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To so order our life activities that there may result to us the highest type of Christlike character is to lay up our treasures in heaven.—Rev. Dr. A. M. Billingsley, Methodist, St. Louis.

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In true repentance there is a realization of the effect of one's sins on others. "No man sins unto himself." This true repentance is the work of the Holy Spirit.—Rev. Dr. Theron H. Rice, Presbyterian, Atlanta.

Sphere of the Christian.

No service is so lowly that it is not worthy of the greatest talents. The Christian's sphere is not gazing into heaven in ecstasy, but in the humble ministering to the needy on earth.—Rev. Dr. Joseph A. Vance, Presbyterian, Chicago.

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Our Common Little Lives.

Shall we not come to this conclusion—that God knew what he was about when he made our common little lives? Did he not mean that we should grow vigorous by doing the little things of life, the daily tasks for which we feel ourselves often quite too superior?—Rev. George L. Perrin, Universalist, Boston.

Sincerity of Purpose in the Pulpit.

In the pulpit character, sincerity of purpose and an evident desire to lead the people to God and to bring God to the people are more important than all oratory. Leave the vapid froth of rhetoric and the fulminations of oratorical pyrotechnics to the vaunting seeker after the world's applause.—Dr. Joseph Silverman, Rabbi, New York.

Self Mastery.

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True gratitude bids one to see his own emptiness and to realize that his fullness comes from the Almighty.—Rev. Floyd W. Tomkins, Episcopalian, Philadelphia.

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Woman In Government.

Woman's place in civil government is found in the power which she may exert from within her own sphere.—Rev. Dr. Hughes O. Gibbons, Presbyterian, Philadelphia.

New Character.

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God Works Everywhere.

Everywhere, under every sky of this planet, God in Christ, though men know it not, is laying hold on every life, trying to touch and lift it.—Rev. Dr. D. N. Beach, Congregational, Denver.

Life's Great Masters.

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Mighty Silence.

Compelling faith has in it the mightiness of silence. It is not the bluster and noise that count most. Men's most stupendous actions are wrought out by mighty silence.—Rev. R. B. Whitehead, Methodist, Pittsburg.

Use of This Life.

The true Christian uses this life as the carpenter uses his chest of tools—to build something which time cannot destroy and which eternity will strengthen.—Rev. George H. Hepworth, Congregational, New York.

Study of Character.

Character study is always interesting. To search for the springs of human action and, as far as possible, discover the reason for the divine attitude toward any given man is a matter of keenest interest.—Rev. W. F. Lloyd, Methodist, Louisville.

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You start to give thanks when you pray, and it will transform your life. What the country wants today is a thanksgiving church, not a grumbling church. Fill a church full of young converts, and it will be full of praise and thanksgiving and joy.—Rev. Dwight L. Moody, Evangelist, New York.

Spiritual Strength and Food.

Since our spiritual strength must be governed by the amount of spiritual food assimilated, let us go to God constantly for our supply. Then shall we have strength to soar above and out of earth's cares and trials and reach that high plane of peace and triumph where Christ would have us dwell.—Rev. J. L. Updegraph, Church of God, Pittsburg.

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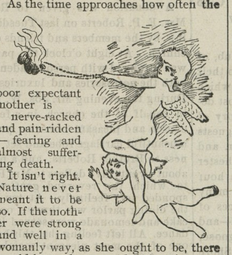

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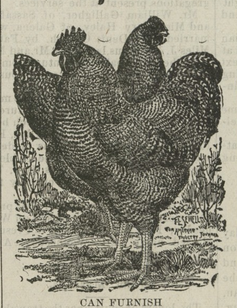

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SPONGING MADE EASY.

How the Amateur Dressmaker Can Handle Cloth, Fine Flannel, Etc.

One of the worst stumbling blocks in the path of the amateur dressmaker or, indeed, that of the professional often is the difficulty of properly shrinking certain materials before they are suitable to be fashioned into wearing apparel. In regard to this bugbear a Good Housekeeping correspondent gives some sensible suggestions, from which the following is learned:

This operation of shrinking, or sponging, as it is termed by tailors, is essential whenever broadcloths, ladies' cloths or fine flannels are employed in order to prevent future spotting, cockling or shrinking from rain or dampness. In the finer grade of cloths kept in stock by leading houses in large cities these goods are often sold warranted as steam sponged. Unless so guaranteed, however, the extra work should not be passed by. To many women the home management seems too risky to be undertaken, for the reason that much of the rich appearance of fine, handsome cloth could be easily injured by careless handling.

