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If a man empties his purse into his head, no man can take it from him. An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest.

A pedagogue, provoked at the dulness of a pupil, instead of coaxing him along, boxed his ears, and demanded of him how long a man could live without brains. The boy meekly replied, I don't know; how long have you lived yourself, sir?

Make the Most of It.—Gentlemen of the Jury, cried an eloquent member of the bar, the defendant in this case willfully and maliciously, with all the fury of a fiend, emerged from the wild wilderness, with all the terrific frenzy of a roaring lion, and with his gigantic strength, did then and there seize my inoffensive client by the collar—and—and tore his shirt.

Politeness to Little Folk.—Have you ever observed how little politeness is shown to children by average shop-keepers and their clerks? A firm that would have for its advertisement, children politely served here, might receive patronage enough to make a success of politeness. Perhaps there is no surer test of a person's courtesy or real politeness than his treatment of little children and very old people, and these are two classes that appreciate to the full the slightest kindly attention. Notice the bright look that comes into the face of the child or the bent old woman, at being addressed in an unexpected and friendly manner. Is it not enough to repay a person for any amount of kindness? Why even, the paper boys who go about our streets with their burden of dainties appreciate the kindly manner, and one of them was heard to say of a woman who had given him instructions as to the place where her paper should be left: Its kind of nice to have her talk to me—she speaks as pleasant as though she was talking to some one else. Some of 'em don't think of that. It is said that the young man who is polite to the little one and the aged is a good son, and, if married, his wife is pretty sure of a good husband.

ON THE THAMES.—Away from London the river is a beautiful band of blue water that winds its way among the grassy banks, where wild flowers grow in abundance, and among the green lawns where the drooping willows dip into its waters. I went out for a row on the Thames frequently during my visit, and there is nothing more enjoyable. On fine days the river is a novel sight. It is crowded with pleasure boats, and the young girls, in their bright colored yachting costumes make a pretty picture. Most attractive are the boat-houses one meets. They are flat-bottomed houses with one floor only, and are pulled along by noisy little steam tugs. I have known instances where people take them for the summer and go up the river, stopping for provisions on the way. The roofs are made attractive with hammocks and easy-chairs, where young ladies recline and admire the scenery as they pass. Flower-pots and hanging-baskets are often added and make a very pretty effect. There are usually five or six rooms, consisting of a dining-room, four bedrooms and a kitchen. Servants are taken, and thus every comfort provided.

CHINESE POLITENESS.—Ages of practice have brought Chinese politeness to a pitch of perfection. The rules of ceremony, we are reminded in the classics, are three hundred, and the rules of behavior three thousand. Under such a load as this it would seem as if it were unreasonable to hope for the continuance of a race of human beings, but we very soon discover that the Chinese have contrived to make their ceremonies, as they have made their education, an instinct rather than an acquirement. The genius of this people has made the punctilio which in Occidental lands is relegated to the use of courts, and to the intercourse of diplomatic life, a part of the routine of daily contact with others. We do not mean that in their every day life the Chinese are bound by an intricate and complex mass of rules, but that the code, like a set of holiday clothes, is always to be put on when the occasion for it arises, which happens at certain junctures, the occurrence of which the Chinese recognize by an unerring instinct. On such occasion, not to know what to do would be, for a Chinese, as ridiculous as for an educated man in a western land not to be able to tell, on occasion, how many nine times nine are.

Some Useful Hints.

Use common salt when sweeping carpets and it will brighten the colors wonderfully.

To prevent a bruise becoming black and blue, rub first in sweet oil, then in spirits of turpentine.

To remove coffee stains, put thick glycerine on the wrong side of the article and wash out in lukewarm water.

To take out iron mold stains, wet with milk and cover with salt. The latter also rubs egg stains from spoons.

If your sewing machine runs hard and your oiler is empty, try as a substitute equal parts of clean lard and kerosene oil.

If there be much sickness about the neighborhood, boil the water which is used in babies food, for boiling kills all the animalcules contained in the water. Cool it before using.

Cabbage leaves deprived of their coarse nerves (ribs) make an excellent dressing for wounds of various kinds and obstinate ulcers. Apply night and morning with a bandage over them.

