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Estimating Life.

Life must be estimated for what it is worth in terms of redemptive service rather than in terms of pleasurable indulgence.—Rev. Dr. Lee, Presbyterian, Cincinnati.

An Uplifting Force.

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The Christian life develops a man to the highest possible degree not only spiritually, but mentally and physically. The three go hand in hand, and it is our duty to see to it that one is not nursed and developed at the expense of the others.—J. J. McCracken, Baptist, Philadelphia.

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Great Triumphs.

Each great triumph is a key log which, if the lumberman once cuts, loosens thousands of similar logs jammed together by the river bank and makes even dead wood like creatures of life leap and plunge and thrill and rush down stream to the sawmills.—Rev. Dr. Frank De Witt Talmage, Presbyterian, Chicago.

Christian Usefulness.

Our Christian usefulness resolves itself into this: Are we going to try to lead God, or let God lead us? Do we fit the Bible to the man, or man to the Bible? If we take the lowest seat, God will bid us "Go up." If we push ourselves into the highest place, God will command "Go down."—Rev. Frank De Witt Talmage, Presbyterian, Chicago.

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Twin Sisters.

Godliness and prosperity must be like twin sisters walking hand in hand. This may be not always a present, but it is at least a distant outlook.—Rev. Lester Bradner, Jr., Episcopal, New York.

Rely Only on God.

When we are brought to the true knowledge of sin, we find that we cannot rely on self, but only on God. Without faith it is impossible to please God.—Dr. Theron Rice, Presbyterian, Atlanta.

Combativeness.

Competition should be fierce, but fair. It is more necessary for the preservation of the race that man should possess combativeness than the law of love.—Rev. Henry Elliott Mott, Presbyterian, Buffalo.

A Home For the Faithful.

In heaven there are rich palaces without number, which were prepared from the beginning of the world for those who would purchase the possession through faith and charity.—Rev. Dr. A. M. Billingsley, Methodist, St. Louis.

What the Cross Stands For.

The cross stands as an everlasting expression of the laws of life—the life of which is the fruitage of death. It stands, too, as the symbol of self sacrifice—the giving oneself not for self alone, but for others.—Rev. Felix Hill, Methodist, Louisville.

Need of Energy In Our Work.

This age needs earnest men, and it must have them. God pity the young fellow who does not throw his heart into his work! It may be that he occupies only an obscure position. His complaint may be true, that his worth and talents are not appreciated, but in any calling one of the surest ways of advancement is blood earnestness in whatever we have to do. This was a trait of character in all the great men whose life story has helped us. And, O young men and maidens, if you would get on in the world and achieve great things, don't be laggards, but throw all the energy of your being into what you are doing!—Rev. John H. Pugh, Reformed, Pittsburg.

Thoughtful and Thoughtless Enthusiasm.

The higher the ideal set for our enthusiasm the greater must be our thoughtfulness. Religion presents to man the highest possible ideal. No man can learn to love it unless he is willing to take time enough to study it and think about it. He who has no prayer closet, who never meditates on the word, who never takes time amid life's turmoil for talking with God, need not be surprised if his love for the things of God waxes cold. The curse of this "hustling" age is that we take no time for meditation. Thus we have zeal without knowledge, noise without earnestness and sometimes the form of religion without the power thereof.—Rev. C. F. Wishart, Allegheny, Pa.

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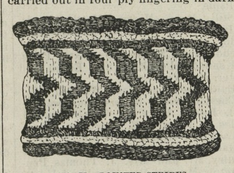
NO. 1—DESIGN IN SQUARES.

ties, etc. Especially does the masculine element benefit by this new order of things. Women knit socks and various comfortable articles for fathers, brothers and others, and designs for fancy tops to golf and cycling stockings are generally in demand. Here are two entirely original and useful ones. They are worked out in four ply fingering. To reduce the size one entire portion of the design may be left out.

