Spanish writer who said that "a woman is quite perfect and absolute to beauty if she has thirty good points."

An Independent Princess.

When the present Dowager Empress of Germany first arrived at Berlin the stiff and starched old dowager of the Prussian Court took great offense because the wife of their future sovereign insisted upon not calling upon her lady in waiting to perform any little service for her, such as picking up her gloves or handkerchief if she let them fall, or bringing her a book from a shelf or table at the other side of the room.

Hot Water for Stiff Shoes.

Hot water is getting up a reputation as a panacea for all earthly ills. One of the latest suggested is the following: If your new shoes are stiff—of course they are not tight—stand in two or three inches of hot water for a few moments, then rub your shoes dry and keep them on. You will find that you can do so with comfort.

To Hold a Child in Bed.

A bedclothes fastener is the latest household device of general interest. The purpose of that appliance is to hold restless children in bed and to

keep the covers snug about their shoulders on cold nights. The device likewise stops the little sleepers from lying on their backs and thus prevents snoring and nightmare.

Here is a description of the device:

"A band is arranged to extend across and be attached at or near its ends and middle to the upper end of the under side of the top sheet or cover.

Fashionable Precious Stones.

Two varieties of precious stones have grown rapidly more precious within the last few months. One is the olive, a green chrysolite, much in vogue for the formation of lizard, scorpion and bug brooches in general. Though the value of each stone is comparatively small, it is double what it was a year ago, and as it is often as beautiful in color as an emerald, is bound to still increase.

George Gould's Domestic Wife.

Mrs. George J. Gould, who was a Miss Edith Kingdon, is a famous young housekeeper, says 'The Ladies' Home Journal. She cares nothing for society—none of the Goulds do, no matter what is said to the contrary—but devotes all her time to her husband, her children and her home.

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YOUNG PEOPLE'S CORNER.

MATTERS OF INTEREST AND INSTRUCTION TO THE YOUNG.

Getting Rid of Surplus Plants—Swift Travelling—A Sure Mark—What Was Inside—Children's Discoveries—Getting Rid of Surplus Plants.

"Marian," he said that night, "there are several ways for you to get rid of your plant surplus. You can throw them away."

"Go on, Mr. Bailey."

"Or you can put a sign out on the road: 'Plants sold here, and maybe—'

"Go right on, Mr. Bailey. You know it's two miles to the main road."

"Or, which I cordially endorse, you can give them away."

"Now you are sensible, John. That is what I wanted to do. But to whom shall we give them that is the question."

"Marian, do you not remember that once last year we drove seven miles to the head of the valley, and in all that distance there was but one garden, and that a very shabby one, and do you not remember that there is a school-house two or three miles away, a rusty old shanty by the County road? Now, suppose you should try to get the school children several boxes of these plants. I know something about the district. Nearly all the farmers are renters, and the attendance fluctuates a good deal. After a bad season people move away, until perhaps, there will not be more than four or five children in the district; at present there are more than forty. I will drive you over there some afternoon and you can talk with the teacher and the children."

A few weeks later Mrs. Bailey gathered some of her rose buds, and filled several boxes with little plants, all in the nicest possible condition for transplanting. Her husband took her to the school-house, and they introduced themselves to the elderly and tired-out teacher, Miss Sanborn. In a few minutes Mrs. Bailey was persuaded to venture upon a "talk with the children," which she managed in a way that appeared to John nothing less than pure genius. She told them how beautiful flowers were, and how ready to repay good care. Every one might have a garden, and at such slight expense. She described her own garden, and some of her methods and experiments. Then she wanted to know if there couldn't be a garden in the school-yard, close by the well, and if each boy and girl would not like to carry some plants home, and see whether they could take care of them. The idea took at once, and the dear little lady gave each child a share in the "surplus" of her garden.

"Now, children, come and see me some Saturday afternoon and tell me how they are growing," said she. "Then we will find out who has the best garden. Perhaps we shall be able to have a flower show in a few years, and prizes for the prettiest roses. Remember, lots of water for your plants; lots of hoeing about them, and lots of attention all summer. Then you'll have loads of flowers."

Before she was half done, every child in the school-room was determined to have a garden.

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remember it and tell it to somebody else. But when I tried to tell it to Ellen Mayo, she interrupted me before I'd got half-way through, saying, 'Oh yes! I remember all about that; your sister told me a week ago; it's about the man who—' and she went on and finished the story herself."

"It wasn't polite, of course," admitted Fanny, "but I suppose she didn't think how it would make you feel. And Tom, the fact is, I told the story to Grace, too, at the same time Ellen heard it!"

"I don't care anything about that," said Tom, decidedly, "except I like her all the better for it. She didn't make me feel uncomfortable, and as if I was an old newspaper as Ellen did. 'I say she's a lady!'"

"And I agree with you, my son," said his father, "and I'll venture to predict that she's a girl who'll make few enemies, and many friends, as long as she lives."—Youth's Companion.

Trifles Make Perfection.

When we consider the manner of working and painstaking care of the successful man or woman in every department of the world's work, we are almost brought to the conclusion that Carlyle was right when he declared that "genius is an immense capacity for taking pains." The difference between thoroughness and careless workmanship; or using the example of Michael Angelo, finish makes perfection, and perfection makes success.

This famous sculptor was visited by a friend who had seen him at work upon a certain statue. Angelo was still chiseling away at the same figure.

"Why," exclaimed the visitor, "you have been idle since I saw you last!" and he really could see no change in the statue.

"By no means," answered the sculptor. "I have retouched this part and polished that; I have softened this feature, and brought out this muscle. I have given more expression to this lip and more energy to this limb."

"Well, well," said his friend, "but all these are trifles."

"It may be so," answered Angelo, "but recollect that trifles make perfection, and perfection is no trifle."

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