

## The Home Department.

### Motherhood.

The night throbs on: but let me pray,  
dear Lord!  
Crush off his name a moment from  
my mouth.  
To thee my eyes would turn, but they  
go back,  
Back to my arm beside me where he  
lay—  
So little, Lord, so little and so warm!  
I can not think that thou hadst need  
of him!  
He is so little, Lord, he can not sing,  
He can not praise Thee; all his lips  
had learned  
Was to hold fast my kisses in the  
night.  
Give him to me—he is not happy  
there!  
He had not felt his life: his lovely  
eyes  
Just knew me for his mother, and he  
died.  
Hast thou an angel there to mother  
him?  
I say he loves me best—if he forgets,  
If thou allow it that my child forgets  
And runs not out to meet me when  
I come—  
What are my curses to thee? Thou  
hast heard  
The curse of Abel's mother, and since  
then  
We have not ceased to threaten at thy  
throne,  
To threat and pray thee that thou  
hold them still  
In memory of us.  
See thou tend him well,  
Thou God of all the mothers! If he  
lack  
One of his kisses—Ah, my heart, say  
heart,  
Do angels kiss in heaven? Give him  
back!  
Forgive me, Lord, but I am sick with  
grief,  
And tired of tears and cold to com-  
forting.  
Thou art wise, I know, and tender,  
aye, and good.

### COFFEE TOOK IT

#### Robbed the Doctor of His Cunning

"I was compelled to drink some Java coffee yesterday morning and suffered so much from its effects that I feel like writing you at once.

I am 61 years old and for a great many years have been a coffee drinker. My nerves finally got into a terrible condition and for about two years I suffered with sinking spells and was so nervous that it seemed as though I could hardly live. I suffered untold agonies. My heart would stop and my kidneys gave me no end of trouble.

About six months ago I gave up coffee for good and began using Postum. I insisted on knowing that it was properly made by being sufficiently boiled, and I prefer a cup of rich Postum to Java, Mocha, or any other coffee.

My sinking spells have left me, my head gives me no trouble now, the kidneys are greatly improved, and, in fact, I feel a great change in my whole body. It is such a comfort to be well again.

I know a physician in San Antonio who had become so nervous from the use of coffee that his hand trembled so badly that he could not hold a lancet, or even take a splinter out, and could scarcely hold anything in his hand. Finally he quit coffee and began using Postum. Now the doctor's nervousness is all gone and he is in good health." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

Thou hast my child and he is safe in thee,  
And I believe—

Ah, God, my child shall go  
Orphaned among the angels! All alone,  
So little and alone! He knows not thee,  
He only knows his mother—give him back!

—Josephine Dodge Daskam, in November Scribner's Magazine.

### American Homes and the American Press.

There is no more potent influence upon American homes than that of the press. In the far greater number the morning paper is more eagerly sought and perused than the Holy Bible, which in Puritan times furnished the first reading of each day as the family assembled for morning prayers.

Therefore a grave responsibility rests upon every journalist lest he lend himself to the publication of wrong sentiments, demoralizing theories and unhealthful mentalities.

The publication of scandals, crimes and escapades of the profligate; the vagaries of the fraternity known as cranks, and the magnifying of the importance of presumptuous people, ignoring the work of the good and the great—all have a tendency to vitiate the minds and characters of the young of both sexes.

In no other country do the people pay so much attention to the daily papers.

Americans are so quick-witted, active and impulsive that they must keep abreast of everything and in touch with the world and the ever moving, restless tide of humanity.

Their opinions, prejudices and tendencies are affected by the spirit of the papers they read.

In partisan contests they accept as incontrovertible the construction given by their paper on all questions.

The allegations against individuals are believed to be indisputable, no matter how unjust and incredible they seem to an unbiased mind.

The sceptic, the religionist, the anarchist, the patriot, the people, have in the press their most powerful medium and their surest auditor. We hear constantly violent philippics against the press, and at the same time those who utter them are most voracious readers, who allow nothing to escape them which appears in print.

In many senses the press is the educator of the people, and is unquestionably the moulder of public opinion of measures and of men.