Two skeins of the foundation color and one of the lighter or darker color for the pattern will be sufficient for each pair. Some workers work the tops on to the stockings after the long, tedious part is finished. In the latter case the stitches at the commencement of the leg are picked up and the top worked upward, with the wrong side to the right side of the stocking leg.

The first top looks well worked in gray and black, with four steel needles No. 12 or 13. Cast on in gray (G) 102 stitches and work six or seven rounds of ribbing, first round 3 plain, 3 purl and next round 3 purl, 3 plain. Knit one plain round in black (B). Second round of border, 1 B, 2 G. Repeat. Third round, 1 B, 1 G. Repeat. Fourth round as second. Fifth round, B all round. Sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth rounds in gray. In the seventh round take 2 together at the beginning and end of the round. Tenth, eleventh and twelfth rounds, black. There are now 100 stitches on the needles. Each pattern takes 20. First round of pattern, 2 B, 8 G. Repeat. Second round, *, 2 B, 7 G, 4 B, 7 G. Repeat from *. Third round, *, 2 B, 6 G, 2 B, 2 G, 2 B, 6 G. Repeat from *. Fourth round, *, 2 B, 5 G, 2 B, 4 G, 2 B, 5 G. Repeat from *. Fifth round, *, 2 B, 4 G, 2 B, 6 G, 2 B, 4 G. Repeat from *. Sixth round, *, 2 B, 3 G, 2 B, 8 G, 2 B, 3 G. Repeat from *. Seventh round, *, 2 B, 2 G, 2 B, 10 G, 2 B, 2 G. Repeat from *. Eighth round, *, 2 B, 1 G, 2 B, 5 G, 2 B, 5 G, 2 B, 1 G. Repeat from *. Ninth round, 4 B, *, 4 G, 2 B, 2 G, 2 B, 4 G, 6 B. Repeat from *, end 2 B. Work these nine pattern rounds in backward sequence from 9 to 1. Work three rounds in B, four rounds in G, increasing 2 stitches in the third round of G. There are now again 102 stitches, which are required for the border, the five rounds of which must now be repeated. Finish with six or seven rounds, alternately of 3 plain, 3 purl and 3 purl, 3 plain. Commence the stocking.

The pointed stripe pattern is prettily carried out in four ply fingering in dark



NO. II—POINTED STRIPES.

blue and heather. Four steel needles No. 12 or 13. Cast on 32 stitches on each of the three needles. In blue (B) knit one round, purl two rounds and knit one round. Repeat these four rounds in heather (H) and again in B. First round of pattern, 4 H, 4 B. Repeat all round. Second round, 3 H, *, 4 B, 4 H. Repeat from *, end 1 H. Third round, 2 H, *, 4 B, 4 H. Repeat from *, end 2 H. Fourth round, 1 H, *, 4 B, 4 H. Repeat from *, end 3 H. Fifth round, 4 B, 4 H. Repeat. Sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth and tenth rounds, same as fifth. Eleventh round, 3 B, *, 4 H, 4 B. Repeat from *, end 1 B. Twelfth round, 2 B, *, 4 H, 4 B. Repeat from *, end 2 B. Thirteenth round, 1 B, *, 4 H, 4 B. Repeat from *, end 3 B. Fourteenth round, 4 H, 4 B. Repeat. Work these 14 rounds in backward sequence till you have worked the twenty-eighth round, which will be exactly like the first round. Knit and purl the 12 rounds of the border as at the beginning of the top and commence the stocking.

How to Clean a Veil.

Soap lace veils well and lay them for 24 hours in just enough water to cover them. If they are much discolored, change the water at the end of that time and let them soak again; then rinse, immerse in weak starch water, pick out as evenly as possible, roll in a towel till they are nearly dry and then press them with a warm iron.

PRICES OF BUTTER.

Some of the Differences Between Dairy and Creamery Products.

