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## Topics of the Home and Household.

In order to bake potatoes quickly boil them first 10 minutes in salt water, then put in hot oven to bake.

Water your plants with as hot water as you can bear your hand in to make them grow fast.

Gingerbread is made doubly good by the addition of a few spoonfuls of grated chocolate before baking. This makes it richer and does not affect the flavor.

Linings for clothes baskets insure the clothes being kept clean. These linings are of unbleached muslin, just the shape of the basket, and tied into place with tapes.

To clean carpets grate Irish potato and scatter freely over them and sweep. It is a fine cleaner and will not hurt the carpet, but will revive the color.

In the winter time when apples have lost much of their acidity, if a little salt is sprinkled over the apples before the crust is put on, it will greatly improve the flavor of the pie.

As chills in time approaches, many will be glad to try a remedy recommended as a relief: One ounce sal ammoniac dissolved in 1 cup vinegar; bathe with soft cloth or gauze. Gives immediate relief and cures.

A glass water bottle, when constantly used, soon becomes discolored. This may easily be cleaned by pouring a little vinegar into the bottle and adding a pinch of salt. Allow this to stand for several hours then rinse with clear water. The bottle will be perfectly clear and bright.

To remove moles moisten a stick of nitrate of silver and just touch the mole; it will turn black and sore, but will soon dry up and fall off; if not successful the first time try again after the soreness has disappeared, but do not apply the nitrate twice to the same spot for one treatment.

### To Cleanse a Skirt.

Put half of a five cent package of soap bar to soak in about a pint of warm water over night. In the morning add this to about half a tub full of warm water, and after making a suds with your hands put your dress into it. After four hours soaking—no rubbing whatever—take it from the tub, and without wringing, hang it on the line by the belt to dry.

Great pains should be taken to keep the belt line straight, so that the skirt cannot sag anywhere; and this may be done by doubling it together from the sides and putting four clothespins across it, letting the belt run up between the pins, rather than doubling it over. Those that nip into the line at one end and hold the skirt by the others are the best, as the skirt cannot possibly sag thus suspended.

The work should not be begun unless it promises to be a good sunny day, because, as the skirt is hung out dripping wet, it requires several hours of sunshine to dry it. While it still hangs on the line baste the plaits carefully in place with fine thread, and while it is damp take it and press it.

### Preparing for Christmas.

"There was a man sent from God." The English of it could not be more simple or direct.

One sees as in a vision the man of the wilderness, clothed in a garment of camel's hair, face that of an ascetic, spare of frame—the man who fed on locusts and wild honey.

And then we stop there. "There was a man sent from God"—that is all. Some of us perhaps who know his story follow him a little further in our mental vision as he went about proclaiming his tidings. Some of us perhaps wonder what the next picture will be. Some of us say over, "There was a man sent from God," with considerable accent on the smallest word, and mentally remark, "What of it?"

Not for the mere sending, as we like to believe.

If we were sent there was a purpose in it.

There are "tidings" for our spreading, just as there were in those days of long ago, and a work for us to do.

Are we doing it, or are we so occupied with our own lives and hopes and ambitions and pleasures that we have quite forgotten life was given us for something besides eating and drinking, sleeping and working and general enjoyment?

If this is what we have been doing there is no better season in all the year for starting afresh on a right basis to do the work and carry the messages of happiness to others, for which we were sent.

Somehow Christmas, with all its poetry, has a most practical side. There is so much work to be done.

Are we preparing our Christmas gifts selfishly, giving only in return, or are we planning to do a bit of the work for which we were sent—planning to make Christmas a happy time for some of the less favored ones of earth?

And are you doing your utmost? Are we giving what we can in our Christmas gifts, or are we giving for the sake of the sake whatever happens to be left over after we have bought expensive gifts for our friends which they do not need, luxuries for ourselves that we could do without, leaving for him the leftover nickels and pennies?

## KENYON BILL MAY DIE

### Would Cause Conflict Between State and Federal Authorities

### DISCUSSION IN SENATE LIVELY

### Measure Would Regulate Shipments of Liquor into No-License States

Washington, Dec. 17.—A vote on the Kenyon bill to prohibit the shipment in interstate commerce of intoxicating liquors into prohibition states may not be taken this session, notwithstanding that the bill has been given a place of honor on the Senate calendar and was being debated under a special order yesterday. Whether this bill will displace the Crawford amendment to the omnibus claims bill, with which the Senate has been amusing itself, even Mr. Crawford could not tell yesterday. The liquor interests have been thoroughly frightened by the union temperance sentiment in favor of the bill, but have been heartened by the knowledge that the bill is held by many senators to involve a constitutional question which, if affirmed, might bring the states and the federal government into serious conflict. It is believed that the bill will be exhaustively debated, but not permitted to come to a vote during the life of the present Congress. Should it fail for this reason, it would die with Congress and the friends of temperance would be compelled to do their work all over again.

