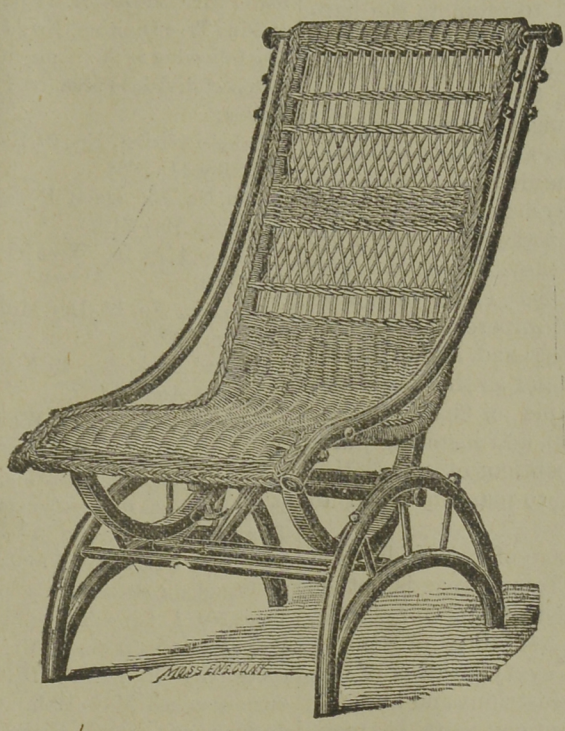


Chairs! Chairs!

Chairs of all Kinds



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and shines. Like the Master he hopes in, he has meat to eat the world around him knows not of, and he has a joy the world cannot give nor take away, the joy unspeakable and full of glory, the joy of Heaven. His hope transfigures him. It makes his sun-browned face and humble garments shine. You feel, as you come into the influence of his sanctified life, that he is to be envied. He has converse with the stars, yea, with Him who is the Maker of the stars, and there is no real good it is not his to have and enjoy.

"Purifieth himself!" Go into a cabinet maker's establishment, and watch him as he works. You see how quickly he makes some pieces of furniture, and how he dwells on others as if he could hardly let them out of his hands. Here is a piece of work, and day by day, you find him at it. When he took it in hand, it looked to you to be about the roughest piece of wood you ever saw. But he kept on cutting at it, carving, ornamenting, polishing, and so on, and, in his hands, it seems to grow slowly into a thing of beauty. You say to him some day: "How is this? Why all this trouble and toil over this gnarled stick?" "Ah! this is for the governor; it is for the palace of the king. It is for no ordinary room, this piece of furniture; it is to be side by side with all that is costliest in the land. That is what I hope, at all events, and so I waste my life on it."

Now, so with you, O christian. You wonder at all the hard experiences you are brought through, your trials, your toils, your tears, your sore temptations. Ah! you are to be for the palace of the Great King. You are to be yonder with Jesus, and all this is to purify you for being with Him. You cannot be what He wants you to be without this rough-hewing, and spiritual polishing. If you are to be a vessel of honor for the King's service, you must suffer now, for only through suffering can you be purified.

But again, we have here the pattern or model, according to which we are to purify ourselves. "Even as He is pure." "And every man that hath this hope in Him purifieth himself even as He is pure."

All workmen use some sort of patterns, models, drawings, rules, in doing their work. When this church was being put up there were drawings of everything, and written specifications, and the men in charge were continually going to the plan to see how this and that should be done. Of course the plan is never fully carried out. And even plans are not always just what they ought to be. Usually, however, the plan is about right, and the more nearly you can carry out the plan the better.

Now, the christian has a pattern of what he is to aim to be, a perfect pattern, the Christ Himself. Here are the descriptions, the specifications, and most full. Here are model lives—Abraham, Jacob, Joseph, Samuel, David, Job, Daniel, John, Paul. And here is the perfect Jesus, and we are to shape our wondrous lives after His life. We cannot, of course, just place ourselves in His circumstances, and do as He did. We cannot be born in Bethlehem, grow up in Nazareth, live as He lived, work as He worked, be tempted as He was, and at last end our life as He ended His. That would be a foolish, frivolous sort of imitation of Jesus; that would be mimicking His ways. We are to have His spirit in our hearts, and then we are to try to do in our circumstances as He would were He where we are. We are to ask ourselves how He would live, how He would do this and that, and we have it written here in His word how He would do, and how we ought to do. And the christian is a man, who, with the spirit of Jesus in him, tries to follow Jesus, tries to copy His pure and holy example, tries to be like Him, tries to do what he finds here. He is to be with Jesus yonder, and he is to be like Him, and so likeness to Jesus, similarity of feeling, is the ideal of a christian here.

But my time is up. And with this one remark I would close what I have to say on this precious theme, namely, christian hope is pure. You tell me you hope to be in Heaven; but I want to tell you, you have no such hope, living as you are living. Here is a man living basely, impure in his thoughts, impure in his words, impure in his deeds. He drinks to drunkenness, glories in his shame, wallows in sin. And yet perhaps he will tell you of his hopes. But his hope is a dream, a delusion. Christian hope purifies a man. He that has the christian's hope gives up his drinking, his abominable lewdness; he comes out of the society of the evil, and learns righteousness and loves holiness. Is your hope doing that for you? Are you growing less worldly? Are your thoughts and desires more and more heavenwards, and less and less earthwards? Are you trying to follow Jesus, to do as He would do? If so, yours is the christian's hope, and it will not disappoint you.

AMEN.

Tomato vinegar is patented in England. It is made by reducing ripe tomatoes to pulp, steeping the pulp in water twenty-four hours, then drawing off the liquid, adding sugar and allowing it to ferment.

