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Brushes and brooms cost a great deal in the course of the year, but at least half of the number will serve if they are properly used. To stand long brooms of any kind down on the hairy part is a sure method of rapid destruction, and yet how often it is done! If made to rest on the handle with the bristles uppermost they will last as long again. All these are very small savings, but they amount to much in the aggregate.

A Good Liquid Glue.

A good liquid glue may be made by a simple enough process. Take a common glass fruit jar and fill it half full with broken pieces of glue, covering these with vinegar. Put the jar in hot water and let it remain until the glue is melted, when it is quite ready for use. A first-rate glue for photographs needs only gelatine, chloral hydrate and water in its construction. The proportions are six ounces of the chloral hydrate, nine ounces of the gelatine and twenty-five ounces of water. After forty-eight hours the mixture is ready to serve its purpose.

Miniature Pillows.

Pillows of ordinary size as adjuncts of bed dressing went out of fashion several years ago, and were superseded in the graces of Mme. la Mode by the bolster roll. With her proverbial fickelness, whispers may now be heard that in turn the bolster roll is an old story with her, and miniature pillows are to be the kind most favored for the smartly-dressed bed.

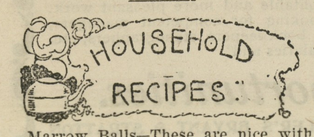
The cover on this bed is quite novel also. It is of material to match the pillow covers, with a frilled, embroidered ruffle, also to match, falling to the lower edge of the mattress. Of course, these are excelsior pillows for daytime only.

Washing Hairbrushes Regularly.

Hairbrushes should be washed once a week, and are soon spoiled unless properly cleansed. The best way is to put a tablespoonful of ammonia in a quart of water as hot as can be borne comfortably by the hand. The brush should be freed from hairs and dipped, bristles downward, in and out of the water until clean. It should be rinsed by dipping in cold water in the same way. Shake well, wipe the back and handle carefully, and put on a window sill to dry in the open air. The back should not be allowed to become damp if it can be avoided. Soap should not be used for washing, as it makes the bristles soft.

How to Fry Oysters.

In frying oysters cover them thoroughly with bread crumbs, rolling them first in the crumbs, then in beaten egg mixed with milk, and again in the crumbs. Let them stand in a cold place an hour before frying. Deep oil is better for frying them than lard or butter. It should be at the boiling point when they are put in. A good test is a small piece of bread. If it browns quickly the fat is at its right heat. Only five or six oysters should be dropped in the oil at one time, otherwise the fat will be cooled and they will be grease soaked. They should be served at once, not kept hot in a warming oven for a delinquent family.



Marrow Balls—These are nice with veal, chicken or any clear soup. Rub one heaping tablespoon of marrow to a cream and mix with the yolk of one egg; add one-fourth teaspoonful each of salt and nutmeg, one teaspoonful parsley, three tablespoonfuls grated bread crumbs and the stiffly beaten white of the egg. Form into small balls and boil seven minutes in the soup.

Boiled Lentils—Wash two cupfuls of lentils in cold water; put them over the fire in three quarts of cold water with one tablespoonful of butter, one tablespoonful of salt, a little pepper and one tablespoon of chopped parsley; boil slowly three hours or until very tender; drain off the water; add another tablespoonful of butter, one teaspoonful of sugar and more salt and pepper, if needed.

Raspberry Vinegar—Put the raspberries into a stone jar and crush them; then cover with pure vinegar. Stand in the air for ten hours, then in a cool, dark place over night. Stirring occasionally, strain and put in as many berries as you have strained out. Pour the same vinegar over them, mash well and again stand in the hot sun. Strain again, measuring the juice, and allow one pint of water to each quart of the juice. Stir well, again measure, and to each quart allow four pounds of sugar.

Tapioca and Peaches—This may be made with canned peaches or from the fresh fruit, pared and coddled whole in a little sugar. Soak half a pint of tapioca for a whole morning or overnight in a half pint of cold water. Fill a baking dish about two-thirds its depth with the peaches taken from the syrup; sprinkle with sugar and bake from twenty to thirty minutes; add half a pint of the peach syrup to the tapioca and put it on to boil, adding one gill of boiling water and one gill of sugar. When it is clear pour it over the peaches and bake slowly for half an hour. If eaten cold, serve with sugar and cream; if hot, with "fairy" butter.