In looking over the large butter markets we find the prices quoted to be from about 10 to 25 cents per pound. Some years ago the difference was much greater, varying from 30 cents down to 4 cents per pound, writes Professor F. C. Curtis of Wisconsin. The markets show a better state of things now, for a perfect article of butter can be bought for a reasonable price, and the extreme low qualities are not sent to the large markets. The improvements that have made this change were first discarding the use of the common shallow open pan for raising the cream and using in its stead a large deep pan, setting in cold spring or ice water. Then came the deep setting, a can about 8 inches in diameter and 20 inches deep, with a close cover, set in cold water as deep as the milk, which was called the shotgun, a common sense can which has proved very valuable and is still largely used where parties are unable or unwilling to use a separator. Further improvements were made in the use of the thermometer to secure the necessary temperature and stopping the churn at the granular stage of churning. Then came the creameries, so called, which brought into use improved machinery and utensils for manufacturing large quantities of butter of a uniform and extra quality.

Much ignorance exists as to the meaning of the word "creamery." Many suppose it to be a newfangled process that produces a butter that is good only when new, but does not keep and robs the honest dairy woman of her hard earned reputation. I think this ignorance carries with it a prejudice so great that its devotees are unwilling to learn or even admit that the so called creamery butter that brings 25 cents per pound is as good as that made in the old way, much of which is sold at a far lower price. It is true that many farm dairies have adopted the simple improvements I have alluded to and are making just as fine butter as the high priced creameries—yes, in many cases better, as they command the milk used from start to finish—and I will add that by adopting these simple improvements they can make more butter, a perfect article, and save half the labor over the old way. The labor is the cause of nearly all the bad butter complained of.

PRIVATE DAIRYING

Value of Skill and Attention In Details.

It was my good fortune recently, writes H. Hayward in The National Stockman, to spend the night in Chester county with perhaps the most successful old fashioned private dairyman in the state, a man using modern, up to date methods in his farming while still using the same methods in making his butter that were in vogue 40 years ago, and which have done so much to make Chester county butter famous the world over. That his butter is good is evinced by the fact that all the butter he can make from a high grade herd of 30 cows commands a price of 32 cents a pound. Butter from his dairy at the Pennsylvania Dairy union's meeting last winter scored 96 points. This is still another proof that just as good butter can be made in a private dairy as in a creamery, but the sad fact still remains that it is seldom so.

Like most dairymen in that famous county of Chester, he is blessed with a never failing spring of pure cold water. The milk is brought from the barn and strained into large, shallow pans which will hold a single milking and still not be filled more than four inches in depth. Under the pans is cold spring water, which quickly cools the milk and maintains it at a constant temperature.

When the cream is skimmed, the milk is clabbered. The cream is put into the cream can and set in cold water until enough has been gathered for the churning, which is done three times a week, while the skimmilk is made into a very fine quality of cottage cheese, which commands a price as much higher than that paid for ordinary cottage cheese as the price his butter commands is above the market price. One reason no doubt why he still uses the old shallow pail rather than a separator is the fact that the skimmilk containing a little more fat than would remain in separator skimmilk makes a finer quality of cottage cheese, which more than makes good any loss that may occur in skimming. Still he claims that his butter, by being made in the "good old fashioned way," has better grain, and that he does not have to work it so much to get the same results as with the separator process.

The cream is churned in an old fashioned horizontal barrel churn that has been in use 60 years, and, judging by its appearance, it is good for 60 more. The butter is salted by the "handful" instead of by weight and is worked twice. It is all printed in round prints, wrapped in parchment paper and is sent three times a week to market.

Potatoes For Cows.

The editor of the Michigan Farmer comments on the theoretical value of carrots, sugar beets and ordinary beets as feed for stock and, remarking that he has no personal experience in feeding either, asks whether potatoes cannot be substituted for these roots, alleging that the potatoes are much more easily grown and would therefore be more generally used as stock feed if they are as good as the roots named. There are in these statements so many erroneous ideas that we feel moved to reply. It is not, we think, true that potatoes can be more easily or cheaply grown than beets, either sugar or the common fodder varieties. So the premises of the question of substituting one for the other fail. An acre of beets or, what are as good, mangel wurzels, will yield three to five times as much weight as most acres of potatoes. And for feeding to cows, at least, and we think for other stock also, the beets are far preferable. Carrots are harder to grow than either beets or potatoes, as they require more hand work in weeding while small. But an acre of carrots will so far outyield the potatoes that the money cost per bushel is less for the carrots.

