Wichita Eagle

WOMAN AND HOME.

THERE IS A KIND OF KITCHEN ECONOMY WHICH IS WASTEFUL.

Education and Motherhood—The Care of the Hair—A Stingy Man's Wife—She Got Ahead of Him—In the Drawing Room, the Kitchen and Nursery.

"Many a young wife," said a motherly woman the other day, "would find the wheels of her household moving much more smoothly if she would spend a little less money on the furnishing of her drawing room and devote it instead to supplying her kitchen with labor saving appliances and plenty of utensils. Economy in kitchen utensils may easily be pushed too far, and if there is another place where a woman may be more readily excused than another for extravagance it is just there.

"To have to stop in the middle of making a dessert in order to clean a saucepan or a kettle in which the soup had been prepared, because you have not another, is folly when soup kettles can be had for twenty-five cents each. To have your kitchen knives of such poor metal that they will not stay sharp, or to let a good knife remain dull because you think you cannot afford to spend ten cents to have it sharpened, is a real waste of strength out of all proportion to the saving. To have nothing by which you can measure your ingredients accurately, because it costs more to buy a set of weights or a graduated glass measure than to trust to guess work and an old tea cup, has spoiled many a good dish that cost just as much and has brought humiliation on many a good cook.

"To scrape your porridge pot with a spoon because you will not buy a patent pot scraper for twelve cents wears out ten spoons to one pot scraper, and the hired girl invariably selects your best spoon for that purpose. Sifting the coal ashes is such a dirty business as it is usually performed, and the servant kicks against it so vigorously, that the most economical housekeeper soon abandons it in despair. A patent ash sifter that allows no dust to escape and preserves all the half burned coal will pay for itself in one winter and last five. A cheap refrigerator can be had for one-third the cost of a good one of the same size, but if you buy it your ice bill will be twice as large.

"There is hardly anything in the kitchen of which there are not two varieties, the cheap and the dear, and the result of the use of either is generally its exact opposite in actual cash. But in comfort to one's self and to one's husband and children, a saving of time, temper, brain worry and back ache, they repay their cost many times over every week."—New York Tribune.

The Care of the Hair.

Actresses are the only class of women who need to wash their heads. They live in a powdered atmosphere on the stage, the injurious effects of which nothing but soap and warm water will avert. Ordinarily water is bad for the head; it chills the scalp and rots the hair. I have customers who have not put water on their hair since they were children. One lady, with a suit of the most beautiful black hair I can recall, told me she had not washed her head since her wedding day, and that was thirteen years ago.

But the hair must be kept clean, for all that. I know nothing better than a good brush, which, if well applied, will invigorate and cleanse the head and give a gloss to the hair that nothing else will secure. I consider the comb a most deleterious instrument unless handled correctly.

To begin at the head, as most people do in combing, is to tear out or break the hair. The proper way is to begin at the ends. Get the tangles out first, and ascend by degrees. The tresses smoothed out should then be divided into three or four parts and combed in sections. In using a fine tooth comb never drag it through the length of the hair unless you are anxious to become bald.

The dandruff is not in the hair; it is in the scalp, and the scalp only should be combed or scraped. By carefully dividing the hair the head can be bared and combed. A little practice will enable a maid to guide the comb out of the hair, removing much of the dandruff and dirt with it. What remains in the hair can be brushed off. It is difficult for an individual to clean her own head. The duty should be performed by some one.

A very excellent shampoo can be prepared at home that will keep the head in a healthy condition. Put into a toilet bottle a mixture containing the following ingredients: One pint of water, five cents' worth of powdered castile soap, two tablespoonfuls of alcohol, half the quantity of borax and the yolk of two eggs. The egg contains iron, which will be absorbed; the soap and borax will cleanse the skin and the alcohol supply a sufficiency of heat to prevent cold.—Interview in New York World.

Stinginess Personified.

