WOMAN AND HOME.

UNIQUE KEEPSAKE MADE BY A DOTING MOTHER FOR HER BOY.

Pecuniary Servitude of Wives—The Womanly Woman—Salads for Farmers' Tables—Effect of Education on Women—A Child's Ailments.

Speaking of babies, said a lady the other day, a baby boy of my acquaintance will possess some day if he lives a treasure in the shape of a book prepared for him by his mother and entitled, "Baby's Kingdom." In the first place, she herself is an oddity, always thinking of and doing something nobody else ever did. The child was very popular where he lived. When he was born the fond parents had birth cards printed and mailed to their friends, announcing his arrival, name and weight. Floral offerings, telegrams and letters of congratulation began coming in thick and fast.

When the baby was 1 month old the mother procured a large book, which through her ingenuity has become a treasure. She cut out the pages, inserting instead pink-tinted ones, on which she first pasted one of the birth cards and, flying toward it, a gilt cupid bearing an envelope on which was printed: "I bring good news." Flowers selected from the different tributes were pressed and arranged tastefully on different pages, under which were neatly written the names of the senders and dates upon which received. All through the book, as far as it is completed, the diary gives a complete history of the child's life, portions of which are laughable.

The book contains the congratulations, his first and last portrait, portraits of baby friends, with locks of their hair, name and age, a complete list of the presents received, which were numerous, and names of givers; a drawing of his hand when 4 months old, his exact measure at 6 months of age, names of all his callers, newspaper clippings concerning his lordship and monthly expense account. A few pages are devoted to scraps of his trousseau, an occasional bill of fare and many other keepsakes.

Several cousins, talented in the art of letter writing, sent to his address letters which were carefully tied with bits of ribbons to the pages; the first time the father had occasion to be out of town he also sent a special letter to his son and heir. When he was 8 months of age the mother was photographed, holding the babe naked in her arms. The child was brought up from the first on the water six times a day plan, wore caps like our great grandmothers did, has never been treated to a lump of sugar, does not known what candy is, has always been bathed, fed and put to sleep regularly by the clock, and as he has had an abundance of outdoor air he is in consequence a perfect picture of health.—Kansas City Times.

The Pecuniary Servitude of Wives.

Men who are rated as honorable, upright citizens, dealing justly with their fellow men, will, when a question of money comes up, treat their wives, the mothers of their children, with less honesty than they do the tax assessor, and with much less consideration than they do their office boys. The children, when not granted a certain weekly allowance, are "tipped" occasionally, but nothing goes to the wife without some haggling, duplicity or humiliation on her part. Let it be understood that reference is made solely to the pitiable state of things which so widely prevails in the disbursing of money in the household and the wife's private purse.

Here is an instance: For twenty years Mrs. Brown had been a faithful wife and mother, a prudent, industrious housekeeper, and a woman much beloved and respected by all her friends. Mr. Brown was rated as a prosperous business man, and as generous as most men. But all this time Mrs. Brown had no money that she could absolutely call her own. The credit system prevailed, and if by any unusual trouble a piece of money passed into her unscrupulous palm it had to be serpentinely wrestled for to the chancellor of the domestic exchequer. She was a long suffering woman, but her soul had chafed and worn against the yoke till it was sick and sore. Still, she had too much self respect, even under these degrading conditions, to wheedle, lie or descend to small deceptions to gain her ends, and she abhorred a "sponge" as much as any man living. So the little gifts she felt like sending to a friend, the few flowers to an invalid, the bit of damask to cover a chair seat, or the small surprise for the children, had to be passed by with sometimes a rising lump in her throat, which even at times developed into "a good cry" in private. Still, she made no remonstrance. She was proud in a certain way, and she believed the existing state of things irrevocable.—Ann E. Ives in Forum.

The Womanly Woman.

The masculine woman is strong only with other women and with womanish men. The womanly woman conquers every one. With men her power is in the inverse ratio of her approach to anything resembling themselves; the woman, not the man, in her attracts, and, singularly enough, her power is greater with most women also from this heightening of her feminine side. This, however, is a very insignificant matter beside the circumstance that a woman is fulfilling her destiny and living the life appointed her, and developing herself on the lines of nature by keeping in view the greatest use she can be and the greatest joy and comfort she can give through the exercise of those traits which seem to have been set apart for her characterization.

And if it is the intention of nature that the qualities of the sexes shall so differentiate it is not the part of wisdom for her to contravene such intention and make of herself that conglomerate and hybrid thing a masculine woman. The old story of the vine and the oak does not come into this question. In the womanly woman the growth is as strong and integral and self-supporting as it is in the manly man. She is as distinct an entity and she is more in relation with eternal purposes and the creative power the more utterly and thoroughly she is womanly.—Harper's Bazar.

Salads for Farmers' Tables.

