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DOMESTIC MATTERS.

Good Housekeeping.—As a medicine the broom excels as a tonic. This is not a jest, but recommended in all earnestness. If the women who sit around from one year's end to another, nursing imaginary ailments, were, once a week, to take a dose of sweeping, mild, of course, at first, they would soon begin to feel the salutary effects from the use of the broom and would save themselves many a dollar for medicine, broken china and battered furniture.

Children's boots and shoes should be accurately fitted, else permanent injury may be the result. Even if strict economy has to be practised in every other detail of the wardrobe do not be penny-wise and pound foolish with regard to this matter. Many grievous troubles have been traced to the badly-fitting boot. A young girl had long suffered from severe pain in the head, which extended to the eyes and caused so much distress that the eyesight became impaired. Several physicians prescribed various treatment, but without success. Finally a consulting physician asked to see her boots, which were of the most approved pattern, pointed toes, narrow soles and high heels almost in the middle of the foot. "Ah," said the doctor, "here is the cause of all your trouble. Get a pair of broad-soled, flat-heeled boots, and never put on these monstrosities again. My word for it, in a short time you will feel like a different person." All that the doctor said was fully verified. In a fortnight the unfavorable symptoms had disappeared and the young girl seemed to have received new life. Three years have passed since the sensible boots were first worn, and during all that time there has not been an ache or a pain to disturb the perfect health with which the girl is blessed.

One ounce of oil of lavender mixed with one quart of water or alcohol and sprinkled about a room will rid it of flies. One who knows, says that four applications at intervals will be sufficient to drive away a host.

Useful bags for clothespins and wash-lines are made of stout gray linen twenty inches square. Have a two-inch-wide hem at the top through which may be run stout linen cord; or, if preferred, nickel or brass rings may be sewed about the edge for the running string. Two clothespposts, with a clothesline, may be worked in outline stitch, while on the clothespin bag clothespins may be embroidered, or any design to suit the fancy. An oblong wooden frame with projecting ends on the side pieces makes a good clothespin roller. The rope is attached to this and rolled upon it, thus simplifying the process of putting up the line and avoiding any "kinks."

A clever little woman, who has time for music, reading, housekeeping and fancy work, showed me a useful box she had just completed for holding sewing. She had taken a covered box, two feet high by about eighteen inches long, and had covered it smoothly with some old curtains that could not be made useful for any other purpose. The top was thickly padded with them and covered with a stout piece of bagging. For the cover of this useful box she had embroidered dark gray momie linen with a conventionalized design of flowers in rich colors upon a "lattice" background of gold-colored silk in Kensington stitch. This cover was carefully stretched and tacked over the top and sides, the edge of the top being bordered by heavy fringe, repeating the colors of the embroidery and hiding the opening. The capacity of the box was ample for the week's mending, and when the box was closed it formed a pretty ottoman, pleasant to sit upon.

Housekeepers cannot be too careful with regard to keeping drains and cellars in proper condition. A plentiful supply of sulphate of iron (copperas) should be kept in every household and used daily to deodorize the drains. After each dish-washing have a quart of boiling water in which two tablespoonsful of washing soda have been dissolved, poured into the sink so that all the grease particles may be destroyed. Then flush the sink with hot water for a few minutes. Pour a solution of copperas—one tablespoonful dissolved in a quart of boiling water—each day in the pipes leading from the bathtub and closet. If you have stationary wash-basins treat them in the same way, not forgetting the flushing process. See that no decomposing vegetables remain in the cellar; have at least two windows always open, and, if possible, keep the outer cellar door open that the sunlight may purify the air. Two or three times during the season fumigate with roll brimstone, being careful to close all openings, so that the fumes of the sulphur may do their perfect work. If possible, never have ashes in the cellar, and on no account permit any garbage from the kitchen to be placed there.

Saturday Night.

