



The Home Department

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He Leadeth Me

"In pastures green? Not always; some-
times He
Who knoweth best, in kindness lead-
eth me
In weary ways, where heavy shadows
be;

"Out of the sunshine, warm, and soft,
and bright,
Out of the sunshine into darkest night.
I oft would faint with sorrow and af-
fright.

"Only for this: I know He holds my
hand;
So whether in the green, or desert
land,
I trust, although I may not understand.

"And by still waters? No, not always
so;
Ofttimes the heavy tempests 'round me
blow,
And o'er my soul the waves and bil-
lows go;

"But when the storm beats loudest,
and I cry
Aloud for help, the Master standeth by,
And whispers to my soul, 'Lo, it is I!'

"Above the tempest would I hear Him
say,
'Beyond this darkness lies the perfect
day;
In every path of thine I lead the way.'

"So whether on the hilltops high and
fair
I dwell, or in the sunless valleys where
The shadows lie, what matter? He is
there;

"And more than this; where'er the
pathways lead,
He gives no helpless, broken reed,
But His own hand, sufficient for my
need.

"So, where he leads me I can safely
go,
And in the blest hereafter I shall
know
Why, in His wisdom, He hath led me
so." —Selected.

The afflictions which come on God's
people are not misfortunes; nor are
they really punishments. They are
rather blessings in disguise, and chas-
tisements by the Father's hand. In
them the Christian has a proof of
God's love and his own Sonship, for
God scourgeth every son whom he re-
ceiveth; and if we endure chastening
then are we his sons. This may help
to cheer and sustain the believer in
many a sad and lonely hour, and help
him to bear up under many a heavy
burden.

A Pretty Mother

Not long ago, a little child assured
me that his mother was the "bufulcst"
creature he had ever seen. I asked
him how she differed from other little
boys' mothers, and he said she always
had on a clean dress and her hair was
combed. Inadvertently he told me
that she "washed her hands and nails
with brush," and made him brush his
nails, too. I said, "That is, when you
are going out?" But he said, no, it
had to be done every time they did any
dirty work, and he held up his little,
soft hands, saying, "Mamma wants me
always to be like this."

A beautiful mother: to be always
pretty and pridelful to one's children.

Is it not worth the while? A dainty
little lady visited me not long ago, and
she said of the mother, dead for many
years, "I have one memory of mamma
that I always cherish; no matter what
kind of work she was doing, she al-
ways had something clean and white
about her neck." I remember the
mother as a hardworking farm wom-
an, who did the duty nearest her hand,
regardless of the kind of work called
for, but, as her daughter said, she
always kept her neck looking neat.
This picture is always with her daugh-
ter, and it has served to idealize that
hard, seamed face and the worn, scar-
red hands that have been grave-dust
for many years.

Do we not owe it to our children to
be as pretty as possible? We may not
have a feature that the world would
call beautiful, but the little eyes see
deeper than anyone else, and children
all love pretty things. A mother should
keep herself as well and as neatly
dressed as her means will allow, and
especially should this be the case when
you put yourself in a position to be
compared with other mothers. The
children love to see mamma "look
pretty," and your daintiness is an
added joy to them if noticed by others.
A bright ribbon in one's hair will be
a perfect delight to the little eyes,
and a touch of daintiness about the
neck or hands will idealize you to
them as nothing else can. Do not
thrust yourself into the backgrounds
to push them forward; they will not
be able to appreciate your self-denial
until they grow old enough to be
ashamed of your shabbiness, and if
you are always plain and poorly
dressed they will not be able to re-
member you as anything but common-
place. How can they, when they never
saw you becomingly dressed?

Query Box

Julie.—To make your mush for fry-
ing, so it will slice nicely and not
stock, sift with the corn meal a large
tablespoonful of flour.

Cosmus.—A very good pomade for
dandruff consists of a drachm of pre-
cipitated sulphur to one of vaseline,
and rub well into the scalp.

J. M.—I suppose any book dealer, or
department store can supply you with
the photographs, or tell you where to
get them.

F. H. K.—I am afraid your query is
not in my line. Better apply to Col-
man's Rural World, St. Louis, Mo.,
and, if in haste, send stamped, ad-
dressed envelope for reply by mail.

Kate M.—For drawn butter sauce,
use two tablespoonfuls of flour, four
of butter, one pint of boiling water,
teaspoonful of salt and a dash of cay-
enne pepper if liked; bring all to a
boil, but do not allow to boil.

Afflicted.—Frequency of shampooing
the hair depends on whether there is
a diseased condition of the scalp, and
the amount of exposure to dirt. Split
hair should be clipped close to the
solid, healthy part; not singed.

C. B.—To darn a large hole in a
stocking, baste a piece of black mo-
squito netting over the hole and darn
with suitable yarn the ordinary way,
skipping every other mesh so that
when you darn crosswise, you will
have meshes to darn through, this way
will also be suitable in darning holes
in fabrics.

Hassah.—Sassafras bark, powdered
or broken into small bits and scattered
over and through dried fruit, is said to

be "good for worms." The eggs are
generally laid in the fruit before dry-
ing, and the fruit may be put into
shallow pans and set in the oven, al-
lowing it to get well heated, several
times during the season.