With galleries packed with leaders of the Women's Christian Temperance union and their supporters, the Senate yesterday devoted itself to consideration of the bill. Delegates seeking support for the measure had spent the early day in visits to their senators, urging its passage. Equally determined, others opposed its adoption. The bill came up yesterday under unanimous consent to give it immediate consideration. The measure as the Senate considered it, is Representative Sheppard's bill, as it passed the House and now carries amendments proposed by Senator Kenyon. An avalanche of petitions and memorials both for and against the bill were received by the Senate.

Senators Sanders declared that Congress did not plan to interfere with states in the exercise of their rights over the liquor traffic. "This bill, if it should become law, would not interfere with what are commonly known as 'wet states,'" he said. "It would only prohibit the shipment of liquor into states where the police laws now prohibit its sale." He declared that mail order and express order concerns were shipping liquor into "dry states" practically without interference, making it almost impossible for state officials to enforce prohibition laws. He declared that although Tennessee was a prohibition state, traveling men and agents of mail order liquor houses were constantly soliciting business in that state, from "bootleggers" and "soft drink dealers" shipping in their wares from across the state line, so that local authorities could not stop it.

Senator McCumber of North Dakota also spoke in favor of the proposed law. He said attempts to give state officers power to seize liquor as soon as it came into a state would probably be held unconstitutional by the supreme court. There is no doubt, however, he said, of the power of Congress to prohibit interstate shipments as proposed in this bill.

### GUESTS AT THE WHITE HOUSE.

#### President Taft and Wife to Entertain the President-Elect.

Washington, Dec. 17.—President-elect Wilson may come to the White House before March 4 to pass a day and night at the president and Mrs. Taft. The president invited Gov. Wilson while the latter was in Bermuda.

President Taft believes the visit will be made in January and that his successor would like to become familiar with the interior arrangement of his new home and that Mrs. Wilson might like first hand information regarding the White House domestic affairs.

### MISSING PAPERS APPEAR.

#### Harvester Trust Officials Produce Them for Hearing in Chicago.

Chicago, Dec. 17.—The missing papers in the government's suit to dissolve the International Harvester company appeared, piecemeal, when the hearing before Special Examiner Robert St. Taylor, officer, and a messenger was despatched for them. Recess for luncheon was taken before any of the letters and been read, much of the time having been consumed in checking off against the government's list of documents wanted. Edward P. Grosvenor, special assistant to Attorney General Wickersham, stated that some of the letters might be read later.

### January St. Nicholas Notes.

The January St. Nicholas will have two Arthur Rackham's Mother Goose pictures in color, picturing with that famous English artist's whimsical humor, little Miss Muffet, the Man in the Wilderness, and other Mother Goose characters dear to children's hearts.

Charles G. D. Roberts has written a series of "Babes in the Wild" animal stories for St. Nicholas, and a messenger was despatched for them. The first will be published with pictures from the clever brush of Paul Branson.

## A Gambler's Warning

By EVERETT ATWATER.

Croker up to the time he was forty years old was a very successful gambler. About the time he reached that age he opened a gambling house in a large city, taking care to hand over a proportion of his winnings to the police. If he had had only the police to trouble him he would be running his place yet. It wasn't the police, but something that shook up his nerves far more than a raid from them and drove him out of gambling altogether.

A number of persons had been ruined playing in Croker's rooms, but they hadn't bothered Croker. What they did with themselves he didn't know and didn't care. At Monte Carlo every now and then a pistol shot is heard in the grounds and the body of some suicide is found who had lost a fortune at the tables. Croker's place was on a thoroughfare, and if any one wished to commit suicide on account of losses at his place he would go where he was less likely to be observed. At any rate there were no disagreeable happenings whatever till that one occurred which drove him out of the gambling business.

A young Scotchman, Donald Adair, on coming of age came over the water to see America before settling down on his estate and marrying the daughter of a neighboring laird. He was very much in love with the girl and was contemplating a happy life. On reaching New York he found a friend to show him the town, and, among other places, this friend took him into Croker's gambling rooms. They were sumptuously furnished, and an elaborate supper with choice wines was on a buffet. Adair, to pay for his supper, concluded to lose a dollar or two and lost a hundred before leaving the place.

The next day he went back to get a return of \$98 and lost a thousand. And so it went on, losing, winning, losing, winning, till all his letter of credit called for was used up. Then he drew all the cash that could be raised on his estate and one night walked away from the den of iniquity without a shilling in the world. But before leaving he said to Croker:

"Look out for me tomorrow night. I have an idea that I may win all this money back."

Croker says that when he said this he looked at him in a way that froze the marrow in his bones.

By this time the telephone had come into use, and Croker conceived the idea of doing some business over it with persons too timid or too eminently respectable to come to his rooms. Of course whoever played over the wire sent a person to see to his interests.

About an hour after Adair had left Croker a ruined man a messenger came into the place with \$50 in gold and left it with the proprietor. A moment later the latter received word by telephone that the person who had sent the gold would like to play roulette over the phone. Croker went into the private room and asked who the party was. The answer came back that it was Adair. Croker shrugged his shoulders. Having won everything Adair had, he had hoped that he had got through with him. But he couldn't refuse to play and asked Adair who would represent him. Adair named one of the employees, Riley, adding that he would give him 10 per cent of any winnings he might make. Riley was called in, and the game began.

