

Household Cares.

New York Weekly. If the vote of women could be taken on the question of housekeeping, it would be a matter of great surprise to men to learn the result. The business as it is conducted at present would be voted out of existence, or, failing in that, the voice of the majority would be for boarding.

Women need to know so much that they do not know, and cannot while they worry and fret over lambrequins and pillow-shams, ties and Hamburg borders on clothing, that it is discouraging to try to fight the matter at all.

Some Little Things Learned by Experience. If your coal fire is low, throw on a tablespoonful of salt, and it will help it very much.

Beef having a tendency to be tough can be made very palatable by stewing gently for two hours, with pepper and salt, taking out about a pint of the liquor when half done, and letting the rest boil into the meat.

A Baltimore florist sends the Boston Journal of Chemistry the following formula for a liquid manure for flowers. The materials may be had at any blacksmith shop.

Hints to Poultry Eaters. The reason poultry killed at home though young, is not as tender as that bought at the market, is that the former is generally not killed until wanted, and, when eaten, still rigid in death.

"I feel sure this hat's not broad enough in the brim, Aunt Femina!" "What does it matter, child? Look at me! I put on anything!"

Cautions in Eating.

1. Of course, don't eat too much. The digestive fluids are limited in quantity. All above enough is undigested, irritating and weakening the system, and often causing paralysis of the brain by drawing on the nervous force more rapidly than it is generated.

2. Don't eat between meals. The stomach must rest, or it will sooner or later break down. Even the heart has to rest between the beats.

3. Don't eat a full meal when exhausted. The stomach is as weak as the rest of the body.

4. Don't take a lunch at noon, and eat heartily at night. The whole digestive system needs to share in the rest and recuperation of sleep.

5. Don't substitute stimulus for food—like many women who do half a day's work on strong coffee or tea. As well, in the case of a horse, substitute the whip for oats.

6. Don't have a daily monotony of dishes. Variety is necessary for relish, and relish is necessary to good digestion.

7. Don't eat blindly. There can be nothing in the body—muscles, membranes, bones, nerves, brain—which is not in our food.

8. Eat according to the season—one-third less in summer than in winter. In the latter season, fat meat, sugar, and starch are appropriate, as being heat-makers; in the former, milk, vegetables, and every variety of ripe fruit.

9. Eat with cheer. Cheer promotes digestion; care, fret and passion arrest it. Lively chat, racy anecdotes, and innocent gossip are better than Halford sauce.

English women are the wisest and most sensible of their sex in the matter of dress. They have distinctive costumes for different occasions, and for out-of-door adopt the plainest and most durable articles.

Practice does not always make perfect. Curran, when told by his physician that he seemed to cough with more difficulty, replied, "That is odd enough, for I have been practicing all night."

"A distinguished teacher says: 'To get into a boy's heart, you must get the boy-heart into you, then bring him up with you into the thoughts and feelings of a man.'

"Why will people put an enemy in their mouths to steal their brains away?" Perhaps for revenge, in inducing the enemy to hunt for something that can't be found.

Thanksgiving Proclamation.

The following proclamation was issued by the President to-day: "At no recurrence of the season which the devout habit of a religious people has made the occasion for giving thanks to Almighty God and humbly invoking His divine favor, has the material prosperity enjoyed by our whole country been more manifold, or more universal.

"Now, therefore, I, Rutherford B. Hayes, President of the United States, do appoint Thursday, the 27th day of November, instant, as a day of National Thanksgiving and Prayer, and I earnestly recommend that, withdrawing themselves from secular cares and labors, and that the people of the United States do meet together on that day in their respective places of worship, there to give thanks and praise to Almighty God for His mercies, and to devoutly beseech their continuance.

"In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed. Done at the city of Washington, this 31st day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine, and of the Independence of the United States, the one hundred and fourth."

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Good Cultivation Pays. A good soil rarely fails, even in a poor season, of returning a paying income for the labor expended upon it in the cultivation of any crop adapted to it.

There is nowhere any apology for despondency. Always there is life while life lasts which, rightly lived, implies a divine satisfaction.—Thoreau.

"I really can't express my thanks," as the boy said to a school-master when he gave him a thrashing.

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New Ideals of Marriage.

It is indubitable that the girls idea of marriage has of late years greatly changed, and the change has been produced in part by what she sees, and in part by what she reads. We entertain no doubt that the female novelists who have followed in the wake of the late George Laurence have materially modified the ideal of suitable lover as entertained by many of their sex.

The person hardly exists in real life; the nearest approach to it being any or every unprincipled man who is prepared to make "fierce love" to any fool he meets. Obviously this is not a condition of things favorable to marriage; for while it makes girls more prompt, indeed eager to flirt, it indisposes them to appreciate attentions of a more delicate but more practical kind.

During the last twenty years the practice of luxurious self-indulgence has crept on apace. Splendor and spending are still the order of the day, and households vie with each other in the race of ostentation. Extravagance, not economy, is the standard of domestic happiness at present in fashion.

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