Supposing, however, that the amateur does not care to pay the tailor $2 or $3 or, what is far more probable, suppose that she is out of the reach of a "knight of the shears." Some friend will tell her that a damp cloth must be laid upon the goods and that then it should be pressed upon the wrong side. She views the billowy heap of six or eight yards (which she has unrolled to estimate the task) with dismay, for how can she ever dampen and press evenly all of that huge pile of cloth—for huge it looks to her anxious eyes? Surely one part will dry long before the rest and the marks where the iron stopped will be unmistakable. She is satisfied that to undertake the work in so blundering and awkward a way would be worse than letting the fabric go unsponged.

Then the next time she asks for advice it is from some one who knows, for the first instructor was merely a theorist and had never put into practice that which she preached. This time our amateur goes to work with a better heart and first carefully dampens a large sheet and neatly folds the cloth therein, wrapping the bundle smoothly with a blanket to keep the dampness even. This answers better perhaps, but why not put brains to work and try to improve upon even this makeshift way?

Have you never thought, when you have seen Bridget taking the half dried wash from the clothesline on "blue Monday," that perhaps you might borrow a suggestion from her work? Then, again, are not clothes left out upon the line overnight thoroughly and evenly dampened by morning? What, pray, is there to prevent taking your full length of new cloth out to this same clothesline some night after darkness sets, when the air is damp, but no rain threatens, and allowing it to remain hanging therefrom, securely fastened with clothespins, until the following morning?

The following morning the sun will at an early hour place the cloth in exactly the proper state for easy pressing, for the material may be brought into the house when at any desired state of dampness or dryness. Then, by keeping the unpressed portion smoothly folded, so that it will remain as damp as is required, the cloth may be ironed quickly and easily and without flurry or nervous strain. Try it and avoid the tailor's bill.

How to Clean Oilcloth.

The best way of keeping this in order is to have it regularly rubbed up with beeswax and turpentine or with any good furniture polish at stated intervals, according to the amount of wear it receives. It should be daily dusted and if necessary wiped over with a damp cloth and then well dried, but never scrubbed or soused with water. Both these processes are absolutely destructive. An occasional rub over with skim or sour milk adds immensely to its polish and hence to the saving of scratches.

A Hint to Book Buyers.

It is a very good time to rake over the library and buy books, if one ever can. They are cheaper now, and the holiday influx has left a large choice. People who sell them, too, have more time to show and discuss them. Is this a new idea? It is an accepted custom in some families, for there is no use in thinking that there is any time of the year when there is nothing to be bought! And books are selected more judiciously if they have their special season.

Party Frocks For Little Tots.

The festivities of the new year bring dancing and party frocks for the little tots into prominence. Here are two pretty ones reproduced from Vogue. A

DANCING AND PARTY FROCKS.

dancing frock of white taffeta, edged with fine insertion and lace over a guimpe of French nainsook. A party frock of white embroidered batiste, trimmed with fine embroidery. The ruffle at the bottom is of plaited batiste headed with embroidery.

HE WASHED DISHES.

The Hard Job One Boy Had All the Way to Europe.

The girls who have complained in various keys because they had dishes to wash may be glad to hear of a young man who can look at the matter through their eyes, perhaps more so. He had shipped as "boy" on a cattle steamer for Europe because he wanted to save as much as possible on his transportation, and—but the rest of the story sounds better in his own words:

"About 4:30 in the morning I was awakened and told to go to work. I hastily dressed, for the first and last time on board, for during the rest of the voyage I took care not to undress. It seemed scarcely worth while. I arrived on deck and found the steward waiting for me. He showed me into the pantry, introduced me to 'Pants,' as the pantryman was called, and told me that my chief duty during the voyage would be to wash dishes.

"There was already a large pile of dirty dishes waiting to be washed, and I rolled up my sleeves, fixed the hot water and began to work. I had these almost done when another and larger lot was brought in from the dining room. This proved to be the daily programme. I no sooner had one pile washed than others were brought in, and I was never done. I don't think I ever saw so many dishes before in my life, and I hope I never shall again. There were 60 passengers aboard besides the cattlemen, and six meals were served each day. From the dishes that came out to be washed, I think that each passenger must have used at least six plates at a meal."—Detroit Free Press.