Lately a lady shopping in one of the large dry goods stores on Broadway, noticed a couple also shopping. The man, evidently the husband of his companion, had a very pompous and condescending manner. He joked with the pretty clerks and hurried up the cash boy. They were buying a bonnet, or rather he was buying the bonnet. She wore a handsome hat trimmed in lovely plumes, and all of her apparel was handsome, but he seemed to view her as a possession purchased with his money. He chose the bonnet, the material, everything. She stood by timidly listening and approving his choice, then he paid for it although she timidly suggested that it should be sent home C. O. D. so she could try it before settling for it. Mr. M. must pay for it himself. Then they went to the glove department and he ordered some gloves out, and while the girl was fitting a pair he looked at his watch and remembered an appointment for which he was already five minutes late.

He seemed very much provoked because the girl did not have the gloves fitted on his wife's hand. Finally, after much discussion, he put the price of the gloves on the counter and started off. His wife flushed crimson, and then looking as if she were making an unfavorable comparison with Mr. Harris, can you please leave me car fare?" He frowned, then searched in his pockets, and could not find less than a quarter of a dollar. He tried to get that changed, but finding that time was flying, he gave it to her saying, "You can get it changed on the car and hand the rest to me in the morning for my car fare." The very poorest shop girl in that store was glad she was not that man's wife, although his wife wore silks and fine laces, and lived in a handsome home.—Cor. St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Education Not Opposed to Motherhood.

In America, in "a report given of the family conditions of one hundred and thirty alumnæ who have had children, the exceptional record of good health among these children, and their low death rate, are strong evidences that the powers of motherhood have not suffered from college work." In addition, the writer's mite of testimony may be offered. In the schools which she has attended, the majority of earnest students were in uniformly good health; a minority were delicate before beginning study. The most frequent examples of ill health were found among those who made a pretense of study and eagerly pursued social excitements. Subsequent effect upon the health may be judged when it is found that twelve years after the graduation one young woman, ranking at the head of her class, is the mother of six vigorous children; two others, earnest students, have each a family of five, and a number of others have four children.

No correspondence has been held with married classmates living at a distance. These mentioned are personally known to be mothers in the fullest sense, and constitute striking contradictions to the claim that education has an injurious effect upon woman. "But," it may be objected, "these are exceptionally healthy women." Undoubtedly, but if the training has any influence at all, it should make them fail slightly below the standard of the preceding generation, whereas, in several instances, they improved upon the record of their mothers, not only in general health, but in the condition and size of their families. —Miss Alice B. Tweedy in Popular Science Monthly.

She Got Ahead of Him.

Woman, commercially considered, is scaling the heights abreast of man. That is what a Pittsburg drummer learned in Cleveland, much to his discomfiture, and he has not quit telling and complaining about it yet. He went into a house that handles engine supplies and fixtures. He was followed by a petite, rather pretty lady, jauntily dressed. He admired her on sight, and thought that she must surely be the proprietor's daughter.

He forgot business in his extreme consideration for the observance of good manners, and politely stepped aside to allow her to address her father before he undertook to get an order out of him. He was a little astonished to see her hand the old gentleman a card, completely dazed when she began to talk steam gauges, the very things he was selling; had almost a stroke of apoplexy when she took an order, and wished he was dead when she looked at him as she tripped out with a mischievous smile, which said plainly that she knew what he was there for, and she had got in ahead of him.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Double Pay and No Lecture.

A well known citizen adopted a novel expedient the other night to secure peace. It was incumbent upon him to attend to some business down town, and he promised his wife that he would positively be back at 8:30. There would be no slip up, no accidents or mishaps, no "ifs" or "buts"—there could be no mistake about it—he would be home at 8:30 prompt. His wife looked a little doubtful. "Will you give me a dollar for every hour you are later than that?" she asked.

"Done!" he exclaimed and forgot all about it.

As he groped his way in at 11 o'clock he suddenly bethought himself of his wager. Of course his wife was up. "Here, my dear, I'm two hours and a half late; here's $5. Double pay. Now, don't say a word." The lady saw that she could not honorably refuse to abide by the contract, but declares now that she wouldn't have taken $10 for the curtain lecture which she had mapped out and committed to memory for the occasion.—St. Louis Republic.