MAKE THE WORK EASIER.

Why do so many women object to methods of making their work easier? Some say it looks lazy? Nonsense. Men always improve such contrivances to the utmost and are never called lazy for so doing. Now, for instance, why should not a woman have a chair high enough to sit in for many operations of kitchen and cooking work, arranged to permit a free use of the arms? It would promote health, save strength and prevent much weariness.—Good House-keeping.

Boiled or roasted onions are a specific for cold on the chest. They may not agree with every one, but to persons with good digestion they will not only be found to be a most excellent remedy for a cough, and the clogging of the bronchial tubes, which is usually the cause of the cough, but if eaten freely at the outset of a cold they will break up what promised, from the severity of the attack, to have been a serious one.

To remove indentations from furniture, wet the indented places well with warm water; then take some brown paper five or six times doubled and well soaked in water, and cover with it the bruises. Then apply to the paper a hot iron until the moisture is evaporated, and if the indentations have not disappeared repeat the application until the whole surface is completely level. So recommends an exchange.

Ringworms will yield to a treatment of borax. Wash with a strong solution three times a day and dust over the fine, dry powder.

Probably almost everybody knows how quickly a hot flat iron with a fold of flannel over it will relieve neuralgia, but perhaps some do not. It is for them that this is written.

A great deal of profanity attending the putting up of stovepipe in the fall might have been prevented if the joints had been marked with chalk when the pipe was taken down in the spring.

For musquito or gnat bites an experienced traveler writes that he uses a solution of alum water as strong as it can be made, adding one-fourth of aromatic vinegar and one-fifth of glycerine. Shake well before using. It will instantly cure the bite.

A little exercise before bathing, and a good deal after bathing, is very essential, says a household note. It will sometimes be found that some exercise while bathing will not be altogether useless.

A merry heart doeth good like medicine, and merriment at meals is better than pepsin for the digestion.

TO PREVENT SICK HEADACHE.

Very many attacks of sick headache can be prevented if those who are subjected to them are careful about their diet and largely restrict the same to vegetables and fruits easy of digestion. They must forego meat, cheese, pastry, beer, wine, etc.; in fact, neither eat nor drink anything which is stimulating in character and at all likely to tax the digestive organs.—Boston Budget.

No married woman, of course, dresses for her husband. It would be too much like hunting a blind fox. She dresses for other women. That is the reason she does it so well. It is not so much love of dress, as preachers and moralists call it, which ruins so many husbands, but—well, not love of their rivals in lace and feathers.

Carus Sterne declares that the highest polish, the finishing touches of education, are given to people, not by home, school or church, but by their own children. Should they be so unfortunate as not to have any they will experience difficulties in replacing this factor in the education of their affections."

If matting becomes soiled it is easily renovated, unless stained, with a little salt put into a pail of tepid water. Mop the straw with a soft cloth wrung out well, and dry it with another as the mopping progresses. Never use soap. Some people use skim milk for rubbing out the spots.

An excellent cough mixture is made of one ounce pressed mullein, half ounce hoarhound, one quart soft water; boil until thin molasses, strain thin, add one pint New Orleans molasses, boil a few moments. Dose: One tablespoonful four times a day or after every coughing spell.

In a severe sprain of the ankle immerse the joint as soon as possible in a pail of hot water, and keep it there for fifteen or twenty minutes. After removing it, keep it bandaged with hot cloths wrung out of water, or rum and water.

Baked potatoes must be eaten as soon as they are done. When they are taken from the oven they should be put into a napkin or towel and the skin broken, so as to allow the steam to escape; this will keep the potato mealy.

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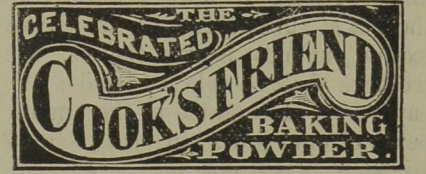
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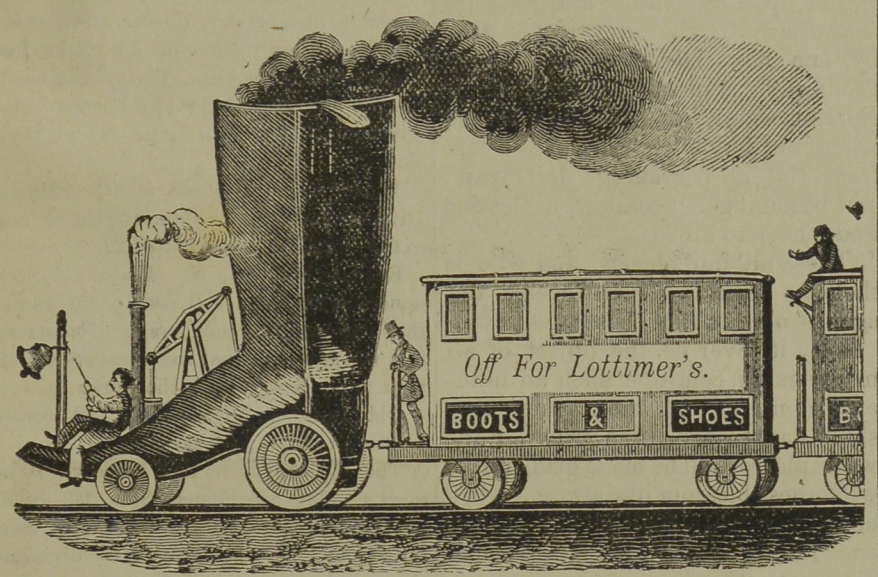
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