Something New In Hair Waving.

Girls in France have discovered something new. In order to get their hair to remain curly or waved for some time before putting it into pins at night they damp the hair with a little lemon juice and sugar mixed. The effect is quite magical, and the hair remains crimped for days.

FARM AND GARDEN

TOMATO CULTURE.

How Some of the Splendid Southern Fruit Is Grown.

The northern tomato field presents a picture of a crop growing two feet high; the southern field four to five feet—that is, some of the southern fields of early tomatoes do, and their growing is a science. The method of culture is pruning and staking, and the Mississippi trucker, his wife and children are all employed in the tomato

STAKED AND PRUNED TOMATO VINES.

fields and kept busy pruning too. This method of culture has been systematically tested by the New Jersey experiment station, but the success in the north has not been as great as that in the south.

In the first place, the tomatoes are planted in rows three and one-half feet apart and three feet apart in the rows, which would be close for ordinary field work, where the plants lie on the ground. The plants are cared for in the usual manner until they begin to bend over with their own weight. Then six foot stakes rived out of pine are pushed firmly or driven into the ground after a softening rain and the plants tied closely to them with a piece of ordinary white wrapping string ten inches long. Next every plant is pruned, and every sucker is pulled out, leaving only single stems with no limbs. In a short time, with rapid growth, another tying is necessary, care being taken to tie the fruit bunch on the outside, so as not to rub against the stake. Almost constant pruning is necessary.

The effect of this cultivation is to force the crop ahead of the rest about six days. The tomatoes grow to a large size, and the fruit clusters make an almost continuous line the height of the stake. The fruit is where it gets plenty of light and air, and there is no rotting and practically no sun scalding. It is also easily picked, no time being lost in looking for ripe fruit.

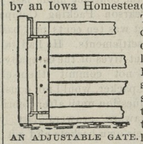
With tomatoes bringing from $5 down to $2 a crate this method pays well, but it is hardly of any practical value in the northern tomato field for the main crop. However, the plan has a number of advantages for the home garden or patch, concludes a writer in Farm and Fireside in an article from which these items and illustration are reproduced.

Solid or Spoke Wheels.

"Noticing the recent complaint in The Rural New Yorker about the heavy draft of broad tired wagons with spoke wheels in very soft or muddy roads or fields, and which is entirely truthful according to my observation, I wish to say further that in loose sandy ground the same objection holds. The loose earth drops in over the fellies and makes veritable plows of the wheels. But this objection is entirely overcome by using wheels with solid centers. We are now using a low wagon with wheels having five inch tires and no spokes, the entire space between the tires and the iron hubs being wood. Of course there is a hollow space between the two plank sides of each wheel, in which are light iron spokes that give sufficient strength and yet lightness. These are the best wheels I ever used on the farms that I have owned and worked. They do not and cannot load up with mud nearly so much as ordinary wagon wheels," says a writer in the journal mentioned.

A Gate That Will Swing Over Snow.

A gate so hung that it will swing over snow is a convenience described by an Iowa Homestead correspondent.



AN ADJUSTABLE GATE.

The gate is a common frame one, made as light as possible. Have your blacksmith make two strap hinges for the gate only, the eye of the lower one being made oblong, say, a half inch play on the rod that the gate hangs on. Now have your hangers made of round rods as large as you think necessary to support the weight of the gate and any length you require to raise the gate. You can have it so that hogs or sheep can pass under as well as for snowdrifts. Have holes punched or drilled in the lower rod and square headed plugs fastened in them, and they will support the gate at any desired height. When you wish to raise the gate, just take hold of it with both hands while the gate is shut and raise it up above the plug and then let got, and it will stay there unless you raise too much on the front end while closed. The prongs of the upper rod should go clear through the post with washers and nuts so as to take up any sag that may happen.

Designating the Point.

Every one knows the man who is notorious for so telling a story as to destroy its point. An English nobleman, Lord P., was noted for his success in thus ruining the prosperity of a story. The author of "Collections and Recollections" exhibits a specimen of his lordship's peculiar art.

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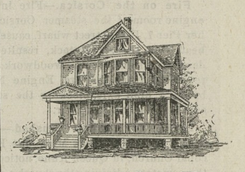

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