THE MAN WHO BELIEVES HE WILL WIN

This life is a race,—so the sages declare,
and I judge that the sages are right—
And we are the jockeys to handle, with
care, the horses we speed in their
flight;
And Fate is the starter who bids us to go,
and we dare not that fiat defy;
If our horses be fast or our horses be
slow, for a place in the race we must
try.
Somewhere up above sits the Judge, and
He knows the speed of each horse
that we ride,
And if we are doing our best as it goes, or
lagging, and little beside.
And this I have noticed while watching the
race and hearing its turmoil and din:
The man that is likely to win the first
place is the man who believes he will
win.

"All ready!" The starter is calling us
now, and we look to the bridle and
girth
Ere we leap to the saddle and steadfastly
vow we will win of the prizes of
earth.
Then "Go!" is the word, and away we all
speed, each hoping a trophy to gain;
And some, who at first show the power to
lead, fall back, lacking will to attain;
And others there be who join in the fray
undismayed by the ones in their van.
Content in the end if the Judge shall but
say: "He did what he could, like a
man."
Ah, stern is the struggle, and many are
passed, while others do scarcely begin;
But the man that is winner, be sure, at
the last, is the man who believes he
will win.

No hope of attainment have they who lack
trust, for doubt holds a wavering
rein;
In the spirit's low voice, as it whispers "I
must!" is the promise of all we attain.
Are you worn in the struggle? Press on,
and press on! Thus only a prize shall
be won;
And the Judge, who well knew that your
spirit grew wan, shall whisper, "Well
done, yes, well done."
Oh, many a man, on faltering steed, has
ridden it straight to success,
And feet that grow weary, and stumble
and bleed, may summits of happiness
press;
For my soul did proclaim, as I ran in the
race, with its turmoil and clamor and
din:
The man that is certain to win the first
place is the man who believes he will
win.

—Alfred J. Waterhouse, in Success.

A BIT OF PARISH HISTORY

By David H. Talmadge.

THERE was a preacher once whose health was bad—bad as the state of his spiritual being was good, which was very bad. And, although he labored strenuously to perform his duty, as the Scriptures admonished and his congregation seemed to desire, he lost heart and became exceedingly like the proverbial reed. No man of thin blood and writhing nerves should expect to preach sound and healthy sermons.

The thought had occurred to him that he might use a vacation if he had one; but, as the Board of Trustees did not suggest it, and as he felt that to mention it himself would be to deprive himself of his job, he struggled along as best he could, awaiting the inevitable end, and smiling strongly through his weakness.

He prayed for his lost strength, at times he wept for it. And then—poor, almost exhausted fellow!—he tumbled head over heels in love with the deacon's daughter, lately returned from school, and his cup was full to overflowing.

Then he was in more trouble. No man can reveal the Scriptures successfully unless they hold first place in his mind. So, as might have been expected, and the congregation, while it enjoyed the change, looked upon him as one in whom the lamp of intellect was burning low, and shook its heads and sighed—inside. And the choir took to practicing popular songs and the President of the Board of Trustees bought a race horse, and altogether the outlook in that parish was pretty glum.

The deacon who, strangely enough, was wise in a worldly way, saw how things were going. He knew his daughter. He knew she was soft on the preacher as the preacher was soft on her, although perhaps she did not show so plainly. He knew that a wedding was inevitable. And he knew that unless he stirred his stumps—to use his own elegant expression—the girl would be married to a pulpitless preacher of poor health without a cent between them and starvation. So while the preacher prayed the deacon stirred his stumps.

He reasoned, the deacon, that the first step was to restore the preacher's health. In good health the preacher was perfectly satisfactory to the congregation. "He is a corker," said the deacon, quoting from saint no one in particular, "when he is in trim." Which was true.

The deacon, being a practical man, consulted a doctor. And the doctor, also a practical man, wasted no words.

"He must have rest," declared the doctor.

"The Board of Trustees won't listen to it," returned the deacon.

"They would if they were convinced that he was independent of 'em," said the doctor, "there isn't one preacher in a hundred, of his excellence, who'd preach for his salary. Tell 'em he's got a fortune in his own right, and prove it to 'em. It'll be chancing your future salvation of course, but it'll work."

"I believe it will," agreed the deacon, after a brief period of deliberation. "But we'll have to make the preacher believe it, too, he's so—so deuced conscientious. Then we'll draw a ten-year contract and get it signed, and then I'll give him five hundred of his fortune and send him away for a few months."

