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Happy Women.

BY KATE TRUE.

"A woman is never so happy, believe me, as when mending old pants, darning stockings or tending babies."—[Washington Letter.

There is unadulterated wisdom for you! Think of it! Never so happy!

How nonsensical art and science appear when viewed through a pair of materialistic spectacles! How frivolous the work of women in the past, and the work of women to-day when their happiness is considered! What tons and tons of paper have been wasted in imparting instruction, or amusing the masses, when all the time the writers might have been good and happy with what a woman calls "darnation embroidery." No profanity is intended; it sounds better even than darning stockings. Alas, for the old maids, the pretty and cheerful widows, the hard students, devoted teachers, editors, merchants, saleswomen and others, who have neither pants to mend, babies to tend, or darnation embroidery to make them happy! Alas, for womanly aspirations and womanly strivings for the highest and noblest life bequeathed to mortals! Throw culture to the dogs, or leave it for men, and return at once to the days of barbarism and unlimited happiness.

Give us virgins with a mending basket, Mater Dolorosas inserting an indescribable figure in the rear of dilapidated pantaloons, St. Cecilia with a dish towel, and Mary Queen of Scots diligently darning a blue yarn sock! Away with all sentiment, beauty, poetry, and inspiration; let the high offices of companion, counsellor, teacher and guide be no longer eligible to woman, but permit her to "be happy." Hereafter, let a familiar sentence read "Life, liberty, old pants, stockings and babies"—happiness will be the natural result.

Drop your pens, fair sisters, you who wield them for the healing of hurts, and the pleasure of God's children!

Drop the chisel, O gifted Hosmer, and bid your companions do the same!

Come from your observatory, Maria Mitchell, and forget the marvelous works written in the heavens! What have we to do with Georgium, Sidus, Vesta, Ceres, or any of the starry host? Betake thyself to mending and happiness, and forget that brave woman, wise mother, and superior scientist, Mary Somerville! Forbid the bans, when lovely women are about to consecrate themselves to a life of scientific research; silence the sweet singers, muzzle the press, and bar the doors of college and of schoolroom; life's prime purpose is "the pursuit of happiness," and let the women be happy!

Can we as a people afford it?

Are we to fight with all the weapons given us by liberal education, and hard-earned advantages, against the tendency to materialism, or are we to go back to our mending, or fold our hands in idleness if fortune or fate has denied us the luxury of rents and rips, and be happy?

God bless the babies! say I, from the wee, red-faced, helpless atom fresh from the land of the unseen, to the healthy, vigorous boy or girl "too large to be petted." It would be a poor world without them, and every mother knows it; more than one woman has been lifted out of the frivolousness of life into the glory of womanhood with its responsibilities by the coming of her first baby; more than one woman has grown up, and out of, the stern practical duties and drudgeries of life, led by the hand of her babe. It is the father who wonders "why you don't stop its crying," when he wishes to sleep; it is the father who looks keenly to the externals, and hopes to be proud of his son or daughter; but the mother hides great things in her heart, and little by little she draws from this supply of never-failing love, patience, and purity, and feeds the fresh young soul which is a part of herself. Ah, yes! the babies are precious things, whether in our arms, or in the dear All-Father's! * * The knowledge, love, and necessary patience comes with the little ones, and blessed are the mothers who find comfort in them daily. But what is to be done when a large number of women are without families? Must happiness be denied them? Are they of necessity cold, heartless and unmotherly? Not at all. One of the tenderest nurses I ever saw was a southern woman of wealth, who was not permitted to marry the man of her choice, and therefore became what the world calls an old maid. Her motherliness and devotion to the little children might well shame some of our modern matrons, who publicly parade with frowsy lapdogs and leave their children to hirelings.

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Looking over a long list of American women who contribute regularly to current literature, we find few who are not known as excellent house-keepers, notwithstanding the oft-repeated slander "that literary women are slovenly." Two pictures present themselves as I write. One, a woman addressing a large concourse of people, holding them spellbound with her eloquence; the other, a morning scene, and the same woman feeding her chickens, and "looking well to the ways of her household."

