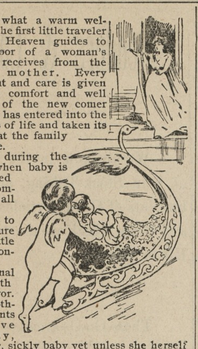
Oh, what a warm welcome the first little traveler whom Heaven guides to the door of a woman's heart receives from the happy mother. Every thought and care is given to the comfort and well being of the new comer after it has entered into the portals of life and taken its place at the family fireside.



Yet during the time when baby is expected few women do all they should to insure the little one's constitutional strength and vigor. No mother wants to have a puny, weakly, sickly baby yet unless she herself is entirely healthy in the special, delicate structure which makes motherhood possible, the baby is certain to suffer in some way for her weakness or neglect.

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Mark the Good In Men.

Mark and mention the good in your fellow man, and he will seek to rise to the full measure of your esteem.—Rev. J. D. Long, Babylon, N. Y.

Burden Bearing.

Burden bearing enables a man to do two things—to test his strength and by using to increase it.—Rev. W. S. Perkins, Universalist, Meriden, Conn.

Attainment of a Moral Hero.

Only a moral hero, while the body quakes and the face is pallid with fear, can rise to spiritual courage.—Rev. H. I. Nicholas, Presbyterian, Philadelphia.

The Saving of Cities.

If the city is to be saved, Christian philanthropy must reach out the hand of help and better the social conditions and brighten the environment of the masses, and never before has Christian philanthropy been more zealous and active.—Rev. E. A. Bawden, Methodist, Manayunk, Pa.

Such Efforts Fail.

Human wisdom always lies in the way of saving one by human merit—going about by our own deeds to establish our own righteousness. But certainly every such effort must fail. We have sinned, and the door of salvation is closed, so failure and phariseeism grow hand in hand.—Dr. McDonald, Baptist, Atlanta.

Christian Womanhood.

A very great thing to be said in praise of woman is this, that she has been the heart of the Christian church, if not the brain. She has supplied it with true, strong feeling, how little soever she may have contributed to its bewildering speculations or to its ponderous learning.—Rev. Dr. Joseph H. Rylance, Episcopal, New York.

Social Contrasts.

Inequalities in men produce inequalities in their circumstances. This is not an evil. It might exist in heaven itself, as one star differs from another in glory. We should not call any man poor so long as he can give fair play to his faculties, so long as he can live a truly human life.—Rev. Charles G. Ames, Church of the Disciples, Boston.

Criterion of Value.

There is a criterion of value in this world far more lasting and important than that of the auctioneer. Things are worth the sentiment they enshrine and the memories with which they are surrounded rather than the money they will bring. The age that judges in gold is the atheistic age. Not gold, but sentiment, is the crowning test of value.—Rev. Dr. Charles A. Berry, Congregationalist, England.

Business In Churches.

To be a working church our church must be founded on business principles. There is a close connection between a sound financial condition and success in distinctly spiritual work. And so I say the business man is needed in the church, the man of mature years for his advice, the young man for his energy and awakening interest.—Rev. Leslie Moore, Universalist, Washington.

Present Need of the Sabbath.

And surely, if man needed it in the beginning, amid the bloom and beauty of the garden of Eden, and if the Jews needed it amid the olive groves of Palestine, surely still more do weary mortals need it now amid the rush and roar of what we call our modern civilization, the toil of the sweatshops, the smoke of the factories and the greed and grime of our great cities.—Dr. T. S. Henson, Baptist, Chicago.

The Public's Knowledge of Christianity.

What the public knows of Christianity is what it sees in men that call themselves Christians—what it sees in them that is distinct from what it sees in men who do not call themselves Christians. In that respect one Christian that is a Christian all through is worth a million Bibles lying unused in gentlemen's libraries or lying unpurchased on the shelves of the Bible society.—Rev. Dr. Charles H. Parkhurst, Presbyterian, New York.

Man as a Burden Bearer.

Men often think that if they could change their circumstances even slightly they would escape trouble, but this is an illusion. The sick recover health, the poor become rich, the lowly gain the coveted positions of honor, and their common testimony is that having gained these advantages their burdens are no less heavy. In fact, the normal condition of man is that of a burden bearer. We "are born unto trouble as the sparks fly upward."—Rev. W. S. Perkins, Universalist, Meriden, Conn.

Modern Man Defined.

Man has been animal, and he is to be spiritual. To know man we must look forward and not backward. Man has come so far that he certainly must go farther. He is learning to master nature and to master himself and to live in perfectly helpful relations to his fellows and to all things about him, and he certainly has not yet reached the limits of his growth. This view gives us great hope for the individual and the race.—Rev. B. Fay Mills, Evangelist, Boston.

Gospel of Individualism.

