



Sixteen as Housekeeper.

BY R. A. P.

I resolutely put my Virgil out of sight, closed Moliere's heavy covers with a sigh, and gave one long, last look at my unfinished essay on "The Influence of the Past upon the Present," and then reversed my subject by descending to the kitchen to exert there the influence of an orderly present on the chaotic past of the day, which was just drawing to a close.

Well, Miss Vic, now your mother's gone I suppose you and me's going to keep house together? "If you let the kerosene can stand on the back of the stove much longer, Sophronia, I don't think there will be any necessity of anybody keeping house long."

Although tolerably well versed in other branches of housekeeping, I presume I knew just as much about cooking as other girls of sixteen, who spent the hours between 9 A. M. and 4 P. M. in school; in fact, my entire repertoire consisted of bread—which, I am happy to say, I thoroughly understood—lemon pie and chocolate creams, all very excellent in their way, but not calculated to form the entire bill of fare for three weeks.

My woe began the very next day. Breakfast passed off smoothly, and I, armed with Mrs. Beecher's "All Around a House," studied the result of the morning's marketing. Beefsteak, that I knew how to cook; potatoes, those I would bake; asparagus and spinach—I turned to Mrs. Beecher for aid and received it.

I devoutly wished she had one when I again went down stairs and found her gazing from the window on a bicycle careering up the road, while her flat-iron left an indelible impression on the front breadth of my white dress.

A CORRESPONDENT of the Coast Mail, in writing of the region about Coos Bay, says: On the morning of the 27th, I and Edward McCallahan left Eugene City for this place, coming through in two days and a half.

On reaching tide water, we took a boat down the river, some five miles to Wm. Palmer's place, where we put up for the night and received the best of hospitality.

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GENERAL NOTES. Seattle Post-Intelligencer: If we judge of what is to be from the active work now being done on the Oregon Short Line Railway, it is safe to predict the completion of the road through to Baker City, Oregon, at a very early date.

The importance of Seattle as a steamboat building and repairing point is but little appreciated outside of the limits. Until now, when two of the boats are about finished, four steamers were simultaneously building in this city, being two stern-wheelers and two propellers, and all the time from two to six steamers are repairing.

The Intelligencer says: The sealing season of 1882 is now over. The vessels did tolerably well, but not quite so well as they expected at the opening of the season.

Mr. Stubbs was avengeful! Though not of a sanguine disposition generally, I think if I could then have seen Sophronia plunged in a kettle of boiling oil, or undergoing any of the tortures of the Inquisition, it would have given me a sense of satisfaction that all the consolation of religion would have been powerless to bestow.

Walla Walla Statesman: It is the history of all the floods on the lower rivers for the past fifteen or twenty years, that after a rise and fall of the water at The Dalles, there came very high water from the upper Columbia and its tributaries.

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