Dressmaking as a Profession.

While the lot of a dressmaker's apprentice is not an enviable one, there are few trades for women that offer such prizes as making clothes for other women. The chief dressmaker of a Bond street establishment will command a salary of £250 to £300 a year. What is more, the supply is not equal to the demand. A good head woman will always have a dozen places open to her if she leaves a situation. Naturally this encourages an independence of spirit that is often fatal to long continuance in one place. A chief hand's work is confined to cutting out, overlooking the other women and conferring with the designer. The designer is the rock over which most of them split, for if he wants too many alterations the dressmaker rebels. The hours of a chief hand are not heavy, and no Paris education is necessary, as many suppose. If French ideas are needed a Frenchwoman is imported. The best houses prefer an English hand who is thoroughly English.—Pall Mall Gazette.

Elegant Trifling at Dinner.

Another innovation which involves a good deal of elegant trifling at table has been introduced into fashionable houses in Paris during the progress of that sometimes dreary part of the dinner called "dessert." This consists in the practice of placing on the table small receptacles in silver, rather bluntly called marmites, or "pots." The marmites are carefully covered, and may contain almonds, nuts, cakes, or any other tiny kickshaws of the sort. The elegant trifling comes in when the guests, brimful of mystery as to the contents of their respective receptacles, go through a process of exchange and barter, each discovery being saluted with observations of a more or less spirited character. Polite badinage is the rule when a guest has exchanged his well filled marmite for a comparatively empty one, or received from a fair neighbor a "pot" replete with rare delicacies en troc for his own relatively valueless assortment of sweets.—Cor. London Telegraph.

The Abuse of Coffee.

Dr. F. Mendel has recently enjoyed opportunities of studying the results of an unbridled abuse of coffee, and his results are now published. The great industrial center round Essen includes a very large female population. While the women of the working classes in this country are often addicted to dosing themselves with tea that had stood too long, it appears that the workmen's wives at Essen drink coffee from morning till night. Some consume over a pound of Ceylon coffee weekly, and one pound contains over sixty-four grains of caffeine. In consequence, nervous, muscular and circulatory disturbances are frequent. The nerve symptoms are characterized by a feeling of general weakness, depression of spirits, and aversion for labor even in industrious subjects, with headache and insomnia.

A strong dose of coffee causes the temporary disappearance of all these symptoms. The muscular symptoms consist of distinct muscular weakness and trembling of the hands even during rest. The circulatory symptoms are marked by a small, rapid, irregular pulse and feeble impulse of the apex of the heart. Palpitations and heaviness in the precordial region are frequent. The hands and feet feel very cold, and the complexion becomes sallow. Dyspeptic symptoms, chiefly of the nervous type, are very common. These coffee drinkers cannot be cured by simple abstention from their favorite drink, with substitution of milk as a beverage. They require rest from work, open air exercise, cold ablutions followed by friction, and small doses of brandy.—British Medical Journal.

Giving Shape to Feet.

Every one, but especially children, should wear properly fitting shoes, no matter how common their material. They should be neither too large nor too small, and should have low, flat heels, that must be promptly "righted" as soon as they begin to wear to one side. If the toes of the foot show a tendency to overlap they should be rubbed with the hands once or twice each day; and if this care be given when the curving commences it will, as a rule, prove sufficient to correct any irregularities of this nature. If a nail is wayward in its growth, trim it only lightly at the ailing corner, but fully at the opposite corner. If both corners grow too deeply into the flesh, clip them carefully and lightly, and then scrape the center of the nail from the tip to near the root until it is thin and flexible. This process seldom fails to correct refractory nails—provided, of course, they are not neglected too long.—Chicago Mail.

Women as Horticulturists.