An enthusiastic clergyman, in extolling the virtues of Julia Ward Howe, summed them all up with—"And she knows how to tend babies too, knows all about them."

These are the very women—who do know; these are the women who make live, vital, happy homes, and bless mankind and womankind by living. The woman who lives *only* to make bread, mend old clothing, and attend to the material wants of her household, may die, and her place can be filled with one of the many foreigners who crowd our cities. What does a mere domestic drudge know of the soul's needs? What time has she to fit her sons to be statesmen, or her daughters to fill important positions in life? Who wonders if the husband and sons feel her "dowdiness," and keep her as much as possible out of sight?

Who is surprised if the husband says in his deep grief, "he would rather have lost his best cow?" When a wise God made woman the mother of all living, he gave her an office too high to be wantonly degraded, and a terrible retribution awaits those who willfully ignore the sacred trust.

There came to me just now a woman some might think happy; a plain, uncultured woman, with a warm heart and untutored intellect. Hear her:

"I am clear discouraged; it is the same old sound forever and ever. He goes to the shop early, and frets if the hot bread isn't baked for his breakfast; the children go off to school, and then I am all day alone, work, work, working; then at noon, if dinner isn't ready at the tick of the clock, I have to take an awful lecture, and the children join in, and I am so tired I can't eat; and then the children go to school, and he goes to work, and I go on with pots and kettles and cooking. Sometimes I get so sick working in the heat, the room reels round, and I just fall down and lay there; but I never tell John; he would only scold and say, 'Well, what do you work so for?' And only yesterday he said, 'Seems to me, if I was a great strong woman like you, I would try to find time to mend my man's stockings.'"

"Are you bringing up your daughters to assist you?"

"No; their father says he can't eat anything unless I cook it; and as to washing dishes and such work, he thinks school-girls ought not to work, and somehow it seems to me their lives will be long enough and hard enough if they begin when they must."

"Infinitely harder if they are brought up in ignorance. But let me ask you a question or two: What was your life previous to your marriage?"

"Oh, I was house-keeper for years in a nice family. I just looked after things, and had plenty of spare time. I used to read in those days a great many nice books the young ladies had, and once I studied French with Miss Frances, because she thought of taking me abroad with her, but I was engaged, and then got married, and there was an end to reading and good times. I took all my money out of the bank and bought our house and furnished it all through, and my friends made me a great many nice presents. I have tried real hard to make him a good wife and bring up the children as they should be, but what with never a dollar of my own, after handling and having it since I was twelve years old, and the old, up-and-down and in-and-out work, work, I don't know, but life seems sort of disappointing."

Why wasn't she happy with pants, stockings, and babies? She was prematurely old, over-worked and miserable; to use her own words: "She worked harder than any factory operative for her board only, and never went so meanly before; even the girls told her her dresses were old-fashioned and shabby."

She is one of the many. We meet them on every hand, these household drudges. Men may write of the idle women, of the luxurious homes, of diamonds and pearls, but they write of one side only. Their talent may give them a passport into the circles of wealth, where a few women resort to games and sports to "pass away the time," but, if they would turn their eyes and look about them, or if they would experience "one touch of humanity, that makes the whole world kin," they would find women pleading, begging, praying for a better and nobler life; they would find them sorrowful and repining because no mental training made them content with their lot; they would find them disappointed and unsatisfied; would not men be?

"Housework is healthy," says Dr. Holland; grant it. "Butchering is considered healthy;" would the Dr. like the labor and stench of the slaughter house?

"Housework is woman's appointed work, her sphere," says another writer; grant it; would he like every man to be a farmer on the same principle?

"Sewing is woman's legitimate business," says one; would you make every man a "man-milliner" or a tailor?

"Men would be happier," said Carlyle, "if they only knew how to sew." Indeed, would they oh, philosophical Thomas, and many a woman too, if the man who "worships her" would help her mend the stockings and then go out with her into God's free air!

"How absurd!" says a boyish clerk fingering an anticipated moustache; "just think of *my* darning stockings!" He goes home to his little tenement to find his wife still hard at work; he eats his supper in silence, and goes down town for a stroll, with a nice cigar in his mouth; and she! oh, she mends, or tends baby, and is happy!

