

A Voice Worth Having.

Madam Hunter is nearing eighty years of age, and it is long since she has personally inspected a grocery store, but with the help of her junior partner, the telephone, she manages to keep a firm grasp on the reins of her housekeeping. One morning last spring, after giving her daily order, she hung up the receiver with a disappointed expression.

"My sweet girl is gone !" she exclaimed. "Who's your sweet girl ?" asked the daughter-in-law who was visiting her.

"I don't know her name, nor a thing about her-except her voice. She has answered the phone at Martin's grocery the last year, and I've grown so attached to her! But she's left there, it seems, and this unresponsive creature that's taken her place doesn't know where she's gone."

After that the daughter-in-law went home and forgot all about the episode until she and her husband came back for the Christmas reunion. Then, the day before Christmas, the telephone bell rang, and a pleasant voice asked:

"May I speak with Mrs. Hunter?"

Madam Hunter's son, forgetting, with single-eyed devotion, that there were other Mrs. Hunters besides his wife, handed her the receiver.

"Oh! I beg pardon," said the voice, as the unfamiliar tones replied: "I am a young woman who worked at Martin's grocery last year. I wanted to speak to the elderly that used to give me telephone orders there."

Madam Hunter hurried to the telephone desk. "My dear child! Is that you? her surprised son and daughter heard her say. "Well, I wish you the same, I'm sure, and many of them. You don't know how I have missed you. I got all out of patience with Martin's right after you left there. . . . Yes; I've tried every grocery in this end of town since then. Where have you been? . . Married! . . . To the manager at Brockway's? Oh! Is Brockway's a grocery? . . I'm so glad to learn this. . . . Small place, did you say? . . . Don't think you could fill my orders satisfactorily from there? . . . If you did'nt have what I want, couldn't you send out and get it? . . . See here, I haven't put in my order yet this morning. Wait till I get my list!"

"It's the greatest comfort to give her an order again," Madam Hunter said, as she finished reading off a long list of goods and left the telephone. "Such a set of voices as have answered me from different groceries since I lost track of her! Nasal-sharp-flat -familiar-impatient - everything! When they did try to be nice, they'd have that dreadful rising inflection at the end of every sentence-so patronizing! But this girl's as sweet as ever. And she never thought of getting me for a customer again. She quite hesitated about taking my order. She just called up to wish me 'Merry Christ mas'!"

"O mother! Sweet, innocent mother?" the married son mocked in loving fun. "Go ahead if you like her, of course, but she's a shrewd little business woman, all right. She's trying to land a customer for her husband's store."

"Trying to land? I'm landed now," Madam Hunter declared, unabashed. "I'll trade with that voice, no matter what kind of a grocery they keep. Things will be all right, too, you'll see. Why, I realized as soon as she had left Martin's that it was just her sweet, cheery tones had kept me patient with their carelessness so long.

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The Resort to the Hospital.

It has come to be pretty well understood that for any sort of a surgical operation one had best go to the hospital, writes Kate Upson Clark, in the Eagle. But there is still far too much prejudice against the use of that beneficent institution in other kinds of

Oh, yes-sometimes our hospitals are not properly managed. That may be granted. And sometimes a patient is injured, maybe fatally, in transit, if a removal takes place | dealers.

oo late. Sometimes a case of even severe illness requires so few extreme measures and so little disorganization of a household that it can be easily managed at home. But there is a large class of diseases which can and should be transferred to a good hospital as soon as they occur.

A clear-headed and lively matron, who has had in her family within a year two such cases, says that she will never permit the family to be so put about and imposed upon if she is ever attacked similarly.

'Think of it,' she says. 'Two trained nurses for six weeks, in our twelve-room house--already crowded with our five chil dren, grandmother, Aunt Susan, my husband and myself. The nurses had to have their rests, when the household was forever being hushed-their extra meals, their occasional necessary callers and shopping parcels.

"There were always doctors coming. A smell of disinfectants was constantly in the house. The children felt the atmosphere of anxiety and discomposure and it was distinctly bad for them. No matter how quiet people tried to be, there was never a really still night. It was a comfort to have the dear one right at hand, where we could watch her progress. There were a good many other comforts, too-but they did not begin to balance the sum of the absolute injuries, which, as it seemed to my husband and myself, resulted to the family, as a whole, from those two illnesses. We have both of us stipulated that if we seem likely to come down with similarly hard attacks we may be removed to a good hospital at once. We have even searched into the details and have decided which one we shall go to. We are convinced that the recovery of the patient is pretty sure to be quicker in that eventalso, that the rest of the household are more likely to keep well. No one will question that the running of the domestic machinery is made far smoother. As for the expense, it would probably be less, on the whole, in any hospital than at home."

This speech greatly shocked several of the listeners present, but to most of them it seemed sensible and humane.

Of course, in a small family and a large house, or in a case of illness in which no trained nurse is required, or only one, and for a short time (though one seldom can tell about that beforehand); or in several other kinds of exceptional instances, the rather drastic remedy of the hospital need not be applied. But there is no doubt that the general health and happiness of the vast majority of our families would be increased if more cases of illness now treated in homes were taken to hospitals.