A lady who can afford to erect glass houses or rent them should by all means devote her energies to the growth of choice flowers for cutting; nothing pays so well, and, though the initial expense is great and the firing no light matter where coal is dear, she will save a good deal in the labor department, for there will be scarcely any work that it is physically impossible for her to perform herself, and none that cannot be performed by intelligent lads under her supervision, provided, of course, that she knows her business.—Woman's World.

Art in Enameled Jewelry.

"Enameled jewelry," said a manufacturer the other day, "is very much the rage just now, and we have considerable difficulty in getting competent workmen to do the coloring. You see, the fashion runs to marguerites, clover leaves, daisies, etc., and much care and artistic taste have to be exercised in laying on the exact shades which, when 'fired,' will bring out the chosen flowers as nearly as possible to nature's tints. There are very few enamelers—that is, of course, high art enamelers—to be secured in this city, and, strange as it may seem—and yet why should it be anything strange!—one of the best, if not the very best, is a woman. She will not work for less than $100 a week, and she has no trouble in finding constant employment at that figure. She is a splendid colorist and is full of suggestions as to designs."—New York Times.

Some Curious Marriage Laws.

The chentlo, or present given at the betrothal by the bride's father to the bridegroom's father, is not to exceed one rupee and seven suparis and betel nuts. The marriage chentlo payable to the bridegroom's father may be one rupee and shall not exceed 100 rupees. The value of the cocoanuts distributed at the marriage procession is not to exceed ten rupees, and the same limit is fixed on the value of the mosalu, or present by the bride's maternal relation. The payment at the ceremony when the bridegroom touches with his fingers his mother-in-law's dress must not go beyond two rupees. The number of dinner parties given by the bride's family is not to be more than five, and the number of guests at each not more than twenty-five. The marriage party going to the bride's village are not to spend more than thirty rupees, and when the bridegroom is invited to a social evening at his father-in-law's house he is not to be paid more than two rupees nor to take with him more than five men.—Times of India.

Training of Girls and Boys.

Ruskins says—and it is one of his wisest aphorisms—that a girl can not be "hammered into shape." She must be allowed to grow as a flower or a tree grows, while a boy seems to come up straighter for a certain amount of hardship and severity. Nor is this a fanciful distinction. Men and women are not alike, but complementary. The man, whose work in the world is to combat and to subdue, is by blows made stronger and more firm in his principles, while with the woman it is quite otherwise. Blows, hammering, simply crush her, or twist her out of shape, or harden and drive her inward upon herself. She must be judiciously let alone. Mind, I do not say she must grow up without discipline or training—far from it! But the hands must be gentle, the touch must be wise, and she must be allowed to develop in her own way.—Olive Thorne Miller.

How to Treat a Friend.

Your friend can think you the most unselfish girl in the world, but he must not show his own selfishness by expecting you to devote your evenings exclusively to him, ignoring those who are at home. Let him come in and be one of them—there's a dear five minutes when no one can speak to you, when he can kiss you on the lips that he knows are only the gates to sweet, pure speech; when he can whisper the lovely nothings that mean so much to you both. Then, too, don't let him feel that he must give up all his friends for you; don't accept valuable presents from him, and don't assume an air of proprietorship with him. Tell him nothing about your family affairs, for the secrets of the household do not even belong to the man you are going to marry.—Ladies' Home Journal.

The Queen's Bread.

The queen's partiality for Viennese and French bread runs into all sorts of shapes. There are long French loaves and twists and rolls, and the Viennese bread is shaped into all sorts of curves and twists. There is one roll made like a little manakin. This is supplied for the edification and amusement of the queen's little grandchildren when they sit at her majesty's table. The queen is always supplied with this bread when at Buckingham palace. Her baker is Mr. S. Petrozywalski, a Polish refugee, in whom the prince consort took a great interest. This fancy bread is only supplied for the queen's table; for the rest of the household the palace baker bakes. Some of the larger loaves supplied to the queen cost tenpence each.—Pall Mall Gazette.

In the Sick Room.