The men and women of our farming communities do not live as well as they might. With the beautiful supply of vegetables, fruits and grains that grow about them it is strange that they are willing to go on from day to day, year in and year out, summer and winter, eating the same dishes, the bacon and corn bread, with the inevitable potato thrown in, and the never failing pie by way of finish. Somehow there is an idea among us that to care for one's diet, to lend one time and thought in its selection and preparation, is beneath the mind of a sensible person. This notion is a remnant of the old Puritan belief that our bodies are "vessels of wrath," and ought to be kept under strict control and crucified or tortured in every possible manner.

But surely the farmer who tills the soil and raises the food for all the people ought to enjoy the good things that his labor produces. Instead of which he raises beef and fowls for city folks, while he is satisfied with bacon, sends eggs to market and never enjoys an omelet, plants vegetables and sends the best and earliest away, while he keeps for himself and his children only what the town folks will not buy. And farmers' wives are somewhat to blame for this state of affairs. If they would take pains to tempt their families with the savory stews and dainty salads that are made from so many herbs or vegetables they would soon change this state of affairs and work a needed revolution.—Elizabeth Palmer Matthews in Good Housekeeping.

A Child's Ailments.

There are parents and guardians who require of children a precise answer to every question put to them, forgetting that exactness of detail is not an attribute of a child's character, and that even sensations which are painful are often so vague that it is impossible to locate them.

I recall the case of a little girl, scarcely 4 years of age, who every day became fretful and peevish over very simple tasks, but which, nevertheless, were rather too much for her. "What is the matter with you, Rosa?" I said to her one day when she was particularly cross.

"I feel bad," she answered, whimpering.

"What hurts you?"

"My head."

"Does it ache?"

"No."

"Where does it feel bad?"

"I don't know. I feel bad."

"Is it here?" I said, putting my hand on her forehead.

"No, it is not there."

"Well, is it here, or here, or here?" I asked, touching other parts of her head.

"No, it is in none of those places."

"Well, then, it is not in your head at all, is it?"

"Yes, I feel bad in my head." Then she repeated over and over again, "I feel bad, I feel bad," until she worked herself up into quite a fit of hysterics, and was sent to bed by her mother as a naughty child who did not know what was the matter with her, and who simply did not want to learn her lessons.—Youth's Companion.

Effect of Education on Women.

Given a robust and healthy woman of 17 or 18 years of age, there can be no harm in continuing her education till she is one or two and twenty. At the same time the objects and methods of her education might well be different from those of men. Female Bentleys and Porsons, Newtons and Herschels will certainly not be numerous, and if signs of such commanding genius display themselves by all means let the genius be cultivated to the utmost.

But every girl might be so taught that her mind, instead of being devoted to frivolous objects, should be educated in the true sense of the term, and made to recognize the importance of early training and the value of application to useful objects in order that she may begin betimes to teach without strain or effort her offspring. The arts at least are freely open to her. The point when harm is produced is when weak or dull girls are made to work beyond their strength, and whether weak or strong it must always be remembered that suitable recreation is demanded. Finally, it must not be forgotten that sound, common sense is better in the affairs of life than much knowledge, and that women are not fitted for public appointments.—New York Ledger.

Shopping Not So Extravagant.

Said a clever woman, talking about men's ideas concerning women and their shopping: "Why will you men persist in misrepresenting us? Now, don't you know that a woman by her frequent visits to stores and shops, and her constant watchfulness over gowns, fashions and prices, keeps herself so familiar with them that she is prepared at a moment's notice to start out to buy car loads of anything that comes under the head of shopping? She knows just where to go, knows the cost of everything, in fact can quote you figures in her line as accurately and as generously as your stock broker with his 'shorts' and 'longs,' his 'grangers,' his 'trunk lines' and his 'specials.' (You see I know some of the terms. I will not tell you whether I know what they mean.) And when you men want anything done in the way of this much desired shopping don't you run to a woman to do it for you? Isn't it true that 'way down in your hearts you know that she can buy more for less money in half a day than a man can in two weeks?" The man did not know whether this was all true or not, but he unhesitatingly declared that it was.—New York Tribune.

A Pretty Lamp Shade.

A very pretty lamp shade may be made of satin or taffeta ribbon, with white cotton lace or embroidered net. This lace is found in cream or white only, but at trifling expense may be dyed scarlet, yellow, pale green or any artistic color desirable. After dying it match it in the ribbon, as dyers are not always certain of exactly the shade they may hit in their work. Make the lamp shade three times the circumference of the frame on which it is to rest; put alternately rows of lace and of ribbon. When it is of sufficient width satin it with four or five rows of gathering into shape at the top, leaving a little standing ruffle about an inch wide of double satin ribbon. The shirring should all be in the satin on the ribbon. The new brass frames for these silk shades are so ventilated at the top that the heat of a Rochester does not scorch them or turn the color of the most delicate silk.—Exchange.