Saturday night has come. God bless Saturday night. Who amongst us does not? The thousand and one cares of the week, the troubles, anxieties and worries are all behind us. One day of rest is at length at hand, and to-morrow, thanks to an Infinite Providence, we need not labor or worry. "The world, the flesh and the devil," for one day must succumb to the holier, brighter and nobler impulses within us, and for one day at least recognize that while "six days shalt thou labor" the seventh is a day of rest. How many of us there are who look forward to Saturday night conscious that to-morrow is Sunday. That no labor, no toil, no slavery—to-morrow is ours; to us alone the day belongs—that for one day we, the great "unwashed," the component part of the untold millions, we, the busy, censeless workers and laborers in the vineyards of money-grabbers and worshipers of mammon, with what feelings of relief do we welcome Saturday night? To-night is the eve of a temporary freedom which must endure till Monday morning, and in consequence the weight of oppressive care is lightened for forty-eight hours. Saturday night, or rather Saturday, is pay day. How we poor toilers look forward, counting hour by hour, fearful of losing even a moment's time when we shall hold within the palm of our hand the little sum which will enable us to enter the conflict refreshed, rested and hopeful again Monday morning. Ah! that blessed Saturday night. What does the little pitiful sum mean? What is it that induces toil week after week? What secret impelling force to renew the battle from day to day—to encounter again each successive morning the strife of the day before us, and morning and night grapple with the worries and anxieties and troubles, as they spring up in our path? Ah! let each of us speak for himself or herself. What would it all be were it not for the peace, rest and comfort promised on Saturday night? A frock for the little one—to-morrow papa will be home all day—mamma won't have to work; and if there are a few cents left, we'll take the little ones for a run in the bright, green woods, and in the peaceful, quiet shade breathe the pure air of God's own green earth, and in prayer and thankfulness return refreshed, renewed in spirit, and prepared to enter upon the struggle again, thanking a Divine Providence for that promise of a Saturday night whose Sunday shall be an all-enduring, everlasting and never-ending.—*Household.*

Religion is the most gentlemanly thing of the world. It alone will gentilize if unmixed with cant.—Coleridge.

THE YOUNG IDEA.

Papa—"Ethel, you musn't say 'I won't' to papa. It's naughty."

Ethel—"Well, but papa, what shall I say when I mean I won't?"—*Life.*

"What are the last teeth that come?" asked a Lynn teacher to her class in physiology.

"False teeth, mum," replied a boy who had just waked up on the back seat.—*Lynn Union.*

"What kind of pills do you want, little boy?" asked the druggist. "Plain or sugar-coated?"

"Mister, I want the kind that's white-washed."—*Philadelphia Call.*

"Ma, our baby should be arrested for sleeping," said a poy to his mother.

"Why, what makes you say that? The baby is not guilty of any crime," said his mother.

"Oh, yes, it is; it is guilty of kidnapping."—*Pretzel's Weekly*

Little Annie was found one Sunday morning busily crotcheting. "Annie, dear, it is Sunday," said her mamma. "Did you forget?"

"Oh, no, mamma," she replied: "I knew it was Sunday, but I am playing that I am a little Jew."—*Chicago Interior.*

A young artist who was displaying his latest work, a picture of a lion, heroic size, to a lady, said to the latter's little boy:

"Don't be afraid, little boy, the lion won't hurt you. He is not alive."

"Oh, I'm not afraid," replied the little boy: "he don't look as if he was alive."—*New York Mercury.*

Little girl from Chicago—"Our family is a more aristocratic family than yours."

Little girl from Boston—"No, it isn't. My mother can boast of her forefathers for the past two centuries."

Little girl from Chicago—"Oh, that is nothing. My mother can boast of four husbands in the last two years."—*Philadelphia Call.*

Little Tommy and Jimmy Steadyboy were temporarily attracted from their play recently by a violent thunder storm.

"Jim," inquired Tommy, the youngster, "does Dod make all ze thunderums wif his dreat big hammer?"

"Of course," answered Jimmy, with all the confidence of a grown-up philosopher.

"An' ze rain is Dod's sweat-drops,' shouted Tommy, clapping his hands in great glee. "Ain't it, Jim? An' Dod is crackin' hickrum nuts for ze 'ittle angels like pa does for us w'en we's dood."—*The Hatchet.*

Edison's Taste for Music.

