

THE RED CLOUD CHIEF.

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RED CLOUD, NEBRASKA.

THE LIGHTNING-ROD DISPENSER.

A Farm Ballad.

BY WILL CARLTON.

If the weary world is willing, I've a little word to say...

But I couldn't help but like him—as I always think I must...

And 'twas getting toward the middle of a hungry summer's day...

When he was spreading desolation through a piece of apple-pie...

My soft-spoken guest-seeking, did I rave and rave...

He looked up quite astonished, with a face devoid of guile...

And if any lightning-rodder wants a dinner-dialogue...

OUT IN THE STORE.

She stood with the open letter in her hand, trembling and aghast...

choice. All at once, like a thunderbolt out of a clear sky...

In his bachelor days, and before he met Lydia Trentham...

Lydia, at the time, hearing these things, had not been without jealousy...

For weeks she had struggled against conviction, hoping towards the last against hope...

It was but the part of a letter, however, that she found...

Much was lost, all was more or less incoherent, but enough remained to convince the tortured wife...

She remained there for nearly half an hour, dazed, crushed, not knowing as yet what to do...

"A note from Mr. Drake," she said. "But, deary me! are you ill, my dear?"

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to face with Mrs. Dorchester. She turned and fled immediately...

"I have followed you," said the latter, mechanically, as Lydia rose angrily.

There was an air of truth about the speaker that staggered Lydia. She sank nervously into a chair.

Lydia sat leaning both elbows on the table before her, her face supported on her hands, listening and looking as if at her doom.

"I could have prosecuted your father, but it would have sent him to die in prison," continued Mrs. Dorchester.

"What is it?" said Lydia, rousing herself. "A note from Mr. Drake," she said.

"No, I am quite well," answered the poor wife with a great effort. "Ah, I see that Mr. Drake writes he is going to join a party to go to Dover..."

"When you have sent him away, come to my room—I want you," said Lydia.

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FASHION NOTES.

Some of the new roses are as large as a proxy and a single one in crepe foliage is sufficient to decorate a bonnet.

The newest cottage bonnets clasp the head closely and have a narrow veiling brim which is covered with gathered satin.

Very large bonnets with cool-ventilate brims have made their appearance. There is an interior lining but no trimming on the inside.

Colored silk underwear is cut quite close to the figure and beautifully trimmed with Torchon or Valenciennes lace.

Lesser little kerchiefs of pink or of white crepe lisse are trimmed with Bignon insertion and edging...

New silk bows for the hair are without lace, but are made of a material of the dress and its trimmings.

Trained undershirts are not worn either morning or evening. Even with trained dresses the baysuse renders the trained skirt unnecessary...

The new parsons, writes Jennie June, is a piece of expensive absurdity, as ugly as it is awkward for a parson to be.

If you want to renovate black grenadine, take strong, cold coffee, strain it, and rub it on several occasions...

When you cook the supper, think of the breakfast at the same time. While boiling the kettle for tea, make the mush to fry in the morning...

Among other problems the mistresses of old-fashioned houses are called upon to solve is the papering of walls that have been whitewashed.

"Soiled and dingy carpets can be cleaned and brightened by scrubbing them with ammonia, borax and ox-gall mixed in the proportions of one tablespoon each to every quart of warm water.

FOR THE TABLE.—Tapico Pudding: 7 tablespoonfuls of tapico, 3 of sugar, 1 ounce butter, 1 quart milk; boil the milk and pour it over the tapico and let it swell; 3 eggs with a little salt, and 4 of a nutmeg. Bake a half hour.

Pickled Cherries: Best vinegar, 1 gallon; sugar, 4 lbs.; cinnamon and cloves, each of each 1 tablespoon; tie the cinnamon and cloves in a cloth, putting them with the cherries into the vinegar and sugar and cooking till done.

Pea Fritters: Cook a pint or 3 cups more peas than you need for dinner; boil, season with salt, pepper, salt and butter; put by night morning, make a batter of 2 beaten eggs, a cup of milk, 1 of a teaspoon soda, 4 of a spoon cream-tartar, and 4 cup of flour. Stir the peas into this, beating very hard, and cook as you would griddle cakes.

Cottage Pudding: 1 egg, 1 tablespoonful of butter, 4 cupful of sugar, 4 cupful of flour; mix with 1 pint of sweet milk; add 1 tablespoonful of baking-dish butter; just before putting into the oven add 1 of a teaspoonful of soda which has been at the moment dissolved in a tablespoonful of boiling water; bake 20 minutes, and serve hot with wine or brandy sauce.

Gooseberry Fool: 2 quarts of gooseberries, 1 quart of water, sugar to taste, 2 quarts of new milk, with 4 eggs, a little grated nutmeg. Put 2 quarts of gooseberries into new stew-pan with a quart of water; when they begin to turn yellow and swell, drain the water from them, and press them with the back of a spoon through a colander, sweeten them to your taste, and set them to cool. Put 3 quarts of milk over the fire, heaten up with the yalks of 4 eggs, and a little grated nutmeg; stir it over the fire until it begins to simmer, then take it off, and stir it gradually into the cold gooseberries, let it stand until cold, and serve it.

Mistress, dear," she sobbed. "On ly speak only."

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