"Believe me, a woman is never so happy," etc. I must not quote that sentence again; it hurts me; and I might grow angry, and anger is unseemly—in a woman; besides, I must visit a poor creature in the back street, with six children to work for, and a lazy husband to support and keep out of jail; she told me that if it wasn't for Biddy and Annie and Micky she would be glad to drop down dead any day. She was rocking the twins in the wooden cradle with her foot and nursing little Micky; and this is the way we hand down names to posterity!

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"Life is real, life is earnest," and many a poor soul knows that by heart, who has never heard the cheering words of Schiller in his sweet song of Hope.

There's a voice at the heart that proclaims aloud—

"We are born for something better."

—*Worcester Palladium.*

THE ART OF THINKING.—Too much stress cannot be laid on the fundamental importance of perfect command over thought. How many a student finds a lack of this power the chief hindrance to progress! How many a page must be re-read, how many lessons conned over and over to compensate for lapse of thought. In the possession or absence of this power over mind lies the chief difference between mental strength and mental weakness. Some men think as a child plays with a hammer, striking little blows, here, there, anywhere, at any object within reach. The action of a strong mind may be compared to the stone-breaker's sledge-hammer, dealing stubborn blows successively upon one spot till the hard rock cracks and yields.

The power to classify and arrange ideas in proper order is one that comes more or less slowly to even the best minds. In proportion as this faculty is strengthened, desultory and wasted effort diminishes.

When the mind acts, it acts to some purpose, and can begin where it left off without going over the whole ground again to take up the threads of its ratiocinations. Concentration and system are thus seen to be the chief elements in the art of thinking. To cultivate the strict constant watchfulness, to detect the least wandering, and the immediate exertion of the will to call back and hold the mind upon the subject under consideration, should be vigilantly exercised. To secure the latter, the practice of analyzing and considering the different parts of a subject, first separately, and then in their relations to each other, is a discipline to which every young mind should be subjected, and which we are sorry to say is much neglected in most methods of instruction.

TYPOGRAPHIC PHENOMENON.—Miss Libbie Halbrook, a handsome and highly educated young lady of Albany, has undertaken to learn the printing art in the *Democrat* establishment, and is making wonderful headway. She has been so occupied only about a week, and can now set a column and a half in a day, and with remarkably few errors. Her typographical brethren consider this an extraordinary, almost unprecedented achievement, and it will be regarded so by printers everywhere. Miss Libbie graduated from the Albany Collegiate Institute last year, with high honors, and is generally spoken of as one of the most brilliant young girls in the place. Although there is not much probability of her ever coming to want through the absence of a manly protector, she is wisely providing against a time of possible misfortune by learning a money-making and suitable trade. I do not know that there are any other lady compositors in Oregon, but there are a considerable number at work in San Francisco, and many of them are among the most attractive and stylish young girls to be seen on the street.—*Statesman.*

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I pocketed eleven thousand dollars out of the "Deep Chum" you gave me in Mariposa, and started for home in June, 1853. I invested four thousand dollars in real estate in this city, and left it in care of McLane, our old cabin mate. My property here has yielded me a handsome income, and quadrupled in value. I went into business in New York city, in which I was very successful—sold out two years ago, since which time I have been traveling in European countries. You know I used to have a weakness for traveling—well, it has been gratified to my heart's content. While in France I was taken with the small-pox. The lady of the inn told me that I was fortunate to take the disease at that place, as there was an old small-pox doctor near by who never failed to cure, no matter how bad the disease; and sure enough, I began to recover within four hours after commencing to take the medicine, and in twenty-four hours I felt quite well. I was so much elated with the magical effects of the medicine that I was determined, if possible, to obtain the formula, in which I succeeded, by paying handsomely and promising not to divulge it in France.

I see from Oregon papers that you have the disease among you. The enclosed package contains the formula and sufficient material for family use. I have cured all the cases that I have come in contact with, and find it an infallible cure and preventive. When you answer this I will forward sufficient of the material to make you a fortune, as I have ample, and rest assured I reciprocate past favors.

