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THE "SONG OF THE SKIRT"

With fingers weary aud cramped,
And a wrist that was stiff with pain,
A lady walked, in a Paris gown,
Down Bond street, in the rain.
Splash—splash—splash—
Through puddle and slush and dirt.
And half to herself in a sobbing tone,
She sang this "Song of the Skirt":

"For Fashion's sake," she moaned,
"Full many a cross bear we,
Like abject slaves we bow
To her every new decree;
But of all the cruel modes
With which we women are cursed,
Our walking gown, with its trailing train,
Methinks is by far the worst!

"Sweep—sweep—sweep—
Where the waste of the street lies thick;
Sweep—sweep—sweep—
However our path we pick;
Dust, bacillus and germ,
Germ, bacillus and dust,
Till we shudder and turn from the sorry sight
with a gesture of disgust.

"Oh, men with sisters dear!
Oh, men who have well-dressed wives,
It is not alone an expensive mode,
It is one that hazards lives!
For malignant microbes swarm
In the triturated dirt,
And the dress that sweeps it up may prove
A shroud as well as a skirt!

"Sweep—sweep—sweep—
As we walk o'er the West End flags,
For however we try to carry that trail
A part of it always sags—
The hem of it always drops
In the winter's greasy slush;
The hem of it sweeps the summer's dust
More clean than the dustman's brush.

"Drag—drag—drag—
Whatever our strength or health;
We have all to draw that heavy train,
Whatever our rank or wealth.
Whatever the dress has cost,
Fashion's laws we dare not shirk;
Old and young we alike must daily do
The scavenger's dirty work.

"Oh! for one hour of ease
As I shop in the crowded street—
With no drag upon my knees
And no pull about my feet!
For only one short hour
To be as I used to be,
When I wore a skirt of sensible length
With my ankles left quite free!

"Oh! but for one short hour,
A respite, however brief,
Till my Christmas shopping at least is done
And from rain we've some relief!
The so-called 'Rational Dress'
Possesses for me no charms,
Yet on days like this I would willingly rush
Into Lady Haberton's arms.

"As I feel the distressing strain
Of my train on my aching wrist,
I could well-nigh vow henceforth
Fashion's edicts to resist.
When I see what my hem's swept up,
Though in walking I'm so expert,
I am very much more than half inclined
To drive home and burn up my skirt!"

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With fingers weary and cramped,
With a wrist that was stiff with pain,
A lady shopped, in a Paris gown,
In Bond street in the rain.
Splash—splash—splash—
On she swept through the slush and the dirt;
And still with a voice of dolorous pitch,
Would that its tones could reach the rich,
She sang this "Song of the Skirt!"

—*London Truth*

GENIUS IN THE KITCHEN.

The ordinary man is nowhere more out of place than in the kitchen. All rules have their exceptions, however, and a correspondent sends to the Companion a story of a man who might have led armies perhaps, but was certainly equal to culinary emergencies.

In the absence of his wife and family it became necessary, as he thought, for him to cook his own dinner, and in view of the fact that he was a man of business, his presence was also needed downtown at his office.

Now, the same body cannot be in two places at once, and this well-known consideration would have settled the question for an average man. He would have either spent the forenoon in the kitchen or gone to his office and lunched out.

This, however, was a man to whom physical laws do courtesy, even as custom to great kings. The case stood thus:

He was to have a boiled dinner and would have it done to a turn, piping hot and ready to serve at the homecoming. The meat, turnips and beets, therefore, which require a longer time, he put on before leaving the house. The potatoes and cabbage, needing less time for cooking, were put on the cover of the pot.

Then he knotted a string through a hole in the edge of the cover, ran it through a loop suspended from the ceiling and thence down to the sink. In the sink hole he firmly stuck a candle, to which, two inches below the top, he tied the string.