"The Perfection of Table Manners."

These are the dishes that, upon her order, were brought for her dinner: "Turtle soup," "blue fish," "roast beef," "cold boned capon," "fricassed chicken," "lobster salad," "stuffed green peppers," "boiled new potatoes," "stringed beans," "New England pudding," a "plate of cake," "wine jelly," "ice cream," an "orange," a "banana," and a "cup of coffee." Each of these being on a separate dish, altogether they occupied considerable space upon the table. She did not eat the whole of any of them, but she did eat freely of all of them. There was no nonsense nor fastidiousness about it. She ate what she wanted and as though she wanted it. And yet she did not appear to be eating at all. This is the perfection of table manners. And she knew how to engage in agreeable conversation meantime.—Saratoga Cor. Albany Journal.

The Art of Conversation.

The art of conversation is to some women a gift. Like the poet, they are born with their glorious powers. But many women who converse intelligently and pleasantly have become masters of the art by patient care and study. Even persons of ordinary ability will find upon making the effort that where it is not a gift no other deficiency can be so well supplemented by art. For the untutored there are three old rules which may not prove amiss. Talk to men on the subject which belongs to their peculiar callings; talk about those things which interest yourself, assuming also that they interest your listener, and make it a point to inform yourself upon a variety of topics; never be guilty of introducing in a mixed company a subject upon which all may not be able to converse. There is a wonderful faculty in drawing people out, in making the stranger and the timid feel at ease, in putting questions so skillfully and adroitly as to compel them to answer as though they were conferring a favor on you, not you seeking to entertain them; but here the rule of good breeding is the best to follow.—Exchange.

Mexican Heiresses.

It is considered a disgrace for a Mexican lady to earn her own living. The men do the cooking and male servants do the housework. If a young lady should learn stenography and typewriting or should try in any manner to earn her own living she would be ostracized socially. There are many heiresses there, and there are many Mexican adventurers who make their living marrying them. They are handsome, indolent spendthrifts, and the ladies fall in love with them. A Mexican woman's beauty fades early, and when a wealthy heiress marries one of these men she never lives long. I don't know why, says a correspondent. When she dies her husband invariably marries another wealthy girl. I call to mind one man in the City of Mexico who married three heiresses in quick succession. He became one of the richest men in that part of the country; but what a spendthrift he was! Once he visited the United States, and at every city he stopped, instead of writing home, he would telegraph long messages. Hundreds of words. At one place his telegraph bill was $900. This is but a sample of his extravagance. He would lose fortunes at the gambling table. He was finally killed in a quarrel.—New York Telegram.

The Children's Feet.

It is the part of the wise mother to carefully watch the feet of the little ones during their tender years. "Keep the head cool and the feet warm" is a faithful admonition, especially adapted to the children. With many woolen stockings should be avoided altogether, especially when they cause itching or sweating of the feet. Perspiration will be absorbed by the wool, making of the stocking a cold, clammy mass, more to be dreaded than the most tempting "mud puddle." Equip such children with firm, substantial cotton hose, providing woolen anklets or leggings, if thought best, and their feet will be warm and dry, except for outward wetting.—Cor. Good Housekeeping.

Birthstones and Their Significance.

January—Garnet: Faithfulness.
February—Amethyst: Sincerity; peace of mind.
March—Bloodstone: Firm and brave.
April—Diamond: Pride and innocence.
May—Emerald: Success in love.
June—Agate: Eloquence and amiability.
July—Ruby: Courage and a cheerful mind.
August—Sardonyx: Conjugal felicity.
September—Sapphire: Chastity and innocence.
October—Opal: Pure thoughts.
November—Topaz: Fidelity.
December—Turquois: Success and happiness.—Jaccard's Souvenir.

A Home Made Lounge.

A luxurious divan can be successfully made on a canvas covered cot. A bundle of "excelsior," a long upholsterer's needle, a ball of twine, chintz or cretonne and patience are the requisites for this undertaking. To fasten the tufting cover button molds with the cretonne or other material of the cover. Tack a valence to hang to the floor, edging it top and bottom with a narrow plaiting of the stuff. Make three or four stiff, square cushions to lean against the wall at the back, and have several soft pillows covered with silk or satteen.—New York World.

Every Girl Should Know.

Mrs. Senator Cushman K. Davis, of Minnesota, like Mrs. Payne, is a strong advocate of the practical in the education of girls.

"I believe," she said, "that above everything else every girl, I care not what her circumstances in life may be, should be educated to earn her own living. In this country, where reverses of fortune are so sudden and so frequent, this must ever be the most important part of education for the rich as well as the poor."—Chicago Tribune.

