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In the Household

Don't Try to Make a Woman Do a Man's Work.

Don't expect more from a servant than you could do yourself. Increase wages in proportion as services become valuable. Remember your servant is a human being, not a beast of burden. Place some room other than the kitchen at her disposal to receive company, if criticism is to be made, do it in a cool, dispassionate manner. Follow the golden rule. Don't try to make a woman do a man's work. Do not interfere with any of her superstitions or religious beliefs. Do not interfere with her love affairs unless she asks advice.

Cut up half a pound of white soap into a gallon of water, and boil it till the soap is dissolved, then add to it two ounces of salts of tartar. After the carpet has been well shaken apply this mixture while hot with a scrubbing brush, covering not more than a square yard at a time. Rub a coarse towel into clean water and wring it out, then wipe again with another clean dry cloth.

To prevent any shade of blue from fading, soak for two hours in a pail of water to which an ounce of sugar of lead has been added. Then be sure to dry well before washing and ironing.

Boiled potatoes are an excellent substitute for soap when the hands have become soiled by contact with blackened pots and pans.

Straight pieces of muslin are usually ironed from end to end along the selvage being careful to keep the hems as straight as possible.

Fuel Oil vs. Coal.

Significant, as showing how fuel oil is supplanting coal as a fuel in the States of Washington and Oregon, is the report compiled by Edward W. Parker of the United States Geological Survey, in cooperation with the State geological survey of Washington. It is found that the product of coal in Washington in 1911 was 3,572,815 short tons, valued at \$7,714,170. Now, Washington is the only one of the Pacific Coast States in which coal mining is an industry of importance, but Washington, although more remote, is like Oregon in that it is now feeling the influence of the competition of California fuel oil. From Mr. Parker's report it appears that the railroads having their own coal mines are using fuel oil in their locomotives on the mountain divisions, where a sparkless fuel gives protection against forest fires. Some of the Washington coal mines are within less than fifty miles of Puget Sound, yet most of the steamers plying in those

waters are using oil for fuel, the saving in labor and the cleanliness of the liquid fuel giving it a decided advantage over coal, even when the latter may be cheaper at first cost. The decreased production of coal in Washington seems to be assignable to no other cause than the substitution of oil for coal, as trade conditions in 1911 were satisfactory. This decrease was 339,084 tons, or 8.67 per cent. from the production of 1910. The value decreased \$1,590,295, or 16.29 per cent. The principal decrease in production was in Kittitas county, in which the larger part of the output is taken from mines controlled by the northern Pacific Railway. In fact, the decrease in Kittitas county was more than that of the State as a whole and bears witness to the influence of the use of oil in the railroad locomotives. The number of men employed in the coal mines of Washington in 1911 was 6,498, who worked an average of 225 days, against 6,314, for 256 days, in 1910. At eight of the mines in the State washing plants have been installed, and 392,502 short tons of coal was washed in 1911, some of the washed coal being used in the manufacture of coke. The cleaned coal amounted to 338,707 short tons, and the refuse to 53,794 tons. The returns to the United States bureau of mines show that 25 men were killed in the coal mines of Washington in 1911, the death rate per 1000 employees was 3.85 and the number of tons mined for each life was 89,883.

Queer Collections.

Collectors gather together articles more or less interesting, but probably few go in for such bulky objects as those chosen by a distinguished Britisher. Old doors are the object of his desire. His doors come from old houses, castles, and abbeys of historical interest. Some time ago he obtained, at considerable cost, a door through which, during the French Revolution, Marie Antoinette, Charlotte Corday, Lanton, and Robespierre passed on their way to the guillotine. Lord Petersham, a noted man in his day, had a hobby for acquiring various kinds of tea and snuff. The Dowager-Queen of Italy has a collection of the foot and headgear

of Royal personages of different periods. It is said to include a sandal worn by Nero, a pair of white slippers that belonged to Mary, Queen of Scots; shoes worn by Queen Anne and the Empress Josephine, and gloves that were once the property of Marie Antoinette.

OUR GREAT BUFFALO HERD

The Old Monarchs of the Plains Thrive in Captivity

The five hundred buffalo purchased by the Canadian Government from Michael Pablo of Montana has increased prodigiously and now numbers over fourteen hundred animals, which is by far the largest collection anywhere in the world. Great care is being taken to weed out the cross-breeds and to keep the strain pure. Whether it dies of old age or is killed or lives on to multiply its kind, a buffalo is a first class investment. Dead it is worth \$500 for its head and hide. Killed it is worth the same amount of money plus forty cents a pound for its meat, which is esteemed a great delicacy by gourmands. Buffalo roast makes delicious Christmas fare for people who can afford it, and between whiles may figure as a piece de resistance at banquets of the New York Canadian Club and similar gatherings. Alive, the buffalo is worth \$5,000, at which price every zoo in Europe and the two Americas has given orders.

Fifty years ago the buffalo ranged freely over the whole north-western plateau. The Canadian prairies still show frequent signs of him in the shape of old buffalo wallows, and at one place near Medicine Hat, at the foot of a cut bank, some two hundred feet high, is a great heap of buffalo bones which marks the spot where the Indians made one of their cruel drives. But nowadays the buffalo is a limited monarch. Buffalo Park, near Wainwright, Alberta, where the big herd is located, is an enclosure twenty miles square, with a high wire fence around it. Inside the fence the buffalo finds the old familiar scenery of his glorious past—the rolling prairie, the poplar bluffs, the knolls and chaparrals, the slews, and wallows, but not the old excitement of white men and Indians on slaughter bent. A visitor who tries to drive across the reservation in a buggy a buffalo bull will charge savagely, but a man on horseback the buffalo rather welcomes, probably because it reminds him of old times. On the whole, civilization has made the buffalo a little slack. Instead of dying on the prairie when the thermometer is sixty below zero, and the snow too deep for him to rustle grass for himself, he will come meekly into the station and eat baled hay out of the feed racks.

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