AIR AND LIGHT NEEDED. BOTH ARE ESSENTIAL TO ROOMS

Some Plain Words on the Vital Subject of Bed Chambers and Draperies-How Our Houses Should Be Kept to Ensure the

Health of the Occupants.

IN WHICH WE SLEEP.

People have what they call good housee, good furniture, good clothes, variety of food, amusement, anything except clean air, clean water, and nourishing food, writes Shirley Dare.

"No air!" cries the lady who reads. "I always sleep with my window down at the top, and air my room an hour every morning!" Yes, you have your window down a few inches, and possibly go the length of having the much-advised board under' the lower sash, which allows another thread of air to percolate the dead mass which fills your chamber. The principle of ventilation is hardly understood, that the whole body of air in any room needs changing entirely at least once an hour, and it is impossible to approach this desirable condition without sufficient openings in opposite walls, and no air can pretend to be pure which has not this change constantly going on so that it is never stale. Why should we allow the air we breath to become tainted a little, any more than we eat meat which is a little off!

minute, as the soil about a camp ground is defited. Our senses are too stupefied for dull with the insensibility left from the prehistoric age of kitchen middens, when the original citizen squatted among his piles of dead fish and oysters unconscious of their offense | a crypt under it which in ill-kept places is as a middle class taxpayer, and his educated daughter are of the putretying air of their expensive bedrooms. Hardly one person in a hundred has any appreciation of pure air or the horror of impure air, for we see educated people live contented in rooms, offices, comes the unhappy hundredth one who has expected to endure, the stifling kitchen, the treatment they gave her. The doctors and cars whose odor nauseates and overmo catarrh and whose senses give quick warnexaggerate the horror of most houses in he drink and flourish carving knives, or that not from the air. warm weather, hung with senseless draper- dragged-out maids are always changing ies of wool with twelve months' bad breath clinging to their folds, the carpets giving up their odors of dust from the streets, in which fumes of food and send the heat to mend and constantly sleepy. She was troubled The investigati co one can trace the ammoniacal odor left by | ice needles in the clouds. The chimney the horses; the smell of lanoline from the upholstery, basement and soil pipes, compounded in stairway and entries; the rooms strange mixtures in its way upward Her whole system was depressed, and the with a letter request mothered in affectations of art bangings, through the house. the mantel covers in silk, jute, and plush, redolent of dye, dust and human presences; uting their reek of slime pipes night and day, with the final wretchedness of uncovered receptacles for slops, which charge the air with gases so deadly that they (are enough to account for the gray hair and sallow faces without anything else. The ventilation of these houses on the unbearto admit air as a pipe to add water to a is a fluid, subject to the same conditions as other fluids; that you cannot pour it into a room unless you provide an joutlet of water you drink, which you reject inswallow the dust of many dead flies and billious and sour breath of your own and other people's throwing off with entire composure, and all you are afraid of in the One old maid of high pretensions used to say she held that pure air must be too stimulating, which appears to be the creed of most persons about the air they breathe.

The front door of the modern house opens into a dark hall, boxed in by heavy doors, with no admittance for air except by the momentary opening for comers and goers. Story after story presents the same blank walls and closed doors, where the stairway affords ready ascent for the delightful smells of the basement, the cook's flies in your room today, and I went in and closet, the frowsy refrigerator, the laundry, and the gravelike scent of airless coal [celat the top of the house sealed fast for fear through them. Flies and mosquitoes are the loss when the ticket is worth less than greater weight, and a superior dust shedda shower may wet the precious carpets and curtains, which the hostess values much. more highly than she does the life of every mortal on her premises. The sun heats food closely covered, as it ought to be, the upper story, beating on the glass, and draws the basement smells upward to blend with the petpourri in my lady's disinfectants will keep insects of all kinds of cities live in boarding-houses, and, of sprays which bring the freshness of fir refund the money paid and explaining the Purest and best. course, everybody is afraid to leave doors open to let a draught through from back to open to let a draught through from back to | rmin. I have sat on a veranca evenings front, so the only ventilation must be from | with a fragrant atomizer in hand and laughed the subcellar straight up, and well-to-do to hear the Jersey mosquitoes gnash their people breathe it, talk art, morality poetry, and high-class politics in it; doublerefined young women write love letters in it, sleep in it, and eat bonbons in this a few puffs of the atomizer given in each corsewage-laden flood of air, and the babies have special chance at its lowest, heaviest toads try ousting each other my windows layer, next the germladen carpet. Overdrawn, you say? I wish it were; but the reality of these crimes against breath and blood cannot be drawn in its immorality and baseness.

woman thinks her house incomplete without. It will take a good ten years' crusade ot all the doctors and hygienists of the country to teach people the folly and injuriousness of these window screens. The resistance of that threadlike mesh to the entrance of pure air cuts down the supply three fourths, and cuts short the lives of all who live behind it in proportion. Wholesome, large-lunged people cannot breathe behind screens, but the narrow-chested, feeble woman who rules the house ordains tnem, and only one here and there is bold enough to order them down.