A baby has been born at Lancaster, N. H., which weighed only two and one-half pounds, and which has not increased in weight since its birth. It is so small that an ordinary finger ring can be put on its arm to the shoulder and a tea cup can be put over its head to its shoulders. The child is doing well and, in the opinion of the doctors, stands as good a chance of living as the average baby of its age.

Miss Elizabeth Miles, of Colera, Ala., is the victim of a remarkable delusion. She imagines that she is Mrs. Grover Cleveland and that her husband is still president. Miss Miles met Mrs. Cleveland three years ago and became attached to her. She fell from her horse a year ago, since which time she has been possessed of the hallucination. She was taken to the state asylum recently.

Our sense of superior delicacy is, after all, a tremendous moral support. Many of us would rather be called criminal than coarse. To be known as unrefined is the pit of social degradation. Convince the half-nude waltzing woman that she is not a lady but a savage, and she will clothe herself and invent a new dance.—Eliza Phelps in Forum.

"No women in the world are more alert and capable than the women of New York city," says an Englishman visiting in this country. He is a discerning man. Of what other city could it be said that 27,000 able bodied men are supported by their wives?—New York Tribune.

Chestnut hair matches wonderfully with the color of the complexion most common in Europe; its dulled and faint red is in perfect harmony with that yellow mingled with half tones of blue gray and rose color which is the usual tint of the skin.

It is by no means unusual to see a tiny tomato on a French bonnet, two or three brown potatoes on a broad brimmed hat, currants or strawberries imitating nature, until they look quite good enough to eat, used as trimmings.

There are now 161 women in the Berlin telephone exchanges. It has been decided to use only women in the future, as it has been found that their voices are much more audible than men's, owing to the higher pitch.

SPORTING NOTES.

The Amateur Athletic union will hold its boxing championships at the Metropolitan Opera house in New York in December.

The great battle between the heavy weights Frank P. Slavin, champion of Australia, and Joe McAuliffe, the "Mission Boy," of California, for the Police Gazette championship belt and $5,000, will come off at the Ormonde club, London, the first week in October. This international contest will be the most conspicuous event in pugilistic circles since the Sullivan-Kilrain mill. Four of the greatest living heavy weights, Peter Jackson, Frank Slavin, Joe McAuliffe and James Corbett, are all apparently anxious to wrest the world's championship from John L. Sullivan, and the coming fight between Slavin and McAuliffe will dispose of one of the quartet. McAuliffe is said to be in fine condition, and will enter the ring at about 200 pounds.

A dispatch from Independence, Ia., stating that Roy Wilkes had trotted a mile in 2:06½, thus breaking Maud S.'s record, recently gained a wide circulation. Unfortunately for the truthfulness of the item Roy Wilkes paced a mile in the time reported instead of trotting it. His previous record was 2:09.

A recent novelty in sporting contests is wrestling on horseback. Greek George has won several victories in this Centaurian battle of late.

Canada cannot have the international challenge canoe cup this year, for her champion, Ford Jones, of Brockville, Ont., was defeated by Lansing Quick, of the New York Canoe club.

Axtell has been thrown out of training and returned to the stud. It is said that in his 5-year-old form he may meet Sunol.

Text Book Revision.

Teacher of Natural History (to a class of young women)—Is it true than animals feel affection?

Young Woman—Yes, in almost all cases.

Teacher—Name the animal that feels most affection for man.

Young Woman—Woman!—New York Herald.

Bats Are Blind.

Just why the bat don't hit the ball
That's on a curve inclined
Is possibly because the bat
Proverbially is blind.
—Philadelphia Times.

More Chance for Experiment.

Doctor—He insulted me! He said he wouldn't have me attend a cat for him.

Maud—Well, now, I think that was unkind of him. I don't see why he should fear to intrust a cat to your treatment. (The doctor looks surprised.) Indeed I don't. A cat has nine lives, you know.—Life.

Circumstances Alter.

Dealer—There's a charming little sofa now for ten dollars.

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Men's fine Dress Pants, formerly $5.00, now $3.00.

Men's fine Business Suits, formerly $15.00, now $10.00.

Men's fine Cassimere Suits, formerly $20.00, now $14.00.

Boys' fine Cassimere Suits, formerly $10.00, now $6.00.

Boys' fine Cassimere Suits, formerly $8.00, now $5.00.

Children's fine Dress Suits, formerly $5.00, now $3.00.

Children's fine Suits, formerly $3.00, now $2.00.

Men's all Wool Pants, formerly $3.00, now $2.00.

Boys' fine Overcoats, formerly $7.00, now $5.00.

Boys' extra fine Overcoats, formerly $10.00, now $7.00.

Men's all Wool [illegible] Suits, formerly $20.00, now $14.00.

Men's [illegible] Overcoats, formerly $20.00, now $14.00.

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