It speaks to the million, while men can only reach the hundreds and thousands; its alluring illustrations and big headlines magnify the importance of insignificant men and events or belittle the greatness of persons and their achievements.

It comes into the sacred precincts of a home to elevate or demoralize. It brings inspiration by its advocacy of industry, integrity, morality, patriotism, obedience to the laws, honorable ambition and right living, or demoralization by catering to the tastes of the immoral, unworthy and vicious elements of society, whose low instincts make them the enemies of the higher-minded class.

The parent, the teacher, the clergy will labor in vain to stimulate the youth of the nation to noble achievement, patriotic devotion and exalted ambition if an insidious and pernicious press is permitted to enter the home and occupy the attention of its inmates in their leisure hours.

Journalists have homes, and it is to their interest that the press of the whole country should publish only the

highest order of literature, no matter whether it be reading matter or an advertisement. It may be facetious, grave or frivolous, but let it be pure and without semblance of evil or subject to questionable construction.—Mrs. John A. Logan, in New York Journal.

### Housekeeping Hints.

Faded Carpets.—It sometimes happens that carpets become badly soiled and have to be washed, but while they are improved from a sanitary point of view they may have faded and have a worn-out appearance very discouraging to a neat housekeeper, especially if dollars with which to buy new ones are scarce.

A remedy may be found by dyeing or painting the faded colors. Prepare a small quantity of Diamond Dyes of the required color and with a small paint brush "touch up" the faded figures. Even a badly worn carpet may thus have a new lease of life.

Washing Quilts.—It is always desired to have a quilt improved rather than injured when it is washed and in order to have this result it must be cleaned mostly by soaking and boiling instead of rubbing.

Soak the quilt in a tub of either cold or warm water with a spoonful of pearline well stirred in to make a suds. Then stir and souse it up and down; then draw off the suds and tilt the tub to one side to allow the water to drain off and to avoid lifting or wringing the quilt. Next prepare a boiling suds, putting in one spoonful of kerosene with one of pearline and when the suds become boiling hot put in the quilt and let it boil a few minutes if badly soiled. Rinse through two waters, wring and hang on the line wrong side up. When dry it will be still soft and light and will not have faded much.—M. T. McGregor in Farm, Field and Fireside.

### Care of the Kitchen.

No part of the home needs more care than the kitchen, and yet it is often neglected in the interest of other household duties. Dirt should never be allowed to accumulate in it, as it draws flies and destroys sanitary regulations. The floor should be mopped up once a day and thoroughly scrubbed about once a week. There are many styles of self-wringing mops which can be produced at low prices. The best one consists of a wooden bucket, to which is attached a wringer, worked by means of a pedal. The mop is put in the bucket of water, the pedal pressed with the foot, the mop drawn up vertically. This action causes the rollers to revolve, and the mop may thus be wrung out as dry as one wishes. It is very convenient, as the hands may be kept free from water, and no stooping is required. Scrubbing brushes with long handles may be had for a very small sum.

Linoleum is the best covering for a wooden floor as grease spots can be easily removed; by mopping up once a week with a warm suds of rain water and pearline you can keep it looking like new for a long time. It is best to cover the pantry.

Shelves should be covered with oil-cloth; papers become so easily soiled. The kitchen table should have as much wood about it as possible.

The sink should be free from wood. It is a pleasure to cook in a well arranged clean kitchen.—S. H. H., in Farmers' Advocate.

### A Change Widely Favored.

Senator Hoar evidently does not at all appreciate the condition of public sentiment on the question of changing the method of electing senators. He sneered at the recent action of the house of representatives in passing

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unanimously the resolution for a constitutional amendment as "half a joke" and intimated that all the signs of popular support represent only the activity of "some one man or some few men somewhere." The truth is that the feeling in favor of the change has been growing steadily among intelligent and thoughtful men during the last dozen years until a great many who at first opposed the innovation have come to favor it.—New York Evening Post.

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lass a Green;  
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Fall street away;  
Young bulls must make their pile,  
lad, or bears may have their day.  
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all the stocks are Hill's;  
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