Tourist.—No remedy will succeed un-
less persevered in; for bathing the feet,
use hot water and common yellow
bar soap containing plenty of resin;
rock salt is also a good addition to the
bath, when the feet are softened by
profuse sweating.

Evie.—To prevent milk from boiling
over, the following is recommended:
Take a crumb of butter and carefully
grease the stew-pan around the upper
inside edge; it is claimed that nothing
will boil over in a pan thus treated.
Try it when boiling maple syrup or
cooking cereals. To prevent the milk
from burning on the bottom of the
stew-pan, rinse the pan in cold water
just before putting the milk in it.

Business Girl.—In taking a note or
other obligation from a person who
can not sign his name, he should be
requested to make his mark. In this
case, any person may write the name,
but the person who gives the note
must make the mark, and in the pres-
ence of a disinterested person, one or
more, who must sign the document as
witness. In some states two witnesses
are required.

Fashion Talks

A yoke of bias bands or hercules
braid fagoted together is the wisest
way to let down a girl's gored skirt;
the gores may be opened and the last
band or braid of the yoke brought
down and fagoted any desired depth
to give the necessary fullness. A plain
gored skirt that is too tight around
the hips may be widened by opening
the seam of each gore and putting in
a band or strip of hercules braid and
allowing it to continue down the seam
to within four inches from the bottom
of the skirt, finishing it off with blunt
points or scroll designs.

Many a growing girl has one hip
much higher than the other, and the
home dressmaker finds it difficult to
make a skirt look well. In such cases,
first pin the skirt around the hips
about six inches below the waist-line,
drawing the side up over the highest
hip until it hangs smoothly all around;
then trim off evenly with the waist-
line, and take in all seams until the
skirt fits smooth and even over the
hips and waist. Raise the two outer
folds of the inverted plait in the back
a quarter of an inch above the waist
line, make the fold hang well toward
the back seam, and finish by making
the bottom of the skirt even.

A long gored skirt may be shortened
to fit the younger girl by turning into
wide tucks the undesirable extra
length. Begin the tucks about nine
or ten inches from the bottom of the
skirt; the little extra under fullness
that necessarily must come in turn-
ing up the tuck should be left and
will not hurt the appearance of the
skirt when the tuck is pressed and
finished. These deep tucks may be
added to any style of skirt, which is a
blessing to the mother of the rapidly
growing girl.

Before cutting woolen goods, it
should be sponged and shrunken.
Wring as many sheets as are needed
out of clear water; spread on the
sheets and lay the goods, folded length-
wise, on one-half the sheets length-
wise; fold the other half of the sheets

over the goods; roll up and let stand
for several hours; then press on the
wrong side until dry and smooth. Any
crinoline and stiffening should be
shrunken before using.

Stitched bands of cloth may be made
to fit any curve for trimming in this
way: Cut the cloth and soft crinoline
on the true bias, and baste the cloth on
the crinoline, turning down the edges;
then dampen thoroughly on the crin-
oline side, and you are ready for the
pressing, which is most important.
Draw the exact curve desired with a
pencil on the ironing board and lay on
the strip, crinoline side up, stretching
the outer edge to fit the curve, and
press until perfectly dry. The fullness
of the inner edge will shrink into place
under the iron. It should then be
stitched carefully.

Here is a way to make buttonholes
in materials that are soft and fray
easily: Mark the buttonhole with a
basting thread then stitch around the
thread with a fine stitch leaving a
space between the stitching to cut the
button hole. This makes a firm basis
to work upon, and prevents the cloth
from fraying.

A simple way to sew narrow lace
edging on ruffles is, first, to crease the
hem, then smooth out the goons and
stitch the lace flat along the crease
which is to be the bottom of the hem;
then refold the hem and stitch.

The Sick Child

When it is necessary to administer
medicine to a sick child, do so with as
little fuss as possible. Do not talk
about it beforehand, but get it ready
and have it over as quickly as you can.
Children are sometimes kept in a state
of perpetual dread and worry by being
continually reminded that there is
medicine to be taken. The medicine,
and everything connected with it
should be kept out of sight and mind
of the child until it is ready to be ad-
ministered. The sick room should be
made as cheerful and attractive as
possible, and it is positively cruel to
keep telling the patient that it is "look-
ing bad." Suggestion is more than a
fad, and as mind acts on matter, it is
as well to allow it to act favorably to
recovery by suggesting in every way
possible that the child or adult is well
on the way to regained health. It is
certainly a mistaken kindness to in-
dulge a child in the idea that it is very
ill.

Requested Recipes

White Cookies.—Dissolve half a tea-
spoonful of soda in one teacupful of
thick, sour cream; add one teacupful of
white sugar, one level teaspoonful of
salt, and flavor with lemon; stir in
sifted flour a little at a time, to make
a dough just stiff enough to roll and
cut nicely; bake a delicate brown.

Apple Jelly.—Crab apples make a
very fine jelly; the deep crimson make
the prettiest color. Cut the apples in-
to small pieces without peeling or
coring; cover with cold water and
stew until soft; pour into a flannel
jelly bag, press, but do not squeeze, and
let drip as long as it will. Place juice
on the stove and boil half an hour,
then allow one teacupful of granulated
sugar to four teacupfuls of the juice,
and boil ten minutes longer, or until
it jellies when dropped onto a cold
plate. The juice should be measured
before boiling the first time. The old

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