I will close for the present and await anxiously your answer. I direct to San Francisco, as I will remain here about two months.

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The following testimonials are from reliable persons:

Portland, Sept. 1, 1872.

Statement:—My son Henry, now six years of age, had a severe attack of the malignant form of scarlet fever about four years ago. My family physician, Dr. Hamlin, of Marysville, California, told me that the child had better have died, as he would be afflicted all his life with sores of a scrofulous nature, which he considered incurable. The condition of the child up to last April seemed to confirm the Doctor's opinion, as he never was free from those eruptious sores. A number of our best physicians had endeavored in vain to give the child relief. At the time I commenced giving him Dr. Borzeau's Small-pox Remedy the child was unable to open his eyes, his face was a complete mass of inflammation and corruption running from both ears. He took two bottles of the above-named medicine as per directions. In twelve hours from commencing to take the medicine, a favorable change was noticeable, and in less than six weeks all traces of the old affection had disappeared. JNO. M. FRONK.

The following named persons are referred to as having a knowledge of the above statement: Dr. J. A. Blanchard, oculist, who treated the child for sore eyes, Dr. Gittner, Dr. E. G. Freeland, J. Murray, contractor, Geo. W. Hillman, Isaac Sherman, and many others of Portland, Oregon. JOHN M. FRONK.

Albany, Oregon, June 1, 1872.

Mr. Corwin—Dear Sir:—I used two bottles of your small-pox remedy, for scarlet fever. Both of my children had it, and all the medicine they used was your small-pox remedy. Their recovery was speedy and complete.

CHARLES NOLAN.

Portland, Oregon, Sept. 12, 1872.

My clerk, W. Cavness, was taken sick with measles, last March. I administered Dr. Borzeau's small-pox remedy according to accompanying directions, and in all my experience with that disease I never needed a more complete and speedy recovery.

E. G. FREELAND,
Druggist, 152 First street, Portland.

Portland, Oregon, Sept. 16, 1872.

For the benefit of my friends and the public, I state the following facts: On the 6th day of September, I felt quite unwell, having headache, pains in my back and joints, with occasional chills; a fever set in and about the 9th a scarlet rash was plain to be seen on my skin. I had become satisfied that I had the symptoms of small-pox, and commenced taking Corwin's preparation for the cure of that disease, and it proved a success in my case, as no farther developments appeared. I took but 12 doses, and have since felt all right. I have no hesitancy in recommending it to my friends who may feel any symptoms of small-pox.

JAMES F. GALLAGHER,
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Portland, Oregon, Sept. 15, 1872.

I have taken one bottle of Dr. Borzeau's Small-pox Remedy as a preventative, and although frequently exposed to the disease at the time, I escaped all symptoms.

JAMES M. MAYBERY,
Contractor and Builder, Portland, Or.

I have taken Corwin's Small-pox Remedy, and being exposed to the disease at the same time, escaped all symptoms, which is the only proof that it is a preventative.

L. BESSER,
City Councilman, 3d Ward, Portland, Or.

I have been using Corwin's Small-pox Remedy, and though exposed to the disease, have no symptoms. I believe it to be a preventative as well as a cure.

A. McEWAN,
Portland, Or.

I being exposed to the small-pox, contracted the disease. I used for it Corwin's preparation and no other medicine except alteratives. The postules never matured. Left no marks. My illness was not at all severe. My children, five in number, were all taken with the disease, and treated by one of our best physicians, employed by the city. One, a girl of four years, died, and the balance were badly marked. I used about two bottles of the medicine.

EMILY McMAHON.

Portland, Oregon, August 25, 1872.

I was taken with small-pox about the 25th of July. I had purchased a bottle of Dr. Borzeau's Small-pox Remedy some time previous, and commenced taking it as soon as I was satisfied I had the disease, which was on the second day of my illness. My sickness was mild, except severe vomiting, which took place before I commenced using the medicine. The vomiting is what convinced me in the first place that I had the small-pox. I took one bottle—I think about thirty doses. In