I suff cated one night in the handsomely furnished bedroom of a friend of mine behind close wire blinds and two pairs of lace curtains, and I never mean to undergo the slow torment again. I had rather live in an Indian wigwam summers than in what is called a good house, with close curtains, carpets, fussy portieres, and wire screens. Indians don't smell any worse than the deadly carpets and awful draperies, hideous in design and unsavory of odor. And people swelter and sicken in these airless houses, which smell like the nine days' dead, and have neuralgia and acute gastric poisonings and run down generally. Their hair grows brittle and coarse as moss, their nails break, their sight dims, and with all these symptons of organic poisoning they scrub their skins, do pivotal exercises mornings, and walk an hour on end, and come back to their twenty-two hours in dungeon air and wonder why their health is not good and why their youth takes wings. It would be so perfectly easy to make

houses in town or country comfortable that one rebels in spirit against the unhuman The air is soiled in breathing minute; by waste of life. Where there is a current of air it will always be cool and the air sweet. To secure this current begin at the ground level. That sarcophagus of brown stone steps to the front door shuts off air from the basemeut of the city house and leaves a resort for cats and dogs and greasy with the slops of the milk cans. The light iron stairs with wooden treads but no risers, allowing the air to visit that forsaken as many years) she was tormented in this basement doorway, should be a pictur- way. esque feature of new buildings, and would probably make a serious difference in the difficulty of keeping servants. The diskitchen they are to sleep in, are simply ing of danger. To such an one it is hard to inhuman, and I cannot wonder that cooks land. She found relief at that place, but enclose a stamped places. A ventilator over the cooking ventilator and close cans for offal down air in the drawing rooms, for air takes | weight and fulness at the chest and sides. par a check to the

ornament in the wrought iron grilles, which the shameless marble washbasins, contrib- should furnish all outside doors so that the glass halt might be opened safely night and for a change of air, she met a gentleman day. Over each door should be a wide transom, also grated; the bathroom should have a swing window, with grille, and stand wide open when not in use, and the skylight have flanges to shed the rain and bars to prevent supply of this well-known remedy and beburglars and stray monkeys entering, and gan taking it. the glass should be screened by sailcloth shades a foot above the sash. As well have able July days is by windows on one [side | a huge burning glass in the roof as the tight, of a room, open perhaps a foot, which un- unshaded skylight on a hot day. Any one less the wind sets that way is just as likely | with a luxurious sense of comfort will contrive to have most windows swing open. bottle already full, It is next to impos- sibilities, and the opening of the side of a health. You are at liberty to make my sible to make people comprehend that air room this way gives a different climate. The matter presents no difficulties which cannot be overcome. Imagine wide windows with flower boxes below swung open on the north and east sides of a house, and one of for that which already fills it to escape. | those "rain curtains" of water drops talling Also it is easily contaminated, as the glass from a finely perforated pipe across the top of the window to cool a room in midsummer. But this is a luxury a workingstantly if dust or a fly lights on it, but you man's tenement might supply. There might be arrangements between floors and ceilings which would allow a draught from one side of a house to the other without sacrifice of privacy in any rooms, air being admitted by string-course gratings from world is getting air that is thoroughly pure. | the outside, entering at the horizon of walls | and ceilings in each chamber. If the supremest benefit of air were once afforded, I think we would soon find we could not have too much of it, and the possibility of living to the age of the patriarchs with the freshness of an affable archangel might fails."

which feminine infallibility has been trembling with ever since I broached the heresy A POINTER FOR THE CARELESS of doing without window screens. "I can't have my door open if you are going to keep your screens out," murmured the next woman to me a week since. "I found two killed them," Flies are not desirable, but better two. or even three, flies than such a shutting off of vital fluid as wire blinds inkept out by aromatics more safely then shutting up the house in dog days. A rigid policy as to garbage, allowing no scraps or crumbs to remain a moment, keeping all leaving flies out of the question; fresh currents of air kept blowing through the house, and a little spraying with woodsy, aromatic teeth in vanquished rage at not being able to come near me. Atter lunch the diningroom has every crumb brushed out, window opened on three sides and the blinds closed; ner and flies tumble over each other in haste to get out. Nights when mosquitoes and tree are flung open to the dewy darkness, the pillows are sprayed with a favorite compond and one drops asleep dreaming of a missionary society to send atomizers and aromas to the Guinea coast. Presently the house atomizer will be as essential as There might be a current of pure air the lawn sprinkler, and the banishment of from the open windows which would partifrom the open windows which would partimove the last reluctance to try the cooling

the jailery of window screens, which every and pine. If you ever spend one season woman thinks her house incomplete withmuslin, and reed furnishings in place of woolen stuffs, you will hardly want to put the heavy carpets and curtains back before midwinter. And when you visit your brother-in-law, who adheres to the old order of things, next year, it may dawn upon you that breathing fluff steeped in animal exhalations may have much to do with early decrepitude.

AT A PENNY APIECE-£20,000. If you had as many pennies as there are

natural holes in your skin, how many pennies should you have?