"It'll work," repeated the doctor. "If I was in your fix I'd do it without hesitation."

So the deacon went to a certain city and was closeted for the better part of three hours with a lawyer, and for the better part of an hour with an expert in genealogy, as a result of which journey the preacher received papers stating that a distant relative in a foreign land had died, and that a more or less vast estate was being parceled out to innocent and unsuspecting victims. And the preacher believed, for he was without guile, and the check for $500 was before his eyes. And he hied him away to get his shatteredness together agin. And the deacon labored with the Board of Trustees to the end that the ten-year contract was signed and sealed.

At the end of the allotted time the preacher returned and was wedded to the deacon's daughter. He seemed another man. His eyes were bright, his shoulders had lost their stoop; he was his old time hearty self, and collections at the church increased much.

"See," said he, "what prayer will accomplish!"

"See," said the deacon's daughter, "the wondrous power of woman's love!"

"See," said the deacon, "what common sense will do! A heap of good your prayers and love would have done if it hadn't been for me and Doc. and that smashed commandment Lord, forgive me!"

And it was all so. Beautiful thoughts dropped from the preacher's lips like unto sparks of fire. The congregation came to look upon him as one inspired.

And one day there came from a large city church a call. "We have heard of you," said they of the large city church, "and we offer you a salary and an annual vacation." And the preacher waxed exceeding glad, and accepted the good offer.

Then was the deacon saddened. "I am to lose my only daughter," he sighed, "and by own fault. The ten-year contract holds not under these conditions. We'll be lonely here with Maggie gone." But he put his finger piously to one side of his nose, and bore himself bravely.—New York News.

The Fortune of Cecil Rhodes.

It was from the De Beers Consolidated Mines that from first to last that Cecil Rhodes derived the bulk of his income and his fortune, and what this meant will be realized when it is mentioned that for last year, apart from the dividends received on his holding of shares, the sum of £316,593 was paid to the three remaining life governors, of whom Mr. Rhodes was one, the other two being Julius Wernher and Alfred Beit. Thus this income as a life governor was over £105,000 for 1900-01, and for the current year, under the new agreement by which the Diamond Syndicate shares its profits with the De Beers Company, it would probably have been a still larger sum.

The same writer calculates, on a distinctly conservative basis, that Rhodes's holding in De Beers alone must be $10,000,000. Looking at other interests, he says: "It is idle work guessing at the fortune of a man with such widely-spread interests as those of the late Mr. Cecil Rhodes, for he had very extensive landed property in the Cape Colony and elsewhere, as well as his shareholdings. But £3,000,000 is generally regarded as a modest estimate of the value of his estate."

This indeed seems to be a very modest estimate of the fortune of a man in these days of multimillionaires, who is said to have worked so much by the power of wealth, but it must be remembered that Rhodes wielded the influence of the wealth of his associates. In every concern in which he was interested he seemed to be the dominant factor, whether his associates were wealthier than himself or not. Barney Barnato said Rhodes was a "great man, because he beat me at my own game."—New York Sun.

Great Britain as a Reservoir.

There ought never to be anything of the nature of a water famine in our highly favored isle, if only we utilized the annual rainfall as we ought to, and distributed water with due regard to the requirements of the population. According to Mr. E. Bailey Denton: "The total quantity of rain which falls on an average in a year over the whole of England and Wales amounts to about twenty-seven billion nineteen thousand six hundred and thirty-two million gallons. These figures prove that each acre of surface receives as rain nearly eighty times as much water as an average member of the population requires. Famine's our own fault." In order fairly and effectively to utilize this great flood we ought not to allow one city after another to annex the various water-sheds of the country, but Parliament should deal with the subject from a national point of view.—London News.

The Value of Simplicity.

I suppose one comes to like plain literature as he comes to like plain clothes, plain manners, simple living. What grows with us is the taste for the genuine, the real. The less a writer's style takes thought of itself, the better we like it. The less his dress, his equipage, his house, concern themselves about appearances, the more we are pleased with them. Let the purpose be entirely serious, and let the seriousness be pushed till it suggests the heroic; that is what we crave as we grow older and tire of the vanities and shams of the world.—John Burroughs in the Century.

Alaska Agricultural Stations.

Three Government agricultural stations have been established in Alaska, and from all come more favorable reports than were looked for. Though the temperature last winter heached seventy degrees below zero, rye planted in the fall was protected by several feet of snow and matured perfectly

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