Last of all he lighted the candle and went to his business. In two hours, or about half an hour before he was to return, when it was time for the vegetables on the cover to go to their appointed place, the slowly descending flame burned the string, which released the otherwise unsupported edge of the cover, which dropped its burden into the pot and fell back where it belonged. When the genius reached home his dinner was ready.

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WILD BOAR ON THE RAMPAGE.

It Killed a Mule And Injured Two Horses And Other Animals.

Daniel C. Bailey, of Smyrna, met with a severe loss recently through the savageness of an aged boar at his farm near Brenford. The vicious old fellow was always a source of worriment to the tenant, Arthur Cooper, but it was not thought the hog would attack any of the stock.

One day the boar managed to escape from his pen and in his wanderings around the farm did considerable damage, wrecking everything that came his way. The other pigs were in the orchard Their presence seemed to madden the king of the lot and for an hour or more he had a high old time with the swine. His tusks were fully two inches in length, and thus armed the boar was a formidable antagonist.

Leaving the orchard the wild brute got into the barnyard, and made a jump at a mule, striking it several times in the breast. The mule was powerless to ward off the attack and after the battle was in a weak and bleeding condition, having a hole some four inches in diameter in its side, another one in its breast, while its legs were fearfully torn. The mule died the next day or two, blood poisoning having set in.

After disposing of the mule so easily the boar turned his attention to two horses, succeeding in badly gouging them and then attacked the cows, wounding three of Mr. Bailey's best milkers. The commotion in the yard attracted the attention of those at the house. Armed with clubs and forks the men finally succeeded, after a hard fight, in getting the boar in the pen. Mr. Bailey and Dr. W. T. Rayan of Smyrna, visited the farm and after doctoring the stock that had been injured, the boar's tusks were removed, so that he could do no further damage with them.

Little Girl's Composition on a Fly.

At one of the English-German schools in the city a teacher recently announced to a class of very young girls that they could have twenty minutes to write a composition on any subject of their own selection. A bright girl whose head is adorned with a liberal supply of beautiful auburn hair, handed in the following:

FLIES FROM FLYLAND.

Mrs. Fly had a great deal of trouble with her children. They worried the old lady so much she did not know what to do. One little Fly—Worst One by name—never did obey his mother. Now, of course, there never yet was a case of disobedience which was not punished in some manner. If you do wrong and nobody is around to punish you you usually knock against something or fall down and hurt yourself.

We will see now what little Worst One did and how he was punished. One day he and his brothers had a chat and in it they spoke of the jam that the cook left standing on the kitchen table, and they all determined to get just the tiniest bit of it, and they went. Now, the mother knew of this and she went with them, and of course she did not scold. Oh, no! "Why, every fly eats jam, but you must not go inside the jam jar, as no one knows what will happen to you if you do. Just rest on the top," the mother said.

The others were all afraid and did not go in, but little Worst One, he didn't care, he was going in, and in he went, in spite of what his mother said. And what do you think happened to him? Never before in the history of flies did such a strange thing happen. You think he died and remained there, don't you? But you are mistaken. They did get him out, but he had a terrible punishment and he had to carry it with him ever afterward. His hair had turned red with fright. I believe, after that, he obeyed his mother.

The teacher gave the composition "100."

State Historical Facts.

Annapolis became the capital of the State in 1691, the town of St. Mary's previously being the capital. Annapolis was first called Providence.

Baltimore was founded in 1729.

The first car on the B. & O. Railroad was run in 1830.

The first boat on the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal was loaded in 1817.

John Wilkes Booth, the assassinator of President Lincoln, was born in Harford county in 1839.

Lucas Vasquez D'Ayllon was the first European to enter the Chesapeake, in 1524. Captain John Smith explored it in 1608.

A few free colored men were allowed to vote some years after Maryland first became a State.

The first free school in Maryland was established in 1696 at Annapolis, and was called King William School.

Capt. John Smith and two companions, firing one shot apiece at the same time, killed 148 wild ducks.

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