

The Home

By Hattie Haines Churchhill.

Questions will be cheerfully answered by mail if postage is sent. Write to the manager of this department and tell what you would like best to appear in these columns. We want the housewives to look forward with pleasure to reading this part of The Ranch.

FOR MOTHER'S SAKE.

Do you know your soul is of my soul
such part,
That you seem to be fiber and core
of my heart?
None other can pain me as you, dear,
can do;
None other can please me or praise
me as you.
Remember the world will be quick
with its blame,
If shadow or stain ever darkens
your name,
"Like mother, like son," is a saying
so true,
The world will judge largely of
"mother" by you.

Unknown.

"The best monument a child can
raise to her mother's memory is that
of a clean, upright life, such as she
would have rejoiced to see her son
live."

"Oh, you who have a mother dear,
Let not a word or act give pain.
But cherish, love her, with your life,
You ne'er can have her like again."

"A mother is a mother still,
The holiest thing alive."
"Nobody knows the work it takes,
To keep the home together;
Nobody knows the steps it takes,
Nobody knows—but mother."

Although May 12th will have passed
before this issue of The Ranch reaches

its readers, we feel that a few words
should be written in behalf of the
mothers.

It is only a short time since May
12th was set apart to be recognized
as Mothers' Day and the white car-
nation adopted as the flower. James
Whitcomb Riley says: "On this day
let each of us honor the hallowed
memory of his mother, wearing in
token thereof the floral symbol of
purity. Of other blessings we may
have had great stores, but of that
most precious influence there was but
one."

Last year I sat in a large audience
where the beautiful flower was every-
where in evidence, and the wearers,
both men and women, were in tears
as the speaker talked of home and
mother. The atmosphere was one of
mingled love and regret. One could
not look into the faces of those pres-
ent without being impressed with
that idea. It was there that the
countenances could be read. The
mask of manhood and womanhood
was tossed aside; the faces were as
those of little children with hearts
full of affection, yet conscious of
having done a wrong. How much
better it would be if lives were so
lived so that there could be no re-
grets. It is fitting that a day has
been set apart in honor of the
memory; but what a grand thing it
would be if there could be one set
apart for pledges to honor her living.
All the sighs, tears or symbols one
can give will not atone for one heart-
ache or the weariness that were once
in those toil worn hands.

On the fly leaf of a Bible belonging
to a young girl of my acquaintance
is this quotation from Lew Wallace:
"God could not be everywhere;
therefore He made mothers."

The loving mother had found the
beautiful saying and had pasted it
where she knew her daughter would
see it often, and I am sure it will
never cease to carry its message.

O, girl readers, if you have become
careless in your treatment of her who
gave you being, begin right now to
make a change. Try to understand
her motive in all that she does. Per-
haps you think her too strict. Study
the question and see if it is not for
your own good. May be you think
she is cross. That may be true. Many
mothers are cross. That condition
is often brought about when one is
physically unable to bear the burdens
of the family, for "nobody knows the
steps it takes—but mother." Why
should mothers be obliged to pick up
after and be a slave for the whole
family? Can any one give a logical
reason why she should be the drudge?
In many farm homes the men walk
in without attempting to clean their
shoes; coats and hats are thrown any-
where; mother must tidy up the
house, she must get the meals and in
fact must do everything the others do
not want to do.

And there is another thing. Don't
ask mother to spend all day Sunday
in the kitchen. A clipping sent me
advocates simpler meals, such as can
be prepared easily. Give her a chance
to rest. Don't be ashamed if com-
pany comes. If they come just to
eat, let them take their medicine.

Everybody try to be considerate of
mother. Take a good look and see if
she does not look tired. Do things
for her, and husbands do you all
know how foolishly happy a woman
will be all day if she has kind words

in the morning?

Perhaps there will come a May 12th
sometime when there will be no re-
grets for unkind treatment of the
mother. God bless them.

We want to thank the readers who
have so kindly sent clippings, receipts
and suggestions. If all will continue
to do this we shall have an interest-
ing and helpful page.

C. R.—The cedar chests are the
best of any boxes in which to store
woolen garments during the summer
season, but the price is such as to
put them out of the question of pur-
chase for many. However, with care
one can get along nicely.

Garments should be clean. Every-
thing that will stand soap and water
should be so treated. Other pieces
should be hung in the sunshine then
make free from dust by thorough
beating and brushing; the spots can
be removed by sponging. Hang out
for several days then wrap in news-
papers. (Moths do not like the
printer's ink). Wrap each garment
separately. Paper bags and paste-
board boxes can also be used. They
should be sealed with strips of pasted
paper. This should not be done for
ten days after cleaning. If there
were eggs left they will hatch by the
end of that time. One can also use
tobacco, pepper, camphor, moth balls,
cedar shavings or chips, and even the
dried blossoms of feverfew to repel
the moth miller, but if there is an
egg on the garment it will probably
hatch, or if a miller it will deposit
eggs which will develop worms in due
time, hence one should be careful.
The egg is so small it is not easily
visible to the naked eye.

"There are three common species
of moths that are destructive to
clothes. They are not indigenous to
the United States. It is supposed
they were brought here early in the
eighteenth century probably to Phila-
delphia. The Northern moth has one
brood from June to August. It makes
a case for itself. The Southern moth
has two broods May to June; August
to September. It feeds on animal
products, feathers, wool, furs, hair,
etc. The tapestry moth is scarce in
the United States and works in the
heavier stuffs such as horse blankets,
carpets, etc."

The facts about moths quoted above
were contributed.

A reader of this department says
to tell the housekeepers that she used
the Whitney directions for bread and
had excellent success and also found
she could mix the bread into a hard
loaf the first time without injuring
the quality. This will be a benefit
to those who wish to get the baking
out of the way early in the morning.

Mrs. M. writes that her husband
insists in buying the cheapest grade
of flour and then growls because the
bread is poor. There is no economy
in cheapness. It takes just as much
labor and fuel to prepare one loaf as
another, to say nothing of the hard
crusts and waste. It is not right
to serve a mass of sticky, indigestible
stuff that must be eaten by yourself
and children; they, at least, are en-
titled to something that will strength-
en and develop their little bodies
properly. If one must consider ex-
pense closely, buy good flour; let not
a spoonful be wasted and then save
the bread by serving corn meal and
graham gems, corn pan cakes, brown

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