Nothing is so annoying as to be continually asked if we do not wish the pillows changed, the bed clothes straightened, the blind closed or opened, some nourishment brought or any small details attended to. Better, by far, to see for one's self and do quietly without disturbing the patient. Particularly if they are disposed to sleep, do not at once get a newspaper of the kind that has the greatest possible amount of rattle in it and seat thyself in a rocking chair regardless of the possible effect it may have upon the nervous condition of thy friend.—Good Housekeeping.

Women Who Are Admired.

It is not the fairest woman that arouses the deepest admiration; not the richest; not the most faultlessly attired or most perfect in womanly graces and accomplishments. It is the woman, young, middle aged or old, who refrains from opening the car window at her side; the woman who, knowing that the passengers at the back will suffer from the draught, will endure undue warmth or loosen or lay aside her wraps rather than inflict discomfort upon others. Such women are rare. So are perfect pearls and flawless diamonds. —Home Magazine.

A Cure for Neuralgia.

Another remedy for neuralgia is to make salt very hot by stirring it over the fire in a frying pan; then pour it into a bag, which should be securely tied. Have the patient lie down and cover him well. Place the bag of hot salt on that part of the head or face where the pain is located. The salt will retain the heat a long time.—Housewife.

Artificial Lightning.

Provide a tin tube that is larger at one end than it is at the other, and in which there are several holes. Fill this tube with powdered resin; and when it is shook over the flame of a torch the reflection will produce the exact appearance of lightning.—Cor. Sunny Hour.

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Do Not Boil Your Food.

A great obstruction to improvement in the art of cooking is the almost universal misconception that the finer cuts of meat are more nutritious than the coarser portions, coupled with an almost universal prejudice among working people against stewed food. This prejudice is doubtless due to the tasteless quality of boiled meat; boiling toughens each of the finer fibers, and deprives the meat almost of its distinctive flavor.—Atkinson in Art of Cooking.

Black for Young and Old.

A woman under twenty or over fifty can wear black well. Between those limits she should avoid it. Women wear it, thinking it makes the skin look white. A woman has a black evening gown. She looks at her neck, at her arms above her black gloves, and thinks how fair and white they look. Very true. But at the same time, every line and wrinkle in her face is accentuated. Let her beware of black.—Detroit Free Press.

Tell This to the Pastry Cook.

To prevent pie juice from running out in the oven, make a little opening in the upper crust and insert a little roll of brown paper perpendicularly. The steam will escape from it as from a chimney, and all the juice will be retained in the pie.—Housewife.

Sold His Own Coat and Hat.

An absent minded auctioneer is a rare kind of phenomenon, even in France, and the worthy knights of the hammer are undoubtedly alert and businesslike persons as a class. An exception, however, must be made in the case of a commissaire priseur well known in the salesrooms of the Hotel Drout, Paris, who had to "auction" off a miscellaneous collection of clothing. He placed his own overcoat and hat by the side of the effects which were to be sold, and after he had satisfactorily completed his work he noticed that his two articles of personal wear had disappeared. He suspected thieves, and accordingly communicated with the commissioners on duty, who found the hat and overcoat in the possession of a worthy dealer, to whom they had been offered for a few francs by their owner, who, in his fit of abstraction, had amalgamated them with the "job lot" of general apparel which had been put up to auction. The dealer, of course, made no objection to return the effects for the cash he had paid for them; but the adventure of the absent minded auctioneer served to throw a note of gayety into the usual somber and severe atmosphere of the salesroom.—London Telegraph.

Centered Her Affections on Cats.

After the death of her twin children who lived but an hour, Mrs. Jane Duncan, of New York city, developed a mania for cats. Her husband, a journeyman carpenter, bore meekly and patiently with her weakness for eighteen years. Then he died, but beyond notifying a neighbor, his wife paid no attention to the event. Friends looked after the funeral arrangements, and subsequently had the demented woman taken to an asylum. When the apartments were cleaned up the other day for occupancy by a new tenant, twenty-seven full grown cats and a large number of kittens were evicted. They seemed to know that their friend had gone, for none of them has attempted to return since receiving notice to quit.

