

WOMAN AND HOME

THE WOMEN OF THE RHINE, WHO WORK AND SING AND MARRY.

Value of Seasoning—Designers of Advertisements—The Happy Woman—Make Womanhood a Specialty—The Modern Girl Must Know Everything.

It is a land of corn and wine that borders this border river, but its fruits are not gathered without its women. They want not wives, these Rhineish peasants say, who sit in rocking chairs. It is the girl who sings the loudest in the vintage who soonest gets a husband. Twelve cents a day is the wages she earns besides the prospect of marriage.

Forty cents is a man's hire, with two quarts of the poorer wine. And when the rustic lover has married his sweetheart then will she see her climbing the hillsides in the morning to cut grass for their cow. If you walk you will notice everywhere the low stone posts set back a few feet from every highway.

Between these and the beaten track the peasant women's sickles are always busy, for these little margins are public property and supply grass for the summer and hay against the winter time. You will meet her, too, with an enormous weight of wood on her head, a load that a man can carry, dead sticks picked up in the forest. Or you will pass her digging in the little patch of vines and potatoes that every peasant owns and leaves his wife to plant and hoe and harvest, while he hires out to a vineyard. This is her morning—her housekeeping—and at 1 o'clock she is ready for half a day's work with plow weeds or train vines. And withal she bears many children and finds life not less pleasant than women of other lands whose tasks press not so heavily.—Cor. New York Commercial Advertiser.

The Value of Rich Seasoning. A potent aid in making cheap cookery savory is the judicious use of seasoning. In some houses knowledge of this seems to be confined to an acquaintance with pepper, mustard, onion and parsley. Little is known of the variety of even simple herbs, like thyme, sweet marjoram and summer savory, and still less of Worcester sauce, Harvey's, anchovy and chili sauces, of chutney, of curry powder, of tarragon vinegar, of bay leaves, of maitre d'hotel butter, of olives, of tomato and walnut catsup, or of the careful employment of spices in small quantities. The marked improvement wrought by the addition of a little lemon juice and a wineglassful of California sherry (at fifty cents a quart bottle) is totally unknown.

Of course the first outfit for some of these commodities may seem extravagant. But many of the varieties are very cheap, and even the more costly ones are used in such small quantities that a supply of any one of them will last a long time. Moreover, if a woman's aim is to prepare dishes which her family will eat and enjoy she will find that the purchase of condiments pays, and the variety their occasional use gives will make a change back to simple diet more agreeable.—Mrs. Christine Terhune Herrick in Harper's Bazar.

Designers of Advertisements. Clever draughtswomen in various sections of the country are doing a brisk business getting up striking pictures that they sell at high rates for advertising purposes. If they succeed in hitting upon a novelty adapted to some particular trade a quick and handsome profit is the result. A couple of sisters who were left entirely dependent on their own exertions happened upon a combination scheme. One of the girls possessed a knack for rhyming, while the other was ready with her pencil. Having neither money nor influence, their condition seemed pretty serious, when as by inspiration the eldest sister sketched a fleeing army of bugs pursued by a bottle having the wings and head of a seraphim and carrying a flaming sword.

It was not more of a picture after all, but a firm bought it for her and asked to see other designs. This first encouragement set her wits to work, and she soon turned out a number of effective sketches. They were nearly all accepted, and when the younger girl supplemented the drawings with odd and catchy lines of verse they were paid double for their work.

For two years these young women have lived in comparative ease on their jingles and pictures, that bring in a tidy monthly income.—Illustrated American.

The Happy Woman. I know a woman whose lot in life is one of the pleasantest and best above the average. She has a loving husband commanding a comfortable income, one of the sweetest babies in the world, and a home that is a perfect picture of artistic beauty and domestic comfort. Yet she is discontented because just opposite to her home lives a woman whose fortune borders close to a million dollars, led by her husband. She has her retinue of servants and gorgeous liveries, and everything in the world appended to make her happy. Is she?

Listen to her own words, as told to a member of my family: "I suppose the world regards me as a happy woman, but it does not know how I suffer! What is my money to me when at the stroke of the midnight hour I awake, as I often do, and stretch forth my hand in vacancy for the form which lies in the graveyard, or turn to the crib in search of the little form that lies with him? I tell you, my dear, money is a mockery when your heart longs for companionship and for sympathy!" But yet her neighbor across the way, who at night needs only to stretch forth her hand to touch the shoulder of her protector, and leave the soft breathing of her infant child, envies this woman her happiness.—Ladies' Home Journal.

