

**Hints in General for the Household.**  
Clean a brass kettle, before using it for cooking, with salt and vinegar.  
Yolk of eggs is as nourishing as white, though a little heavier.  
Milk soup is a very nice dish for children or sick persons.  
In making Turkish soup, the rice should be washed before using, to prevent it clogging when boiled.  
For all sorts of cooking, except the sick room, beef suet is preferable, because richer, easier dissolved and more digestible.  
A little cheese taken at meals helps other food to digest. Cheese taken in large quantities is very indigestible.  
See that the beef and pork are always under brine, and that the brine is kept sweet and clean.  
Lamps will have a less disagreeable smell if you dip your wick yarn in strong hot vinegar and dry it.  
If the dough is not kneaded firmly in making puff paste, the butter will run out in cooking.  
Try a very small piece of hard soap and a little butter in hot starch to make it glossy.  
In making puff paste the batter should be free from milk and butter. Squeezing it in a clean towel will take out all superfluous juice.  
Hartshorn will restore colors taken out by acid. It may be dropped upon any garment (especially black) without doing harm.  
Indian meal should be kept in a cool place, and stirred in the open air once in a while. A large stone put in the middle of a barrel of meal is a good thing to keep it cool.  
Those who make candles will find it a great improvement to steep the wicks in lime water and saltpeter and dry them. The flame is clearer, and the tallow will not run.  
Spirits of turpentine is good to take grease spots out of woollen clothes, to take spots of paint from mahogany furniture, and to cleanse white kid gloves. Cock-roses and all vermin have an aversion to spirits of turpentine.  
When borax and insect-powder fall to work on cockroaches, use red wafers, scattered abundantly where they run—a sure cure. A quarter of a pound will clear the largest house; they eat and die.  
Those who buy hard soap at the stores, would find it economical to buy several boxes at the time, take it out of the boxes and pile it up so as to expose it to the air so as to dry as much as possible. The harder, dryer it is, the further it will go in using. The same is true of hard soap that is made at home.  
It is a good plan to put earthen ware into cold water and let it heat gradually until it boils; then cool again. Brown earthen ware in particular may be toughened in this way. A handful of bran thrown in while it is boiling, will preserve the glazing so that it will not be destroyed by acid or salt.  
Take ten cents' worth of quicksilver and the white of an egg; beat them well together until the quicksilver is like fine pepper all through the egg. It may take one hour to beat. Do not use an egg-beater, for the silver is poisonous. Then apply the mixture with a feather to all cracks or places where there are any bugs and they will disappear.  
In frying anything the fat should never be allowed to boil. Its proper heat for frying may be known by observation. When it reaches 375 degrees of heat a faint blue smoke rises which tells that it is ready for use. If, however, it begins to smoke before the things to be fried are ready to go in it, its tendency to boil may be checked by throwing in a raw potato or a piece of bread, which gives it something to work on.  
**What will Put a Stop to Murder!**  
When Bennett and Mrs. Smith and the negro Cox shall all have been hanged—so they now bid fair to be what then? They will sleep quietly in their coffins, as other dead people do; but will murder cease? Will the number of murders be diminished?  
"If things were not precisely as they are," said an old man, "it is impossible to tell how they might have been."  
But we all know that murder will not cease.  
Why then execute the culprits?  
It may possibly lessen the numbers of murders. On this point people differ in opinions.  
But then it will serve them right—that is to say the murderers. This is the prevailing sentiment, and the common expression.  
Is this Christian? Clergymen answer, Yes; and they ought to know exactly with what Christ taught.  
How can a mulatto like Cox be taught not to murder. He had a good mother. He was accustomed to church instruction. He was temperate.  
If, on the whole, this is not a difficult subject, then we do not know what is.  
We would like to see the matter discussed as to what would have prevented Cox from committing the murder. He was represented to have been very religious. He had intemperate, profane, and irreligious, and been arrested at a theatre, that would all have seemed very natural. But such was not the case. On the contrary quite the reverse; and how is it to be explained?—New York Sun.