You would have enough to make £20,000. Now figure up the holes for yourselt. Yet you could'nt afford to sell them for a penny each, even in hard times. They are worth more money. These holes, or sweat glands, pour out quarts of sweat every day—water, mixed with salt and poisonous humours. Stop these holes, partly or entirely, and the skin's work is at once thrown on the lungs and kidneys. Then you fall ill with some disease or other. With what disease depends on the nature and location of your weak spot.

A lady, whose name we are permitted to mention, will not soon forget the spring of 1890. It was then that for the first time in her life she was afraid to be left alone; not from fear of enemies, but from sheer nervous excitement. She was obliged to have elastic put into her slippers to let them outher feet were swollen so; and her hands were in the same condition. In the morning her face would puff up and large lumps from under her eyes and on her cheeks. Then a rash made its appearance all over her body, vanishing again almost immediately, as a blush comes and goes on the face.

The suddenness of this she compares to the sting of a wasp or hornet. An intense itching accompanied it, so she could not lie in bed or be quiet in any position on account of it. She was in misery night and day, and scarcely knew what to do with h rself. Her legs got so painful and telt so tired she was put to it to get about. For eighteen months (it must have seemed like

Meanwhile she consulted two doctors, and attended successively at the Newcastle Infirmary and at the Dispensary. But no comforts those unconsidered creatures are thing more than temporary ease came of the torrid attics, or the dark holes off the recommended a change of air, and in reason why the ticke August, 1891, she went to North Sunder- hands of the purchas

Now we must get back to the spring of 1890, and inquire what, it anything, pro- the company usually range and a tin jacket for that fiery dragon | ceded this strange outbreak. At that time, | ceipt of the tick t ho in summer would rid the house of the the lady says, she first felt languid, tired, and promises inv with bad headaches and attacks of giddi- ider tification of e tic ness. Her appetite failed; she could eat keeping to set stairs are essential to the perfect purity of but little, and after eating had a feeling of Tan the purch erre life in her appeared to sink, as the water on the part of the rec It is a wonder that in the craze for artistic does in a cistern where there exists a hid- the transaction, and t surroundings no one sees the possibilities of den leak somewhere. Then came what loss on either side. has already been described.

At North Sunderland, whither she went named Cathcart, who expressed a most intelligent opinion of her case and advised the use of Mother Seigel's Curative Sprup? Convinced by his reasoning she procured a

Her letter concludes in these words: 'After I had used the Syrup only a tew days I felt a decided improvement in all respects. My appetite revived, my food digested better, and soon the rash and lumps entirely disappeared to return no London artists have these delightful impos- more. I have since enjoyed the best of statement public if you think it may be useful to others. (Signed) Mrs. Sarah tinguished patient's physical condition, re-Charleton, 27, John Street, Arthur's Hill, Newcastle, Eebruary 7th, 1893.

We congratulate this lady on her recovery and thank her for allowing us to publish the above details of her experience. The doctors called her ailment nettle rash, but it was more than that. Her blood was loaded with the poisonous acids generated by indigestion and dyspepsia-the same as riding, gymnastics or bicycling. the blood the poisons of gout and of acute inflammatory rheumatism. The irritated nerves of the skin produced the rash, as the clogged pores were unable to excrete the poison. The purifying power of Seigel's Syrup ex- live in high altitudes and mountainous pelled this poison through the kidneys and bowels, and by stimulating insensible perspiration over the whole surface of the skin. Of this disease an English physician says: When it becomes chronic all treatment

Yes, all treatment except the one which But there is one factor in the question cured Mrs. Charleton.

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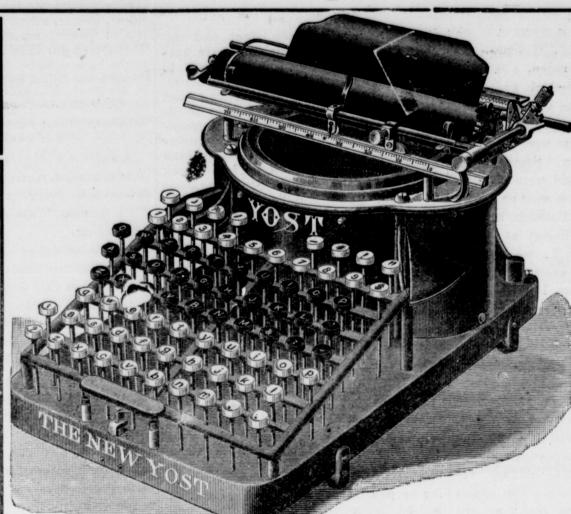
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Art of Flesh-Reducing.

It is much easier to acquire flesh than to lose it. There is no royal road to beauty for those inclined to plumpness, and many are the things they are abliged to do to scare off fat.

An Englishman reduced his weight in one year from 202 to 150 pounds, and kept it there. He lived on beef, mutton, fish, bacon, dry toast, poultry game, tea, coffee, claret and sherry.

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