

To keep the children at home—lock up all their clothes.

To keep hubby at home—hide his toupee.

In order to prevent accidents in the kitchen—fill the kerosene can with water.

To stop leaks in pipes—send for the nearest plumber.

To economize on coal—get a gas range.

To test the freshness of eggs—drop them on some hard surface.

To propitiate the cook—it can't be done.—Smart Set.

**Winter Miseries**

The furnace fire's started now

And trouble has begun,

For it is difficult to suit

The whims of every one.

Elvira thinks it is too hot—

You know, she's rather stout—

While Eunice says, "I'm freezing cold!"

Don't let the fire go out."

Maria wants the damper up

And Mildred wants it down.

Whichever way I fix the thing

I'm greeted with a frown.

Oh, I shall welcome with a whoop

The advent of the spring.

And when the winter is all gone

I'll cheer like everything!

—Somerville Journal.

**Medicinal Value of Salt**

We see salt so frequently—several times a day—in common use in the kitchen, etc., that many do not sufficiently appreciate it as being of a high medicinal value; but their real remedial uses go a long way toward the preservation of health in homes. Its judicious use as a dentrifice is reliable—gums are kept hard and one's breath purely sweet. Warm salted water held in the mouth often banishes toothache; anyhow, it makes the sore affliction easier to bear. When other domestic remedies fail, make a solution of alum and salt, saturate a bit of cotton in it and insert in the cavity of an "old archer," and instant relief will most likely be afforded.

Neuralgic pains are fought with small flannel bags filled with salt, thoroughly heated and applied to the afflicted part. Salt bags placed, quite hot, at the feet are exceptionally good, some think better than hot water bags. Salt used in case of bleeding following the extraction of a tooth will prevent further trouble that way; and for a throat gargle, warm water and diluted salt is simple and excellent every time. If taken in due season, many serious throat ailments may be cured if the gargling is kept up every hour or half hour, as the need requires. Simple sore throat is remedied by wrapping about the neck a flannel cloth wrung out of salted water. Salt and tepid water makes a right handy emetic.

As an antidote for poison—silver nitrate or lunar caustic—give salt and water freely. For alcohol poisoning, an emetic of warm salt and water given frequently is recommended. For those who cannot eat apples often it might be well to try eating them with a little salt sprinkled on them; also on almonds and other nuts, butternuts, especially. Earache is relieved by applying a heated salt bag to the side

of the face. For catarrh, a solution of tepid water and salt snuffed every night, allowing it to pass over into the throat, is worthy of a trial. Insect bites, stings, etc., are favorably treated by a salt application. Finally, were it not for salt, our food would far from satisfy, and the craving for something "salty" would be unbearable.

**Hot Water for Baby**

The Medical Magazine tells us that, in cases where there is non-assimilation of food, accompanied by vomiting purging and even convulsions, physicians recommend giving a child all the hot (not so hot as to burn) water it will take through a nursing bottle. In one case, where no kind of nourishment could be retained and medicine had apparently no effect, the hot water treatment was tried. The first bottleful was immediately vomited up, but the second was retained, and a peaceful sleep followed, the condition of the bowels greatly improved and the vomiting gradually ceased. At the end of twenty-four hours a teaspoonful each of sweet cream, lime-water and boiled water was given every hour; then a preparation of egg and water, and finally the usual condensed milk. For colic in young children, a bottle of hot water is often a quick cure. Care must be taken not to have the water too hot, but it must be quite warm.

**A Foolish Superstition**

The world is full of superstition, and one of the worst is that the opal is "unlucky." This superstition arose when the "black death" swept Europe. At that time the opal was very unpopular, and some noticed that when a victim of the disease was dying the opal on the finger brightened and when he was dead it became dull. Of course, this took the popular fancy, and at once opals became "unlucky," and have remained so ever since. Very likely they do not change at all on the fingers of a dying person, and the whole matter is like that question which once caused so much discussion in the scientific world, i. e., Why is it that when you put a fish in a bowl of water the weight of the bowl is not increased. Many learned answers were given, but finally one duffer weighed a bowl of water with and without the fish in it, and thus settled the matter.—Kansas City Journal.

**Great American Fortunes**

In "The Square and Compass" (Masonic) of Denver, Colo., we find a computation of the enormous wealth which some of our American rich men are acquiring. Ten of them are now estimated as holding property to the amount of over two hundred thousand millions of dollars. Twenty men indirectly control a large part of the wealth of the country and these rich men are constantly growing richer. It is estimated that the time is coming when one man may own from two thousand millions to three thousand millions of dollars, as a result of which he may be able to make the laws, own the newspapers, subsidize the churches and colleges, mould public opinion, direct the machinery of justice, control the banks, insurance companies and conditions of labor, fix prices, absorb the profits and control almost everything. Our American Humane Edu-

cation Society, as our readers know has offered three prizes of \$300 each for the best essays on each of the following questions.

First—What is the cause of and the best plan for stopping the increased growth of crime in our country?

Second—What is the best plan to stop the poisonous and dangerous adulteration of our foods, drinks and medicines?

Third—What is the best plan for carrying human education into our colleges and schools for the protection both of our own race and of all the other races called dumb which depend on our mercy?

It is a tremendous question whether the controversies between enormous capital and labor in our country are to be settled by a terrible civil war or peaceably at the ballot box.—Geo. T. Angell, in Our Dumb Animals.

**Against Sarah's Rules**

That Philadelphia conservatism is not confined to the "upper classes" is instanced by the experience of a woman from an western city, who recently came to live in Philadelphia. She hired for a cook a middle-aged negress.

One afternoon Mrs. B. went into her kitchen and said: "Sarah, I neglected to provide anything in the way of meat for tea tonight, but we will have some waffles. We are all so fond of

them." The cook said nothing.

When the bell rang for tea the family assembled, but there was no indication of any waffles. Mrs. B. sent for the cook.

"Sarah, where are our waffles?"

Sarah drew herself up. In a voice that trembled with outraged dignity she replied:

"Mis' B., I'se done cooked in the firstest families of Philadelphia for mo' dan thirty yeahs, an' I neber knowed any of 'em to have waffles for tea Sunday night. You can't hab no waffles!"

And they did not.—Philadelphia Times.

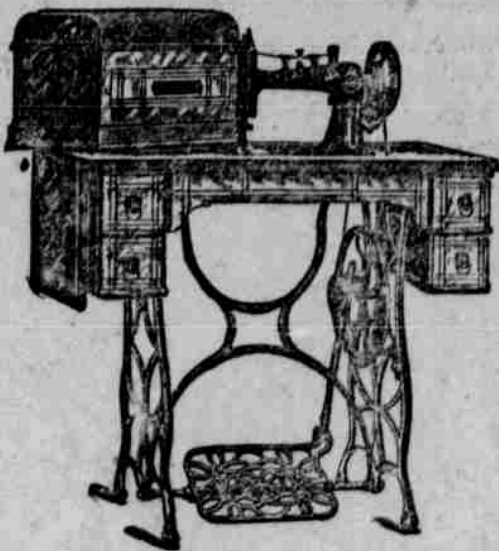
**A Rare Complaint**

"Isn't it strange," asks the first man, "that so many men, after years of ruthless commercial practices, piracies, one might almost say, after they have climbed to the very pinnacle of success, should have softening of the brain?"

"It would be stranger yet, infinitely stranger," replies the man with the corrugated brow, "if any of them ever had softening of the heart."—Puck.

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