We are only beginning to understand the social side of the gospel of Christ. The social side is the important side. It is the social side that Christ emphasized. We are still suffering, if I may use that word, from an exclusive preaching of the gospel of individualism. We are still wrapped up in Puritanism. Grand as the Puritan principles were, they are not enough. The individual, it is true, must have received that gospel before society can receive it, the gospel of individualism must precede social gospel, but it is time for something broader now. It is time to know that no man can call Christ his and forget his neighbor.—Dr. William S. Rainsford, Episcopalian, New York.

Yearnings of the Human Heart.

The heart is the soul of all progress. When our hearts are in love with our highest ideals, we can reach and actualize them in spite of many difficulties. Our civilization is the grand result of the yearning of the human heart after ideals and of its pursuing them continually. The hungry heart will be the victorious leader of progress in other worlds, for eternal dissatisfaction is necessary to eternal progress, and it will always be true that those who hunger after pure, beautiful and good things will be filled.—Rev. J. S. Thomson. Unitarian. Chicago.

Value of Human Vows.

Life is worth just what our vows, under God, make it to be. A man without vows is not a star, but a meteor; not a mountain range, but a sand dune, drifted now to the shore and now to the sea. Mark your line upon the timber, and then hew it. Set your stake, and then work toward it. Fix your goal, and in God's name stretch out for it. You will never be half a man so long as you merely "want to do about right." Consecrate yourself by a sacred vow to the service of your Lord, and then by his heavenly grace live up to it.—Rev. H. O. Jenkins, Presbyterian, Kansas City.

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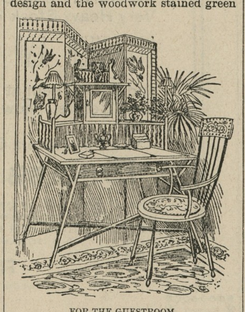
Suppose the walls of the first room to be hung with a dainty green and cream colored cretonne in a small, effective design and the woodwork stained green



FOR THE GUESTROOM.

and polished. On the floor a square of carpet in two shades of green, with a surround of Japanese matting in cream color, will provide quite a luxurious covering, while very uncommon curtains may be made of printed sateen.

If the furniture can be fitted to the room, it will give an air of space, as the odd corners are thus turned to account and the center of the room is free. Such fitments are somewhat more costly than the ordinary separate pieces, but if made in pine, painted white and kept quite simple in character, the expense will not be very alarming, and the result will be decidedly pleasing.

For a second room a pink wall paper will insure a pretty contrast with white paint, draperies of muslin and a carpet in a deep shade of rose color. The furniture to look the best against such a background will be in the Sheraton style and mahogany or rosewood finish, not fitted to the room, but each piece separate.

In a third room a very good effect may be gained by using plain pale blue paper for the walls and having a pretty stenciled frieze in a soft shade of cedar color, with woodwork painted and flatted to resemble cedar wood.

Here the window curtains may be cream spotted muslin and the floor covering a daintily flowered carpet of cream ground, with brass bedstead and any uncommon shapes in the lighter colored woods for the rest of the furniture.

A Nice Pudding.

Moisten 3 rounded tablespoonfuls of cornstarch with milk, add 4 heaping tablespoonfuls of sugar, the beaten yolks of 3 eggs, and pour into a quart of boiling milk. When it boils again, turn into a buttered dish, sprinkled with sugar. Beat the whites of the eggs with a teacupful of sugar and a teaspoonful of vanilla, spread over the top and brown in a quick oven. Serve cold.

Recipe For Butter Scotch.

A cup light brown sugar, a half cup hot water, a tablespoonful butter, a teaspoonful vinegar. Boil about 20 minutes, testing in cold water when it begins to thicken. It can be flavored by adding a half teaspoonful vanilla when done if desired. Pour on buttered plates and mark in squares as it cools. It may also be flavored with a few drops of ginger instead of vanilla if preferred.

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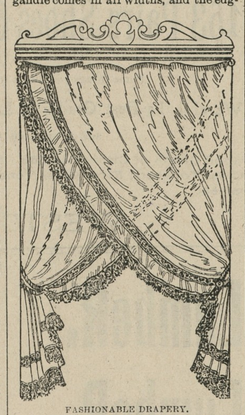

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Man's Capacity For Happiness.

The average of happiness is not as high as it ought to be or as high as it will be. Man's capacity for happiness in this life has not yet been realized. This ought to be a great deal happier world than it is. God made man to be happy and not wretched.—Rev. Dr. George B. Vosburgh, Baptist, Denver.

Abuse as a Compliment.

It is the grandest compliment to be spoken ill of by some kinds of men. Their abuse is your glory and their shame. It is their unconscious and unwilling acknowledgment of your sincerity and courage. It is the laurel with which they encircle your brows.—Dr. Joseph Krauskopf, Rabbi, Philadelphia.