In a recent club meeting, many members were surprised to find that the balance of opinion was decidedly in favor of that course.

Some of our wisest doctors have testified that if our men would only follow the great general rules for health, and then let tobacco and whiskey entirely alone, and if women would also follow those immemorial and well understood rules, and in addition dress loosely and comfortably, there would be so little sickness that the medical profession would almost die out. But since we are all determined to be sick, let us practice the best ways of doing it. We have splendid hospitals, not only for the homeless but for the rest of us. It is a good and wise thing to use them.

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Shelves as a Room Ornament,

Character can be added to a room by the addition of a few shelves. Like cushions, and rugs, and books, they give that air of comfort and individuality that often is lacking in some of the stately drawing rooms of

When decorating or arranging a room apartment put in shelves if it is at all possible. A great many people do not take to the idea. They associate shelves with the homely uses of the kitchen, the pantry and the cellar.

The fact is that this utility of the shelf constitutes much of its beauty. People have become educated to book-shelves in a library or sitting room in preference to set bookcases, for these always have seemed designed more as showcases for books and their bindings rather than to hold books for intimate

There are fewer bookcases sold now-a-days than formerly, for most people seem to appreciate the charm of the low bookcases built in around a room or occupying some special nook or corner in a bay window or alcove. On the top of these shelves one may have plants, photographs, magazines—all the hundred and one little furnishings that add to the beauty of a room.

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Table Manners.

Some useful hints on what constitutes good able manners are given herewith.

Neven take your seat until the lady of the house is seated.

Never lounge on the table with your elbows, nor tip backward in your chair. Never play with your knives, forks or

glasses, but cultivate repose at the table. It is an aid to digestion. Never tuck your napkin into your vest,

yoke or collar. It is unfolded once and laid across the knees without a flourish. After the meal at a restaurant or formal dinner, lay it unfolded at your place. If you are a time guest in the household and will remain another meal, you may fold the napkin in its original creases.

Never put the end of a spoon into your mouth, sip everything from the side of the spoon and do this noiselessly.

Never put your knife into your mouth nor use a spoon when a fork will serve. Forks are now used for eating ice cream, and salad is folded or cut with the side of a fork, seldom with a knife. Even small vegetables like peas are eaten with a fork.

Never hold your knife and fork up in the air when your host is serving you afresh. Lay them on one side of the plate when you send it to the host by servant, or by your neighbor at the table.

Never leave your spoon in coffee or tea cup. Lay it on the saucer.

Never cool food by blowing upon it. Wait until it becomes cool enough to eat.

Never take a second helping at a large and formal dinner. You will find yourself eating

Never make yourself conspicuous in any way by aiding the host or hostess in serving, unless especially asked to do so, or in passing dishes when servants are provided for that

Never push back your plate and finger crumbs at the end of the meal. It indicates

Try to remember that large pieces of bread or crackers are broken into smaller pieces before being buttered and carried to the

Cake may be broken and eaten like bread or crackers or it may be eaten with a fork.

Celery, olives, radishes, salted nuts, bombons, preserved ginger and other trifles are eaten from the fingers, but berries, melons and grape fruit must be eaten with a spoon. Orange juice may be pressed out with a spoon, bananas are generally eaten with a fork, peaches, apples and pears are peeled, quartered and cut into small pieces and then picked up with the fingers.

Grapes and small plums are eaten from the fingers and the stones or skins taken into the hand and carried to the plate, never dropped from the lips. Prune seeds are best pressed out with the spoon before the fruit is eaten and then laid to one side on the plate.

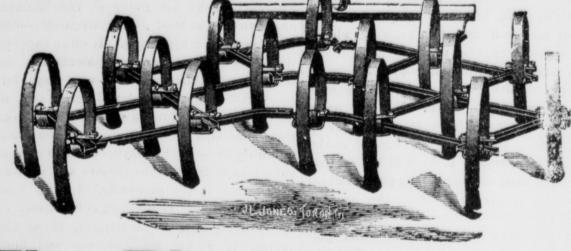
The tender asparagus tips must be cut off with a fork and the remainder of the stalk

Bones of fowl, game or chop must not be taken in the fingers, but green corn may be eaten that way.

Your host who inquires what portion of poultry or game, rare meat or well done, you prefer will thank you for a definite answer. If you really have no preference say so definitely. Do not enumerate various cuts that appeal to you.

Origin of Toasts.

The proposal of a health in an after dinner speech dates back to mediaeval times. At that time the loving cup was used at every banquet. It was filled to the brim with wine and in the centre was placed a piece of toasted bread. The cup circulated the table, each one present taking a sip of the wine. When it came back to the host he drained the remaining wine and ate the piece of toast in honor of all the friends assembled at his table. The ancient Greeks, the Romans, the Assyrians and the Egyptians drank each other's health at dinner, but post prandial oratory was not adopted until modern times. The Greek toast was, "I salute you; be happy;" that of the Romans, "I drink your



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Dated at Woodstock, N. B., this TWENTY THIRD DAY of April A. D. 1907.

By order of the Town Council,

J. C. HARTEY, Woodstock April 24-6i.