

HEALTH HINTS.

AGREEABLE MEALS.—It is impossible to estimate properly the immense influence which is exerted upon a household by the atmosphere of the family table.

I have noticed that a sensitive child almost invariably has better manners when dressed in his best, and have seen with surprise the effect produced upon a certain small boy of my acquaintance by handsomely dressed ladies who are polite to him.

Everybody knows that food digests better when in agreeable company. It was something more than pleasantries which made a friend remark that he could not have his wife and child pass the summer vacation away from him, as it gave him the dyspepsia!

It follows, then, that pleasant surprises in the way of preparing favorite dishes, that good taste and painstaking in arranging all the appointments of a table and dining-room, rise above a mere ministering to the animal existence, and affect the fine issues of life.

SALT FOR THE THROAT.—In these days, when diseases of the throat are so universally prevalent, and in so many cases fatal, we feel it our duty to say a word in behalf of a most effectual, if not positive, cure for sore throat.

THE SLEEP OF ARCTIC PLANTS.—It is a curious fact that the flowers of the Arctic regions never become confused by the behavior of the sun in that latitude.

FARM AND GARDEN.

Questionings.

BY DART FAIRTHORNE.

I looked down into the Rose's heart, Which grew where the sunlight played; "Can aught so perfect in every part," I questioned, "be doomed to fade?"

I looked down into the Lily's cup, And drank of its fragrant breath; And thought, as I drew it gently up, "So sweet!—Is it doomed to death?"

I gazed far into the boundless air, Where the rainbow spanned the sky, And wondered much that a thing so fair, Ever should vanish or die.

I watched the play of a lovely child, Filled early with gently grace, And sighed, "Can one so perfect and mild, Be clasped in Death's cold embrace?"

And, for an answer, the Roses tossed Their leaves to the grass beneath; The Lily's life was lavished and lost In one luxuriant breath.

The rainbow shone for one dazzling hour, Ere it was lost in a cloud; The parent learned its innocent power, Ere the child lay in its shroud.

And as I stood by the tiny grave, And gazed on the velvet pall, I pondered, "Is there no power to save?" "Is this the end of all?"

I looked again where the Rose had died, And found in a wax-like room, The seed which soon shall surely provide, Another year's wealth of bloom.

I searched the Lily's new tomb and found Its life not entirely gone, For, just at its feet, a little mound Holds life that shall still live on.

The rainbow's arc had faded away, But soon on the cloud's dark shade, A fairer one in the sun's bright ray Its brilliant colors displayed.

"If Roses," I thought, "and Lilies live, When death has shed their bloom, And the bow appears new hues to give, Why must man lie in the tomb?"

Oh! sweet the lessons which these have taught; All things in nature are life With this one truth, which I long have sought— In the midst of death is life.

And far beyond this region of woe, Beyond the visible skies, This much the flowers have taught, I know— Man's soul to life shall rise.

Vick's Magazine.

MILK AND VEGETABLES FOR POULTRY.—Fanny Fried in the Prairie Farmer writes:—For very young chicks we make the clabbered milk into 'Dutch cheese' and use the whey to mix feed for older fowls and chickens.

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The camels introduced into Arizona some sixteen years ago have so increased in numbers as to become troublesome, and it is proposed to hunt them.

A young American lawyer was appointed to defend a negro who was too poor to hire a counsel of his own. After the jury was in the box the young lawyer challenged several jurymen whom his client said had a prejudice against him.

VARIETIES.

A SCHOOLBOY ON CORNS.—Corns are of two kinds, vegetable and animal. Vegetable corn grows in rows, and animal corn grows on toes.

FOLKS THAT HAVE CORNS sometimes send for a doctor, and if the doctor himself is corned, he probably won't do so well as if he isn't.

CURES FOR FITS.—For a Fit of Passion: Walk out into the open air; you may speak your mind to the winds without hurting any one or proclaiming yourself a simpleton.

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