Adair won from the start. True, he would occasionally lose, but his losses were so small in proportion to his winnings that the preponderance was very largely in his favor. Every time he gained a good sum he gave directions that his representative should deduct 10 per cent of it. This kept Riley in his interest and insured his getting his winnings. But after awhile those winnings accumulated so largely that Croker asked Riley, taking care to speak in a whisper, that he might not be heard over the wire, to go back on his principal and report losses instead of winnings, offering him a large percentage to do so. Riley consented, and the next large sum Adair won he wired that it had been a loss.

"For that he will make me pay dearly," came over the wire in a voice that struck both men with terror.

The game went on, and presently Adair left his winnings on a number that paid 3 for 1, and every time the ball spun it won for him. Croker played until he dared go no further, then telephoned that he had finished for that night. No reply came to this, and he asked what he should do with Adair's winnings. Adair's whisper came back the phone, for not a whisper came back.

"I don't like this business," Croker said to Riley. "You take his pile and turn it all over to him when he calls for it."

Riley scooped up the winnings, and Croker went home very much rattled. The next morning when he took up the paper he saw an account of the suicide of Donald Adair. He had gone directly to his hotel from Croker's, stopped the doors and windows with the bedclothes and turned on the gas.

This is the story as Croker tells it. Riley only knows what passed in the roulette room. Nobody believes the yarn, of course. But how comes it Croker was driven out of a lucrative business for no other cause and has been a man of shattered nerves ever since? Anyway, the doctors can't explain it.



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## CLUB WOMEN AID IN EGG SELLING

### Rally by the Hundreds in Chicago to the Living Cost Campaign.

Chicago, Dec. 17.—Chicago's club women are rallying by the hundreds to the cost of living campaign, which will open next Friday, when 10 carloads of eggs will be sold direct to the consumer from stations located in every part of the city.

Mrs. John C. Bley, president of the Clean Food club, which is managing the sale, has received letters from the most prominent women in the city, offering their services as "saleswomen."

The eggs are to be sold at 24 cents a dozen, which the women say is 20 cents lower than the price grocers get. Chemical tests will be made to prove the eggs are of good quality.

### RULES FOR REARING BABIES.

Mother of Eugenic Wonder Gives Advice to Poor and Rich.

Boston, Dec. 17.—Rules for rearing babies, accompanied by the statement that children are not to be regarded as luxuries by the poor, were given out yesterday by Mrs. George Herrick, who four months ago became the mother of a boy, declared by a number of eugenic authorities to be the finest physical specimen by a number of their experience. Mrs. Herrick's directions are as follows:

"Three essentials are fresh air, light clothing and plenty of good nourishment."

"Society women should forego society's obligations and nurse her own child."

"Kissing and fondling of baby should not be permitted for one minute."

"Don't toss baby up in the air like a bouncing ball."

"One great secret of household economy is making your own and your children's clothing."

"Race suicide is the greatest evil of the day."

"The father contributes as much to the health or ill-health of a child as the mother."

"Never use patent medicine to quiet the baby."

"The child loses or gains in will-power according to whether the father drinks or not."

about moving the capital to Burlington now that a similar agitation has been started with reference to making Rutland the capital city. As long as these two places continue to work against each other there is not the slightest likelihood that the state house will get any nearer civilization than it is at present.—Burlington Reformer.

### Kicking—The Good of It.

In the December American Magazine appears an interesting little article entitled "Kicking and the Good of it." In the first place the author tells about a man who compelled the postmaster in his town to sell postage stamps with the gum side up. There is a rule in the postoffice department requiring this. The point is that if postage stamps are handed out gum side down they are likely to accumulate filth and germs.

Other stories are told, after the telling of which the author goes on to say: "There are two kinds of kickers: those who kick from anger, and those who kick dispassionately for justice because they are good citizens. If, through a little carelessness or irritation on your part, you receive discourteous treatment from an overworked and nervous public-service employee who is nagged by an impatient public man haggard every day, you place yourself for the time being in the first category, and do more harm than good. If, however, you notice an indisputable piece of injustice to yourself and others—an evident example of many similar ones—and are willing to take the time and trouble to bring the matter dispassionately to the attention of the proper authorities, you join the second category, and are doing an act of good citizenship."

"Do not argue with another's employee. He is hired by somebody else, and you have no authority over him. Do not wrangle with a hotel servant, or shop clerk, or car conductor. You will only make things unpleasant and get the worst of the encounter. If you allow yourself to become angry over the incident, don't do anything until the next day, and then do not say to yourself 'Oh, well, what's the use?' and forget about it. Write briefly and courteously to the highest possible authority, the head of the firm whose accounting department persistently muddles your accounts, the general passenger agent of the railroad whose brakeman is habitually offensive, the president of the telegraph company whose local office frequently delays delivering your messages; do not give opinions, advice, nor make angry comments; merely state the facts, specifically and accurately. He will see the point at once, and he doesn't need your advice, as he knows his own business better than you do. And he will be grateful to you, because he can't possibly know every little detail, but he wants those details right."

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