Lessons of Spiritual Wisdom.

As we remember best the trees under which we sat in the summer days when we were young and the brook on whose margin we played or the city avenue where we watched the crowd or were jostled by it, so are the lessons of spiritual wisdom learned near life's cradle the most readily recalled and feared the most. How great the responsibility of parents!—Rev. Dr. Robert F. Sample, Presbyterian, New York.

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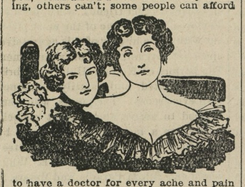

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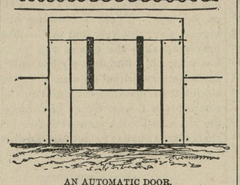
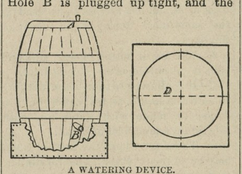


AN AUTOMATIC DOOR.

noon and the other in the afternoon. On the south side there are three large glass windows to let in the sunlight also and the entrance to the farrowing pens from the yard is by a self closing door made as follows:

A space of 2 feet, or the distance between two studding, is cut out of the siding where the door is wanted and 2½ feet high, and the siding that is cut out is battened closely together and hung in the place it was cut from by means of two pieces of strap iron. It will rise up when a pig rushes against it and let him in and fall back in place again. I give an illustration of this door. A slot is cut in the siding to let in the strap iron, which comes down on both sides of the door and is fastened with wrought nails, which go through both door and iron on each side. The door opens from either side, and Mr. Pig never leaves the door open after him when he goes in or out. A pig at 2 weeks old will learn to work it. In pleasant weather it can be held open to let the bedding dry by raising it and fastening it with a piece of wire.

A Missouri contributor to the journal already quoted gives an illustrated description of a device for watering hogs. It is not patented and will take the place of the high priced waterers. It consists of a barrel set in a water tight box. The box should be six inches wider at its top than the diameter of the barrel, and its sides should not be more than eight or ten inches high. Bore a hole in the barrel near its bottom at the height it is desired to have the water stand in the box and another in the top of the barrel, indicated by A and B. Hole B is plugged up tight, and the



A WATERING DEVICE.

barrel is filled through the hole at A. When the barrel is full, the hole is plugged up at A, and the plug in hole B is removed. The principle upon which it works is that as the water runs into the box a vacuum is formed in the top of the barrel, and the resistance will not permit the water to run over the sides of the box so long as the upper plug is airtight. Fig. D shows a construction of the waterer by which hogs in four different lots may be supplied from it merely by the arrangement of fences, the hogs drinking out of the corners of the box.

Use Lime With Vegetable Matter.

"My experience with lime has always been with it applied to the sod a year before planting to corn or on the wheat stubble (young grass) in the fall after the wheat has been cut. My idea is that the main results of lime are due to its action upon vegetable matter in the soil and that the proper time to apply it is when there is the most of this class of matter present. This is either on the sod for corn or on the wheat stubble after the wheat is taken off." Thus writes Thomas J. Edge, Pennsylvania, to Rural New Yorker. He adds:

"As a rule the lime is in such poor condition when the ground is frozen or when there is snow on the ground that it is almost out of the question to spread the lime properly. As to the amount, I would prefer 25 bushels per acre twice as often to 50 bushels for the longer period. I have had no experience in its application during the winter to wheat, and, so far as I know, it is not thus applied in our state."

Farmers Who Visit Distant States.

There are always surprises in store for farmers who visit in distant states. This is noticeable when a southern farmer visits a northern relative, or vice versa, or an eastern and western farmer come together. Denver Field and Farm says:

The eastern man is surprised when he comes out to Colorado to learn how farm work is done in the west under irrigation. The harrow that will cut a swath 24 feet at a throw is beyond his comprehension. One man driving four horses abreast to a plow which turns two furrows and the steam thrasher that has only half as many hands as were formerly necessary on a thrashing job, as well as many other modern devices, such as irrigating laterals, silos, potato cellars, etc., are some of the lines along which it pays for one to visit and examine the farming operations of distant sections occasionally.

Potato Pointers.

Various opinions prevail in Aroostook as to the best policy to pursue relative to holding for higher prices. A Maine farmer tells in The New England Homestead that he inclines to think the farmers who sold direct from the field in August and September will have no cause to regret it. From Morris county, N. J., comes the report that farmers are inclined to hold potatoes for an advance in price, believing that by spring they will rule 25 to 50 per cent over present prices of 90 cents to $1 per bushel locally. A Massachusetts correspondent, writing from Franklin county, said that farmers are not selling to any extent in his section, but most are holding for higher prices.

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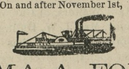

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