To remove paint from windows, take strong bicarbonate of soda and dissolve it, in twenty minutes or half an hour rub thoroughly with a dry cloth.

To clean bottles, put into them some kernels of corn and a tablespoonful of ashes, half fill them with water, and after a vigorous shaking and rinsing you will find the bottles as good as new.

Clean white marble stoops, halls or walks by having them washed with a mop which has been dipped in boiling hot water and soda. Use a good deal of soda and allow it to dissolve. It is very affective.

The juice of the matured leaf of the burdock in teaspoonful doses, three times a day, was given to a child 5 years old affected with obstinate scrofulous ophthalmia (sore eyes and lids) and in a few weeks was cured.

Household Hints.

We are never too old to learn, and we may often gather crumbs of wisdom in most unexpected quarters. No one knows this better than the housewife, and we therefore think that a few common-place crumbs, the collection of years, drawn from all points of the compass, may be of value to many.

If soot happens to be dropped on a carpet, throw down an equal quantity of salt, and sweep all off together. Thus treated, the soot will hardly leave a trace.

There is nothing more disagreeable to smell and taste or more apt to upset the stomach of a delicate person, than burnt milk. If the saucepan is rinsed out with cold water a few minutes before the milk is put in, it seldom turns. A double boiler or a jar set in a saucepan of water is even better.

Never hem tablecloths, napkin or sheets by machine. Handwork is best, and washes best for there is almost sure to be a layer of dirt under the edge of a machined hem.

Cucumber peel when quite fresh, is death and destruction to cockroaches and the mere smell of it will banish ants from the house.

After eating or handling onions, it is wise to touch celery, as it removes the unpleasant smell.

When linen or clothes are mildewed, they should be soaked in buttermilk. This is said to be an infallible method of removing the stains.

Zinc cans and baths have a trick of looking dirty, however often they are washed; but a little kerosene on a rag polishes them to quite a silvery appearance.

An old-fashioned but very good remedy for a cold on the chest is linseed-tea sweetened with honey, and more than flavoured with lemon juice. A still more old-fashioned but wonderfully efficacious remedy is horehound tea, sweetened with honey.

A remedy almost always at hand in case of a burn or scald is carbonate of soda, which must be mixed to a paste with water, and laid on the injured part.

A paste of earth and water is a rough-and-ready but valuable application after the sting of a bee or a wasp.

Housewives who have no knife-cleaning machine, and dislike the dust-flying caused by the common knife-board, should direct their servants to dip a cork in the knife-powder and rub vigorously on each blade, after which a dry cloth will give a capital polish.

Potatoes do not stain the hand if peeled while quite dry and not thrown into water till afterwards.

Ink stains on anything white can be removed by washing first in strong salt and water, and then in lemon juice. This does not rot the fibres like salt or lemon.

Salt moistened with lemon juice will take almost all stains off the hands.

Weeds between paving stones or in paths may be destroyed by being watered with a strong brine made of coarse salt and boiling water.

If a chimney is on fire close all doors and windows, and hang a blanket in front of the grate.

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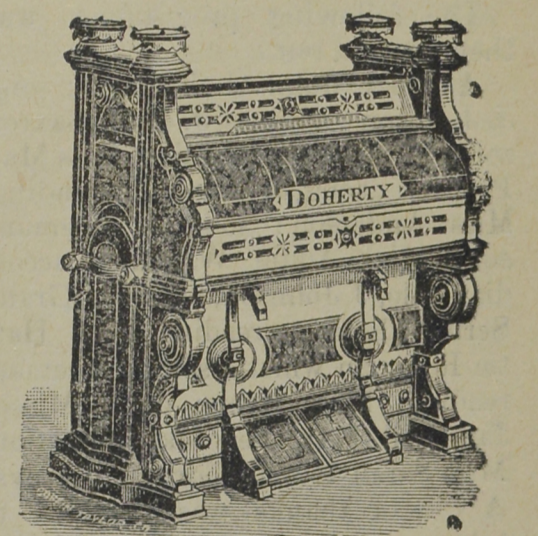
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