

If You Want The Best.

ALTHOUGH you may have had good luck with a but few failures in making cake and biscuit in the old-fashioned way with soda and sour milk, or soda and cream of tartar, you will have better luck and (following directions) no failures with the Royal Baking Powder.

The truth of this must be evident when you remember that in the leading hotels and restaurants, and in the homes of our city cousins, where the latest and best methods are invariably employed, and where the most beautiful and dainty food is always set out for the guests, the Royal Baking Powder is exclusively used for all quickly risen food.

Royal Baking Powder never disappoints; never makes sour, soggy or husky food; never spoils good materials; never leaves lumps of alkali in the biscuit or cake; while all these things do happen with the best of cooks who cling to the old-fashioned methods, or who use other baking powders.

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A Question That Troubles Literary People.

A crucial question is, "Typewriter, or no typewriter?" At a "symposium" on this subject, George Spinney, of the New York Times, said, "Typewritten copy is much easier to edit." Ballard Smith, the managing editor of The World, agreed that "typewritten copy is the only perfect copy to have." Richard Watson Gilder, of The Century, replied: "I much prefer typewritten copy. It is better for the eyes and more pacifying to the nerves." Mr. Carington, of Scribner's, although he admires the fine old Italian hand in vogue among the older authors, says that even a thoroughly legible hand and clear copy is not so welcome to the editor as is a typewritten MS.

The Dramatic Development society of New York demands that all manuscripts examined by its readers shall be typewritten by its own typewriters. Mrs. Mary Maps Dodge, the editor of St. Nicholas, is reported not to refuse all manuscripts except such as is typewritten. Kipling, although a most rapid writer with the pen, has been recently introduced to the machine and has knocked off some of his most telling verses with its aid.

Still, one can scarcely imagine Hawthorne pounding out "The Scarlet Letter" on the typewriter, or Keats pouring out "Endymion" to the clicking accompaniment of the noisy machine.—Emily A. Thackeray in New York Epoch.

MY SUMMER GIRL.

How it came about I know not; she was merry—a dreamer, with never a thought of all excepting the studios art.

The studio goes as usual— She, the pretty little schemer, with her air of being a target of my heart.

I am not, as a rule, contented to be lured from "neath my skylight, but the outgoing days continued as the summer longer grew.

And hours, with pleasure On dewy morn to twilight, And full often somewhat later, winged their flight as hours do.

One morning in September She was standing on veranda As I started for reflection in a walk along the shore.

She said, "Before you go out On your usual meander Perhaps you'd like to know I'll be your summer girl no more."

I think I must have shown her That the news was far from pleasing, For she came a little nearer—near enough for me to see

That her blue eyes were a twinkle With the content of teasing, And she whispered, "Why not ask me, too, your winter girl to be?"

The outcome? I surrendered, Church and parson did their duty; And when she left in my cravat a creamy jeweled pearl

She said, "It's not an emblem Of your own transcendent beauty, But just a small reminder that I'm your all season girl."

Unexpected Miffidence. "Jane," said Mr. Skinniphant, a softened light shining in his eyes, "I think I have never given you anything for a Christmas present, have I?"

"No, William," answered Mrs. Skinniphant, "you never have."

"This Christmas, Jane," said Mr. Skinniphant in a voice trembling from unaccustomed feeling, "shall be a different one from any we have ever had. What would you say to a present of some useful article for the house?"

"I would like it very much, William." "Smoking, for instance, that would be both useful and ornamental! Something that you could select yourself? How would that do?"

"It would please me above all things." "Then, Jane," said Mr. Skinniphant, with an effort to retain his composure, "we need a new bookcase. Here is twenty-five cents to buy it with. If it costs less, Jane," he added in a broken voice, "you can keep the change."—Chicago Tribune.

A Power for Pop. Small Boy—Pop, did you ever fall down stairs? "Pop—I suppose so." "Did you ever fall up stairs?" "Of course not."

"I did." "It's not an emblem of your own transcendent beauty, but just a small reminder that I'm your all season girl."—J. S. Goodwin in Judge.

Her Reason. Robert—Pa, what does gambol mean? Teacher said we were to find another meaning for it before we recite this afternoon.

Robert's Father—Gambol! It means to play games of chance, thereby winning or losing large sums of money.

That afternoon Robert electrified his teacher for it proved that this was their habitual Sunday walk. Sometimes they would pause and join those who gazed down at the black river. I would, now and again, resume my journey toward the hospital while they thus stood, and I would look back from a distance. The bridge would then appear to me an abrupt ascent, rising to the dense city, and their two figures would stand out clearly against the background.

It became a matter of care to me to observe each Sunday whether the health of either had varied during the previous week. The husband, always pale and slight, showed little change, and that infrequently. But the fluctuations of the woman, as indicated by complexion, gait, expression and otherwise, were numerous and pronounced. Often she looked brighter and more robust than on the preceding Sunday. Her face would be then rounded out, and the dark creases beneath her eyes would be less marked. Then I found myself elated.

When I saw her, she was only fifty, and the charity society will have to pay it.

"One moment," exclaimed the counsel, "then followed a legal argument of about an hour and a half on the objection, which was overruled, and the court decided that the witness might state what was said."

"Well, go on and state what was said to the waiter," remarked the winning counsel, flushed with his legal victory.

"Bring me a beefsteak and fried potatoes," said the waiter.

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