

Rudyard Kipling.

Rudyard Kipling was born in Bombay in Christmas week, 1865. His father, Lockwood Kipling was then professor of art in the Lahore Institute. He has led a life of unusual activity, having been a reporter, a war correspondent, traveller, hunter and literary man. His first book of verses, entitled "Departmental Ditties," appeared in 1886.

He had contributed stories to the journals of India before that. Many of these were afterwards collected under the title of "Plain Talk from the Hills." Then came "Soldiers Three," "The Gadstys," "Under the Deodars" and "The Phanton Rickshaw." When, in 1890, then only twenty-four years old, Mr. Kipling went to England, he found himself famous. During the past ten years Mr. Kipling has steadily risen in the world of letters, until at the present time he stands at the top. He is, in the opinion of most readers of English language, without a peer as a writer of prose and verse. His latest poems, the "Recessional," "The Truce of the Bear" and "The White Man's Burden" have made a deep impression.

He was recognized as the actual poet laureate of England and America, if he did not bear the title.

"Barrack Room Ballads" and "The Seven Seas" were collections of poems, many of them on soldiers' life in India. Among the best known stories are the "Jungle Books," perhaps the best known novel is "The Light that Failed."

His last book, "The Day's Work," has had a large sale.

Kipling is original and forceful. His energy is tremendous.

Mrs. Kipling was a Miss Balestier, a sister of C. W. Balestier, the novelist, who died eight years ago in Dresden. Balestier and Kipling spent much time in the little home of Mrs. Kipling at Brattleboro, Vermont.

Lower Brighton.

Mrs. Stephen Nixon is recovering from her recent severe illness.

R. L. Phillips of Fredericton was visiting friends here on Sunday.

Kitchen Hints.

Kitchen utensils should be as simple of construction as possible and no more purchased than are necessary. A multiplicity of utensils is both annoying and confusing. There should be no stint of towels, soap and water, but as soon as a towel or cleaning cloth begins to fray throw it away, as the lint carried into the pipes makes great trouble for the plumbers. A wire dishcloth and wooden skewers are indispensable. All kitchen utensils should be washed and wiped as carefully as china. Any utensil in which frying has been done should be wiped out with soft paper before washing.

The kitchen sink requires unremitting attention, as it is beyond the plumber's art to prevent its stoppage if the house-keeper does not look after it. The liquid grease poured through it solidifies and clings to the pipes. To prevent this, wash the sink thoroughly after each meal, and pour hot water through the pipes to scald them out. A solution of washing soda, allowing a half pint of soda to six quarts of boiling water, should be kept on hand for cleaning the pipes. Warm the pipes first by pouring boiling water through them and follow it by two quarts of the soda solution. If this is systematically used, the six quarts a week will keep a small house in good condition. In special emergencies, where the sink becomes stopped with grease, use larger quantities of the soda and then flush thoroughly. In case of sickness, when disinfection becomes necessary, dissolve four tablespoonfuls of carbolic acid in a pint of water and pour through the pipes, waiting a few minutes before flushing.—Miss Parloa.

Making a Hall Seat.

Directions have been noticed from time to time in various public prints of a way to remodel an old bureau into a hall seat. A woman who has really made the attempt finds it entirely successful. In a secondhand shop the bureau was first picked up. It had a swell front, which was specially desirable. It was a very old mahogany affair, with claw feet, and an attempt to modernize it had been made by putting on a marble top and hanging some of the cheap drop handles of recent year to the drawers. Notwithstanding these apparent evidences of recent make, the appearance of the piece was easily discernible to the customer. It was bought at a low price made still lower by the giving up to the dealer of the two upper drawers and marble slab and the looking glass which surmounted it.

This denuded frame, with its single bottom drawer, standing on its precious claw feet, was sent to a modest cabinet maker's. A seat was fitted over the drawer, the upper framework all taken off, the back of thin pine braced and the top evened off for the high back and sides of the coming seat. The whole was then slightly padded with hair and covered—seat, sides and back—with dark green imitation leather, finished at the edges with a leather binding put on closely with brass nails. The claw feet were polished, as well as the sides and drawer front, and some antique brass handles replaced the common gilt ones.

The result, as has been stated, is a unique and most serviceable and thoroughly handsome hall seat, the big drawer doing excellent work as a repository for overshoes. This particular one stands appropriately beneath the wheel of an old spinning wheel, which was taken from its setting, provided with brass hooks, and suspended by a brass chain, passing around its groove, as a harack.—New York Post.

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