Make Womanhood Your Specialty. Homomania is a straw, we are told, that shows the trend of feeling and ambition among women of all grades. Having asked for and obtained the inch of equality, we will be content with nothing short of the ell of acknowledged superiority. Satrias point to such indices of popular sentiment as incident to the history of all emancipated sets. To the lover of womanhood these belated flowers bring pain and mortification. If woman would truly treat she must be great in a womanly way, and within the pale of the sex she reverences too fondly to risk confounding it with another.

The pathway to success in this age is trodden most securely by the specialist. Let woman make a specialty of womanhood, and the innumerable obligations and opportunities that belong to it. Costume is more than a badge. It is a symbol and a pledge. All nations and ages have accepted this as truth. The least offensive implication of the homemanic's dress and ways is that she is dissatisfied with her gender; that she desires to look and act and feel as little as possible like a woman and as much as may be like her exemplar and superior man.—Marion Harland in New York Herald.

the social, charitable and practical affairs leave her little time for further systematic study, and yet tax every resource of her store of knowledge and acquirement. If then she is confronted with subjects of which she is ignorant, but with which she should have acquired at least a speaking acquaintance, while at school, she may justly reproach her teachers that they have adopted the mistaken policy of educating a girl who was to leave school at 20 on the plan requiring a continuance at school till at least 25. Though many have doubted the possibility of providing for this active and proper demand without compromise which is unfair to thoroughness, and which will not result in superficiality, I am justified in having adopted and for many years defended such a plan by the highest authority among the educators of modern times.—Mrs. Sylvanus Reed in Scribner's.

Children's Rights. If a child has any sensibility scolding either kills it or makes it vicious. Children have rights which ought to be respected as much as with their elders. They can reason as well as older and wiser heads. They are as quick to see an injustice, and know as well as any one else when parents are making fools of themselves. The household of a noted dramatist in New York is said to be a democracy. The voice of the youngest child in it is as potent as that of a parent.

No Rocking for Baby. Aside from the sentiment it is not wise to rock a baby, it is also a woman's notion that the eternal yawning facilitates sleep. The lullaby is quite as effective and considerably sweeter when the child is in a stationary chair. In the baby hospitals, homes and asylums of New York, where thousands of little ones are carefully and tenderly reared, rocking chairs and swinging cribs are abolished on the ground of nervous disorders. The death rate is not only lower than among babies in a stationary chair, but the health and habits of the babies is considerably better.—New York Letter.

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For Children's Spare Hours. A pleasant pastime for children originated in the active minds of some Kansas youngsters, and was called "The Children's Industrial Exposition." In vacation days six little ones, between the ages of 7 and 12, worked busily with their hands on all sorts of industries with which they were acquainted, such as basket making and furniture, clothing, egg shell vases, ladders, pumps, small barometers consisting of small collections of plants neatly labeled, leaves of trees and specimens of forest woods, chickens feather fans, small tables, benches, boxes, boats and drays in wood and iron, and many other articles. The material was obtained from the products of their toil.

These were exhibited on neatly decorated tables in "basement hall." The proceeds of the small admission fees were applied to premiums for exhibited articles. The cards attached to the articles, as well as the posters used for the occasion, were photographed by the children, and the affair proved a very happy and interesting one for all concerned. Here is a hint for vacation employment for children.—New York Ledger.

Be Careful of Your Broom. With a little care brooms can be kept equal to new for a long time, as, with everything else, they must be well treated to do their best work. Always wash a new broom before it has ever been used. Four boiling water it over the broom where it is attached to the handle; then stand the broom up to dry, with the end of the handle resting on the floor and the straw uppermost. This treatment renders the broom soft and pliable, making it very better.

When a broom is not in use never stand it with the straw next the floor, for it tends to make the broom one-sided and spoils its shape. Rather stand the broom so it will rest on the end of the handle, with the straw lightly leaning against the wall, or better still, pierce a hole through the top of the broom handle with a red hot nail, run a string through it and tie in a loop to hang the broom up by.

Then see that the broom is always hung up close to the wall when it is put away.—Youth's Companion.