**How to Act and Behave.**  
Always offer ladies the right hand. Ladies do not talk across the street.  
Walk around a lady's train; do not step across it.  
Much underscoring in a letter is meaningless and vulgar.  
In bowing, the inclination of the head alone is necessary.  
The well bred are free from pretense or superciliousness.  
Nothing is more vulgar than finery and jewelry out of place.  
It is the place of the one introduced to make the first remark.  
The custom of sending flowers to funerals is growing in disfavor.  
Never pass an acquaintance without a salutation of recognition.  
The true gentleman causes all to feel perfectly at ease in her presence.  
More than three in one family should never accept a general invitation.  
A gentleman should not shake hands with a lady until she has made the first movement.  
No woman can dress well who is ignorant of the three grand duties, her station, age and points.  
Gentlemen are not expected to take their hats when driving; to incline their head is sufficient.  
It is false notion to suppose that a gentleman may not leave a lady until relieved by some one else.  
Airy fabrics are suitable for balls. Richly trimmed silks are suitable only for those who don't dance.  
Under his parents roof a young gentleman should never devote an entire evening to but one or two ladies.  
A married lady extend her hand to a stranger brought to her home by a friend, as an evidence of cordial welcome.  
In a marriage ceremony the bride stands at the groom's left, so that when they turn to leave she may take his right arm.  
**Laying Out an Orchard.**  
My plan, says a correspondent of the Rural World, is to stretch a line on one side of the plat of ground intended to be planted, where a row of trees will come, and stick stakes where each tree is to stand in that row. Then measure across the ends, to where the row will come on the other side, and stretch the line and stick stakes as before. Then stretch the line across by the end stakes in each row, and measure, and stick stakes as in the side rows, the strings on the line at each stake well stretched. Then stretch the line by each pair of stakes, so that the end ties come exactly to the stakes, and stick stakes at each tie along the line. When all the ground has been staked off, if the line has been stretched so as to make the rows at right angles, the stakes will be in rows in all directions. To plant take a board four feet two inches long, and bore three-quarter inch holes, one inch from each end, and a two-inch hole in the middle, having the center of the holes in a line. Saw out one side of the two inch hole so that the body of the board will slip in and out. Place the board so that the stake where the tree is to be set, will be in the two inch hole, and stick pegs in the end holes. Remove the board and dig the hole for the tree. Then replace the board, and set the tree so that it stands up through the two-inch hole.  
If you have something to attend to, go about it coolly and thoughtfully, and do it just as well as you can. Do it as though it were the only thing you had to do in your life, and as if every thing depended upon it. Then your work will be done and it will afford you genuine satisfaction. Often much more depends upon the manner in which things seemingly trivial are performed than one would suppose, or that it is possible to force. Do every thing well. Make that the rule of your life, and live up to it and you will find it most conducive to your own happiness, and to the happiness of those with whom you are brought into contact or communication.  
Slow and sure should be the farmer's motto. No rash speculations for him. No inflated prices of produce, stock or anything else, producing a corresponding collapse. Care, prudence and industry will produce liberal gains, but the tiller of the soil who expects to become enormously rich in a brief space will be sorely mistaken. If no debts are contracted and a liberal diversity of crops be planted and economy be practiced; commercial panics may overwhelm the mercantile world and the farmer will not even be embarrassed. Slow and sure may seem out of place in this fast age, but it is the only safe way.—Our Home Journal.  
CLARKSVILLE, NEB., July 16, '78.  
EDITOR MESSENGER:—Noticing an inquiry in your paper some time ago, for a remedy or preventative for grubs and borers in trees, will say to those wishing such, that if they will take 1 gallon soft soap, pour into it 1/2 pint turpentine, which will form a liquid, then take an old broom or whitewash brush and wash the trees with it, the grubs, borers and other insects, will give such trees a wide berth.  
J. S. DENHAM.

**Wise Sayings of Jewish Sages.**  
The path of duty in this world is the road to salvation in the next.  
Happy is he who fears God in the prime of life.  
Who is powerful? He who can control his passions. Who is rich? He who is content with what he has.  
Associate not with the wicked man, even if thou canst learn from him.  
He who denies his guilt doubles his guilt.  
This is the penalty of the liar: He is not believed when he tells the truth.  
It is sin to receive thy fellow-man, be he Jew or Gentile.  
Be the first to hold out the hand of peace.  
Prayer with devotion is like a body with a soul.  
Improve thyself, then try to improve others.  
Beautiful are the admonitions of him whose life accords with his teachings.  
The wicked whilst alive, is like the dead; the righteous after death is still alive.  
Senator Paddock is spending his vacation on his farm north of Beatrice. Since last December the Senator has been faithfully at his post of duty while many members of both houses have been absent most of the time attending to their private business. There is no more faithful or effective member in either branch of congress and each session he has accomplished more for the State than during the one preceding.—Fairbury Gazette.  
We should enjoy our fortune as we do our health—enjoy it when good, be patient when it is bad, and never apply violent remedies except in an extreme necessity.  
To draw on a man at sight means in Boston to draw money for him. In Texas its meaning is different but equally disagreeable.—Boston Post.  
Two heads with but a single thought. Two hearts that beat as one. Two pair of lips in suspense held—Two little snacks yum! yum! —Elite Gazette.  
Throw a piece of meal among bears and a purse of gold among men and which will behave most outrageously—the men or the beasts?  
Censure is most effectual when mixed with praise. So, when a fault is discovered, it is well to look up a virtue to bear it company.  
Hunting is a relic of the barbarous spirit that thirsted formerly for human blood, but is now content with the blood of inferior animals.  
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