RAN A RACE WITH DEATH.

Narrow Margin by Which a Man on a Railway Bridge Won.

A high trestle bridge more than a quarter of a mile long, supporting the single track of the Nickel Plate railroad, spans the valley of Grand river, east of Painesville, O. The bridge is little wider than the distance between the rails, and the ties are placed eight or ten inches apart, the space between being open to the river below.

A young man who crossed recently had a thrilling experience on the bridge. He had just passed the center when a fast train rounded the curve behind him. As the engine whistled he quickened his pace. With every step the train was rushing nearer, and there was not a moment to lose.

Once the young man stumbled and seemed about to fall, but quickly regained his balance and hurried on. As he reached the place for which he had started the train was close behind, and he had just time to swing himself over the side of the bridge as the locomotive thundered by. The ends of the ties were slippery with grease from dripping axle boxes, and his foot slipped wide as he left the track. His right hand, stretched blindly out before him, touched a round iron bar, bracing two parts of the bridge, and, with a grip like that of a drowning man, his fingers clasped around it. For a moment he swung in empty air. In another his left hand had found a place beside his right, and his feet touched the welcome edge of a brace below. With bleeding fingers clutching the slender iron bar that vibrated widely from side to side, moments seemed hours.

At last the train passed, and the young man was able to climb slowly to the track above. Unnerved by the trying experience, he lay for a moment stretched across the rails and, then rising to his feet, with blanched face and unsteady limbs, made his way to firm ground.—Cleveland Leader.

THE ARCTIC MOSQUITO.

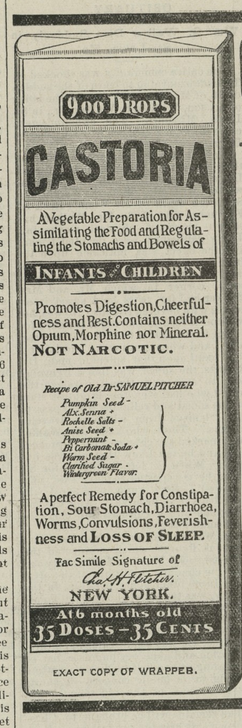
It Is About the Most Terrible Insect Pest In the World.

"Nothing that has ever been written about the arctic mosquito begins to come up to the real thing," said a guest in the St. Charles corridor the other evening. "I went up the Yukon river in the summer of 1896, representing the Alaska and Dominion Trading company, and we struck mosquitoes as soon as we got into the hills. They are twice as large as our familiar bayou species, and their sting is like the prod of a hot needle. They sweep along the valleys in dense clouds, and if they catch a man unprepared they are liable to blind him before he can escape. I heard stories of children being stung to death and can readily believe them.

"Whenever we went ashore we wore heavy hat nets and took the utmost precaution, but were certain to suffer more or less. One of our party cut the tongues out of his shoes, and a narrow line of sock was exposed under the lacing. Next day he was bitten there at least a hundred times, and his feet were so terribly inflamed that the shoes had to be cut off.

"Another man, a fireman in the boat crew, got drunk on Alaska whisky one afternoon and lay down to take a nap in a corner of the engine room. I noticed him a little later and was horrified at the solid brown mass of mosquitoes that had settled on a small exposed section of his cheek and throat. In an hour his face was swollen out of all resemblance to anything human, he was unable to swallow and was burning with fever. It was a week before he was able to be about. I saw a number of cattle near Fort Hamilton that had been made stone blind by stings near the eye.

"The arctic foothill mosquito is without doubt the most terrible insect pest in the world."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.



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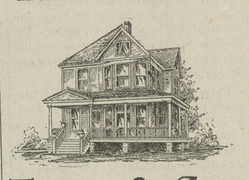

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