Color During Mourning. There is much to be said against the custom of wearing mourning. When carried to excess it is a reprehensible one, as it tends to the end of the handle, with the straw lightly leaning against the wall, or better still, pierce a hole through the top of the broom handle with a red hot nail, run a string through it and tie in a loop to hang the broom up by.

It is of course incompatible with one's feelings to don a colored gown immediately after the demise of a friend, although the heart may throbb as sadly beneath a rose-colored robe as it might under one of the funereal hues as that of Hamlet's tinky cloak.

It has become quite common of late years for dying people to ask their survivors not to wear black, and these well intentioned requests are often productive of embarrassment, as the same for a woman to dress unattractively who has it in her power to dress well.

Dress—Its Proprieties and Abuses. Shun peculiarities of dress which attract the vulgar. Materials may be humble, but they may always be tastefully made and neatly kept. It is a shame for a woman to dress unattractively who has it in her power to dress well.

It is a shame for a woman to dress unattractively who has it in her power to dress well. Dress in such a manner that your attire will not occupy your thoughts after it is upon you.

That mode of dressing the form and face which best harmonizes with its beauty is that which pleases the eye and is in accordance with the beauties of her youth. Her eyes are quite bewitching, being large and blue, with a delicious dreamy look. She has a really classical mouth, exquisitely white, regular teeth, a fine cut nose and small, well shaped hands and feet. She was very quietly dressed in a gray broad walking gown.

generally hereditary is maintained by the very bad air supplied the little one, who, if put to sleep with its arms or legs generally inhales bodily exhalations from under cover. It will be well for the health of young America when the old foggy idea of putting babies to sleep with their heads covered is eradicated. A baby to grow good, stout lungs must have good, pure air about it. It is neither natural nor wholesome to smother the tot, nor is an even temperature necessary to keep him from catching cold. The babies that live in the open air are the healthiest.—New York World.

The Care of the Breast. When the milk accumulates or "cakes" in the breast in hard patches they should be rubbed very gently from the base upward with warm camphorated oil. The rubbing should be the lightest, most delicate stroking, avoiding pressure. If lumps appear at the base of the breast, that is, in red, swollen and painful, cloths, such as cold water should be applied and the doctor sent for. While the breast is full and hard all over not much apprehension need be felt. It is when lumps appear that the physician should be notified, that he may, if possible, prevent the formation of abscesses.—Medical Interview.

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This is the pleasant way in which an eminent English physician, Dr. William Gull, speaks of medical women: "I think ought always to help women studying medicine in every possible way. I have the greatest respect for the ladies now practicing in London, and feel sure that they must fill for more satisfactorily than the average medical man of the present to do certain parts. A young child at first would always rather be attended and operated upon by a woman than by a man, though they get wonderfully soon accustomed to the doctor."—Exchange.

It is a mistake to feed children from rehashes. The food to be palatable should be prepared for each meal, and the vessels and spoons require as much care and neatness as an adult would exact. The common practice of making in the morning a supply of food for the day is most pernicious, as the material changes going on and accumulations of dust and animal life which render it unfit for the child.

At a day wedding, no matter how the bride dresses, the groom wears a black cloth coat and colored trousers; at an evening wedding he wears a dress suit. The bride may wear a dress of any color at a day wedding either at her home or at church. The groom furnishes gloves for the ushers. The bride and groom lead the way to the dining room after receiving congratulations.

Mrs. Isabella Bird Bishop, better known as the indefatigable traveler, Miss Isabella Bird, has obtained from the maharajah of Kathmir the grant of a piece of land on which to erect a hospital and dispensary for women, the first building of this kind ever thought of in the domain of his highness.

Some Funny Newspaper Bits. There were some good newspaper bits during the session—al of the genuine Irish breed. Mr. Donald Sullivan introduced to the house one from an Irish paper. It was in the form of an advertisement for a laborer and a boy, and concluded thus: "With grazing for two goats; both Protestants." An Irishman writing in The Times on the late Baron Dowe concluded his eulogium: "A great Irishman has passed away, who shall that many as great, and who God grant as wisely love their country, may follow him." A Dublin paper heard that "the health of Mr. Parnell has latterly taken a very serious turn, and that fears of his recovery are entertained by his friends." Several English papers quoted this without detecting the bull.