Pimento or "allspice" (so called because it is supposed to combine the flavors of several other spices) is the dried fruit of a West Indian tree. It is much cultivated in Jamaica, and the long avenues of trees yielding the fruit are called "pimento walks."

A Story for Young Men.

There is a moral in the following story; it is true, and it is applicable to every position in the commercial, literary or professional world. It will apply to the most eminent lawyer and to the clerk in a corner grocery. A young St. Paul man applied to a well known merchant in this city for the place of assistant bookkeeper. He was asked what salary he expected, and replied:

"Eighteen dollars a week."

"We had decided not to pay more than fifteen," demurred the merchant.

"Well, sir," answered the young man, frankly, "I need the place, but you must remember I should work just as hard if you paid me but $5 a week."

"All right, sir," replied the merchant, with an approving smile, "you are just the kind of man we want! Go to work to-morrow at—$20 a week."—St. Paul Pioneer Press.

Tests for Underwear.

A new method of testing woolen garments is by putting caustic soda into a cup of water and dipping the article whose genuineness is doubted into the mixture, of course being careful not to touch the liquid. The caustic soda will quickly eat animal fibers, but has no effect upon those of vegetable origin. If the article is all wool it will be dissolved in the liquid, leaving nothing but a track of coloring matter. If the material is cotton, it comes out unscathed. When the material is wool supported by a framework of cotton, the latter being indistinguishable to the eye or by ordinary tests, the caustic soda quickly divorces the two, dissolves the wool and leaves the cotton as clean as if it had been woven by itself. It has been suggested that people might buy a set of underwear made of wool and cotton mixed, then when the sultry days of spring arrive a bath of caustic soda might be prepared, the garments dipped therein, to emerge in the form of cotton gossamer for the summer season.—Hall's Journal of Health.

Mrs. Hearst's Fondness for Society.

Senator Hearst is not given to society. He is, on the contrary, inclined to get away from fine people and fine houses. But Mrs. Hearst is fond of social life, fond of young people and fond of keeping about her pretty young women as her season's guests. The senator evidently enjoys having his wife do all these things, and he is proud of her, with very good reason. She is a handsome woman, and strikingly of the Spanish type. Mrs. Hearst admits that she takes the best of care of herself, and this she considers every woman's duty. Her complexion is dark, but wonderfully soft and clear; her eyes are dark and expressive, her hair is dark and shining and worn as smooth as satin. She is slightly below medium height, with a slender, graceful figure. Her voice is low and her manner exceedingly quiet, gentle and easy. Senator Hearst is in his seventieth year. His wife looks scarcely half his age. Taking good care of herself has taken a good many years off her personal appearance.—Washington Letter.

The First Irish Linen.

In modern times the manufacture of linen arrived at the greatest perfection in Flanders, and it was not in common use in England till 1253, when it was introduced by the Flemings, woolen shirts having been worn before that time. In 1336 a company was formed in London, England, for manufacturing it, and Lord Wentworth introduced it into Ireland in 1634. The manufacture, however, long excelled in its fabrication, and the finest linens, called Holland, were imported.—Dry Goods Chronicle.

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Bismarck's Answer.

During the chancellor's crisis a group of well known German gentlemen sat together enjoying their frühschoppen and discussing the affairs of their mother country. There was a strong desire on the part of several present to know the precise truth contained in the fast flying rumors of Bismarck's retirement. But how?

"Cable to Bismarck direct," suggested one gentleman, "but go at it diplomatically." He was formerly connected with affairs at the German court.

It was resolved after a discussion to send the following cablegram, supposed to be very diplomatically conceived:

"We fear God only and otherwise nothing in this world—excepting your retirement." (Eight names.)

The words preceding the dash in the cablegram were those uttered by Bismarck when he opened the last reichstag; those after the dash were added by themselves.

Slowly the hours passed and patiently they waited. At last! Here is the reply:

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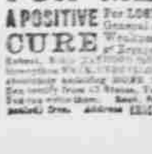

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