Thomas Edison, the inventor, although somewhat deaf, is passionately fond of music. A friend of his described how he passed the time when he took relaxation from his studies. "He has a piano in his elegant home that is pounded on most vigorously by the famous electrician two or three times a day. He does not play by note, but has a wonderful quick ear to catch popular and even difficult opera airs. His deafness is not so great as to interfere with his hearing music. It is amusing to see him getting a tune out of his ivory keys. He looks very much as if he were at a telegraph key sending off a quick dispatch and wanted to rattle the operator at the other end by his lightning rapidity. Sometimes he will play a piece with his forefinger only. It moves like a phantom finger, so hurriedly does it pass over the keys. He goes to the opera frequently and immediately upon returning home, no matter how late the hour, he sits at the piano and rattles off some of the catchy airs. It is a very poor opera that Mr. Edison does not play some part of. Opera bouffe is his favorite style of music. All at once he will strike up Semiramide, and wind up with something from The Little Duke or Falka. His playing is not bad. He has a nervous, quick touch which, if combined with a ready knowledge of notes, would make him a great performer. He plays more to amuse himself than anything else and to relieve his mind of the strain he puts upon it by constant study. When questioned about his musical qualities he laughs and says he does it to rest. It may be possible that he intends to invent an electric piano, or simplify the present mode of construction.

Swallows Kill a Hawk.

Near Youngsville, N. Y., a large hawk swooped down upon a poultry yard, and, seizing a hen, flew with it to the top of a neighboring tree. The hen made a great outcry, and before the hawk could kill it a swallow made a dash at the hawk, and pecked and worried it so that it released the hen and attempted to fly away. The hen fluttered to the ground and ran back to the poultry yard. The swallow kept up its attack on the hawk, and it was soon joined by other swallows. The courageous little birds surrounded the hawk, and assailed it fiercely, until the big bird dropped to the ground. The farmer on whose ground the conflict took place hurried to the spot. The swallows had the hawk on the ground and were pecking it mercilessly. They were so much engaged in the attack that the farmer walked within three feet of them before they discovered him and flew away. The farmer picked up the hawk. Both of its eyes had been picked out, and it was so badly hurt in other ways that it died in a few minutes.

The Monkey Boy and Girl.

The household that possesses a monkey is to be envied—if, that is, it be the true, thoroughbred species. That this type represents the best physical variety of mankind would be bold to say, but the case might be argued. The monkey, as every one knows who is acquainted with it, is never ill. It has an "accident" daily, and would have a score if its quickness and activity were not almost equal to its wickedness. But "disorders" which we have cause to think natural to childhood are unknown. And when, as years pass, the animal develops human nature, it is the pride, the joy, the comfort of the home. The brightest boy at school, the most promising youth, the keenest and boldest and most successful man was the family "pickle." Not less striking, and much more interesting, is the transformation of the girl. It begins later, owing to the different position of the sexes, maybe; but when it comes, the idlest, least helpful of children proves to be the busiest of managers, most ingenious of housewives, tenderest of thoughtful friends and most loving of daughters, sisters, wives.—*London Standard.*

An Optical Delusion.

(Chicago Herald.)

"Talking about lightning," said a passenger from the West, "if you want to see lightning that's lightning, just go out into western Nebraska. That's where it lightnings for all that's out. But I'll never forget how I was fooled out there one day. A few days after I got there I was going across the prairie with a friend of mine, when I saw something that caused my hair to stand on end. It was a streak of lightning going across the prairie in leaps, as if it were an animal. My eye could hardly follow it, it went so fast. 'Well,' says I to my friend, 'that beats all the lightning ever I heard tell on. I've seen forked lightning and sheet lightning, and zig-zag lightning, but I never saw lightning following the ground like that.'

"'That's where you're off,' says my friend; 'that ain't anything—that's a jack rabbit exercisin' hisself.'"

"Here Lies."

"Yes," said an old man, visiting the grave-yard in his native town after long years of absence, and reading an inscription—"'Here lies Sam. Brownlow.' I might have known he was lying somewhere, for he never told the truth that I can ever remember of in all his life. But it's kinder mean throwing it up to him that way after he's dead and gone and can't hit back."

A Word to Old Maids.

Elderly maidens, don't mourn over your lot. On an average you have escaped a life composed of about one part happiness and ninety-nine parts misery. Yet, if any of you have a good chance, don't let this discourage you. A good many think that the occasional cases of joy are worth all the misery.

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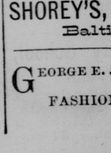
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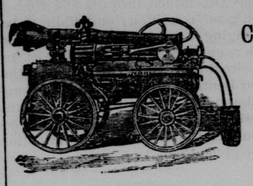
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