A Cork paper, in describing an interval of peace in a stormy public meeting, said: "For some time a great calm reigned."—St. James Gazette.

A Foot Race for a Bride. A novel foot race took place at Chattanooga, the prize being a young girl, the hand of a mountain maid, Polly Anderson, the belle of Walden's ridge. Tom Mitchell and John Vanlet sued for her favor and she was unable to decide between them. They, being in earnest, proposed a duel, to which the girl demurred, realizing that if one were killed and the other a fugitive she would lose both.

As the crucial test she decided upon a foot race from the Tennessee river to Fairmount, on the summit of Walden's ridge, a matter of ten miles, much of it a steep climb. The men started at 3 p. m., and at 5:10 Vanlet reached the goal, a country postoffice. His rival came in a bad second, fifteen minutes later. The beaten man accepted the situation and Miss Polly accepted the winner.—Cor. Nashville American.

The Fetter of the Shingle. Opinions are much divided as to the efficacy of "banking," so called. There are mothers who pride themselves on "never laying a hand" upon their children, and the flat has gone forth among educators that the teacher is unable to manage her class without a resort to corporal punishment does not deserve to be a teacher.

Why They Are Called Alligator Fears. Did you ever see an alligator fear? If not, take a look at the first uncouth object on a fruit stand, and you will strike it dead sure. They weigh about a pound apiece, and when unripe are as green as the man who thinks he can be elected to congress, and when ripe are about the color of a second hand mahogany bedstead with plenty of varnish sprinkled over it.

They derive their name from the fact that alligators are very fond of them, and get a plentiful supply by standing on their heads and knocking the fruit off the limbs of the tree with their tails.—Florida Times-Union.

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KNOCKED OUT. How an Irresponsible, Effervescent, Fraying Fiend Was Shut Up. When the Rev. James Archer took charge of the Lone Zion church he found the congregation thereof in a most demoralized condition. His predecessor, after making some heroic attempts to head off the strayed sheep, had thrown up the sponge and retired in disgust. "Causes depart, but effects remain," murmured the Rev. James as he surveyed the ghastly array of empty benches which he had preached his opening sermon. Unfortunately it was the cause as well as the effect that remained in Lone Zion, as he very soon found out, said cause being a large, red faced saint named Bangs, who pursued the calling of a usurer during the week, brazenly demanding 8 per cent interest on all money advanced, but when Sunday came—presto!—what a change! Donning his religion with his Sabbath clothes he proceeded to occupy the front pew in church, till carried away by an excess of fervor he would advance to the chancel rail and fairly bombard heaven with prayers. As the Lord's day advanced to do all the giving, Brother Bangs generally requested favors not only for the members of the congregation, but for all Jews, pagans, infidels and the sinful world at large. In a word, he prayed both for the virtuous and the wicked.

Such was the state of affairs when the Rev. Mr. Archer devoted an entire week to parochial visiting, and with tears in his eyes implored the recreant worshippers to return. "No, sir, no," was the invariable reply; "as long as you let that fellow Bangs sit up there in the front pew and run the praying we ain't going to come back. The idea," continued the scoffers indignantly, "the cheek to lead in prayer and ask favors for honest folk. Go and hush Bangs up and then we'll see about coming back." Bangs, however, refused to be hushed up. Despite the minister's entreaties and exhortations he continued to practice usury and religion with the same fervor and success.

One night during the week a prayer meeting was in order. Much to the Rev. James' surprise quite a number of the disgruntled members attended the services. During the opening hymn a citizen, attracted by the music, strayed in and subsided quietly in a rear pew, where he amused himself staring stupidly around. Never had Brother Bangs been more impressive in his sermons, more fervid in his singing, more plaintive in his prayers than upon this special evening. Finally in a state of spiritual effervescence he rushed out of his pew, caught hold of the chancel rail, and soared heavenward on the wings of prayer. Signs, graces and spiritual ecstasies followed and impromptu to his exhortation, "Oh Lord!" he pleaded, "we pray thee to grant us all good things—we pray thee to lift up our hearts and give us a higher interest in heaven!" "What?" yelled the laity in the back pew. "What higher interest than 8 per cent, a month? Great Scott, man, that's high enough for heaven, earth, or hell either!" Brother Bangs promptly collapsed, and after that evening the Lone Zion congregation saw him no more.—Elvira Miller for Chicago Special Press Bureau.

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