

HOUSEHOLD MATTERS.

How to Keep the Tablecloth. When the tablecloth is removed after a meal, it should not only be very carefully folded in the creases into which it was ironed, but it should be laid away under some heavy weight.

A Point in Preserving Fruit. A very good authority on fruit preserving considers that the plan followed by many housekeepers of using a small proportion of sugar and in consequence boiling the preserve longer, is a fallacy, as the more sugar used the greater the bulk of preserve obtained, less being wasted in long boiling and evaporation, while the flavor of the fruit is more retained.

The Passing of the Bolster. If you have bedding to buy, pray remember, says the Philadelphia Ledger, two things as to shape and size. Your mattress is to be in two parts and your bolster is to be dispensed with altogether as a bolster.

Diagnosis by Gesture. A medical paper in a recent issue has described the characteristic movements of the limbs made by persons suffering from different diseases.

Priestess of the Chafing Dish. It is one of the tenets of the priestess of the chafing dish that she shall have her materials measured and prepared beforehand as much as possible.

Fried Bread Crumbs—Lay two cups of finely grated crumbs and a half teacupful of butter in a baking dish and set in oven; stir occasionally, and serve when the butter is absorbed, and the crumbs a golden brown.

Cherry Ice—Dissolve one pound of sugar in one pint of boiling water; then boil five minutes; remove the scum and strain.

Bread Sauce—Lay a small onion, stuck with a clove, in a half-pint of new milk; bring to a boil; then throw in one ounce of butter and two ounces of fresh bread crumbs; boil for a quarter of an hour; remove onion, add two tablespoonfuls of cream, saltspoonful of salt and half saltspoonful of white pepper; boil up again and serve.

Blackberry Roly-Poly—Rub two tablespoonfuls of butter in one quart of flour, add one teaspoonful of salt, two teaspoonfuls of baking powder, sifted with the flour; mix with one and a half cups of milk; knead lightly and roll out in a thin sheet; sprinkle over thin layer of sugar; then cover thickly with blackberries and roll up; place in a greased baking pan and bake half an hour in a quick oven.

Green Peas—Put one pint of shelled peas in a saucepan; add two teaspoonfuls of sugar and boiling water barely to cover, one tablespoon of butter and one head of lettuce; boil fifteen minutes; then remove the lettuce and add one-half teaspoon of salt and cook until nearly dry. Mix the yolk of one egg with one-half gill of rich milk; add it to the peas with one saltspoon of white pepper; let it remain for a few minutes over the fire without boiling; then serve.

PEARLS OF THOUGHT.

If angels had to live with some men there would probably be more fallen ones.

The worth of life is not to be measured by its average of happiness, but by its supreme hours.

Nothing is more pitiful than a man who has lost his ideals, unless it be a nation that has lost its ideals.

To let a man know that you recognize and rejoice in some good quality of his, is to bless him with a new heart and stimulus.

Tact is a gift; it is likewise a grace. As a gift, it may, or may not have fallen to our share; as a grace, we are bound either to possess or to acquire it.

Education begins at the mother's knee, and every word spoken within the hearing of little children tends toward the formation of their character.

Morality rests upon a sense of obligation; and obligation has no meaning except as implying Divine command, without which it would cease to be.

A man should never be ashamed to own that he has been in the wrong, which is but saying, in other words, that he is wiser today than he was yesterday.

Love has no commandment; she does all things of herself spontaneously—bastens and delays not. It is enough to her that it is only shown her; she needs no driving.

The riches of the world, and the gratifications they afford, are too apt, when their evil tendency is not opposed by a principle of religion, to beget that friendship for the world which is enmity to God.

As pictures are slid into a magic lantern, and then reflected upon a wall, so many people think God slides graces into the heart, and that the man's life only reflects them. But graces are not interjected pictures. Their forms and colors are the substance of the heart.

They who respect the value of time and treasure its tiniest fragments are the skilled needlewomen, who carefully set the important stitches and yet can "slight" with judicious art, snipping off a scrap of time from one task to broaden that imperatively needed for another, and fitting in all the odds and ends so deftly that the patchwork becomes a thing of beauty.

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CURIOUS FACTS.

A Harpswell (Me.) fisherman has a frontyard fence composed of the swords of swordfish.

The highest church spire in Europe is that of St. Walburg, at Preston, England. It is 303 feet.

Within a short period a Mount Zion (Ind.) hen has laid three eggs, each eight inches in circumference.

At Heppner, Oregon, there is a band composed entirely of women, which furnishes music at celebrations in nearby places.

English sparrows in droves, not to say hordes, have picked all the grains from the wheat stalks in a field outside of Wabash, Ind.

When Mrs. Henry Rohrs was struck and killed by lightning in her home near Auburn, Neb., her baby was thrown from her knee to a spot under a table, but was not hurt.

Under Henry V. of England an act of Parliament ordered all the geese in England to be counted, and the sheriffs of the counties were required to furnish six arrow feathers from each goose.

Residents of Lovilia, near Ottumwa, Iowa, have formed an organization for the extermination of rats, and members are to devote one day a week to the work of ridding the neighborhood of the vermin.

Mrs. Keziah Hubbard, of Palmyra, Me., at eighty-six does a good deal of embroidery and patchwork in a year. Among her recent work were an outlined spread and a pair of pillow shams, a tasselled quilt and a half dozen crazy quilts.

A loving husband in Vienna, Austria, committed suicide by hanging himself. In his pocket was a letter in which he left all his property—the rope with which he had hanged himself—to his wife, from whom he had been divorced ten years.

A certain Boston dentist is such a thorough business man that he insists on receiving payment in advance from customers who require the administration of anesthetics. This is to guard against the possibility of their dying in the chair.

Jacob H. Tuthill, of Oregon, who is eighty-three, jumped into the air and ticked his heels together twice before touching the ground the other day, just to demonstrate to the people gathered at a family reunion how young he still felt himself to be.

Pineapple gardens planted two years ago at St. Petersburg, Fla., have proved so successful that the acreage given to them has been increased largely by different investors. Varieties of the pines have been imported from the Azores for culture here.

A postal card that required sixteen years to travel ninety-nine miles breaks the record for slow postal delivery. It was posted in Leicester in June, 1881, and has just been received in London. The address was plainly written on the card, and no one knows where it has been all this time.

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