The Home Circle.

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THE HOUSEKEEPERS' SONG

It is sweep, sweep, sweep, Though you've done it an hour before; And it's scrub, scrub, scrub Table and chair and floor, And you needn't be weary a bit To find your labor in vain; Do it as well as you can to-day, You can do it to-morrow again.

It is cook, cook, cook, There's meat and there's bread to bake: It is cook, cook, cook

There's pudding and pie to make. The buttons are always dropping. The stockings are ever to mend, The men in the field to look after, The children to wash and to tend.

It is fight, fight, fight, For a man in the tug of life: And it's fight, fight, fight, For a clean and tidy wife, A man can plant an acre of land, And gather the golden wheat, And get the price in his open hand, And the price of labor is sweet.

But work, work, work, Is ever a woman's lot; It is work, work, work, If the weather is cold or hot, And this is the worst of trouble, She hasn't a shilling of gain, And though she may scrub and clean to-day She must do it to-morrow sgain.

Oh, wife, wife, wife! Don't worry, and fret, and pout; Oh, wife, wife, wife! You are cross to-day, no doubt; For you know very well your labor Isn't done for a shilling or two; Just think how happy you make us all, Of the love we give to you.

Oh, wife, wife, wife! a If you could not cook and clean, Ob, wife, wife, wife! What sorrow it all would mean, To toil for love is better than gold, And the way we suffer is clear; The work you do is done by the day, And mine is done by the year. → Texas Siftings.

A Cowardly and Contemptible Saying.

"A woman is at the bottom of every mischief."

So say a legion of noodles who know not what they say, and who think they think, when they only repeat what they have heard others say before them.

Do these faddists ever reflect that there are two kinds of people in the world, male and female, and as they generally associate together it is probable that every occurrence will directly or indirectly involve some individuals of both sexes?

But unfortunately for the faddists there are some conditions of life in which their theory can be thoroughly tested. In the California and Australian gold-mining regions they had no women, and yet, if our memory serves us right, their days and nights were not altogether passed in halcyon simplicity, but, on the contrary, their camps were scenes of fighting, stabbing, gouging, shooting, lynching, and bloody murder generally.

On board ship they have no women to make mischief, and yet they are not altogether lamblike in their relations, living together in brotherly love and harmony. The soft answer is often a belaying pin, and the hand of fellowship is frequently at the end of a yard arm.

Now, if the opposite were a popular expression, that "there is a man at the bottom of every trouble," it would be much more difficult to disprove.

No, the oft-quoted saying, is a false, of poor, weak women.-Texas Siitings, hot to table

Raspberry vinegar will keep for years. Put a quantity of raspberries into a stone vessel and mash them to a pulp. Add cider vinegar (be sure that you get the genuine article) enough to cover it well. Let this stand in the sun for 12 hours and in a cool place over night. Stir up several times meanwhile. The next day strain and put in the jar as many berries as you took out: pour the strained vinegar over them; mash and set in the sun all day. The next day strain a second time. To each quart of this juice add a pint of water, and to every three pints of this liquid (juice and water mingled) add five pounds of the best white sugar. Put over a slow fire; heat very slowly, skimming as the scum rises, and as soon as it fairly boils take off the strain. Bottle while warm, and seal the cork with wax. A gill of this added to a glass of ice-water makes a most refreshing drink.

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CHOICE RECIPES.

Batter Pudding .- One pint of sweet ntilk, one pint flour, three eggs, a pinch of salt. Boil forty minutes in a pudding

Spiced Cake.—One and one-half cup butter, five cups flour, three eggs, two cups molasses, one teaspoonful cloves, one tablespoonful cinnamon. Drop on buttered tins and bake quickly.

Canned Corn.-Cut off the corn and mix salt with it until it can be plainly seen. Put away in closely covered stone jars; and when needed soak well before

Baked Omelet.-One and one-half cups of milk, scald and stir in two tablespoonfuls of flour, wet up in milk, half teaspoonful of salt, two tablespoonfuls of butter. When cool whip in four eggs, white and yelks beaten separately. Put in oven and bake 20 to 30 minutes. It makes a very handsome as well as agreeable dish.

Scalloped Cod Fish.-Take one pound of cod fish, picked and freshened; butter a pudding dish, put in a layer of fish, season with bits of butter and a sprinkling of cayenne pepper (or black pepper if preferred), a layer of bread crumbs, and so on until all the fish is in the dish. The top layer should be bread crumbs. Make several incisions with a knife, and pour into them as much milk (or cream if you have it) with one egg beaten and stirred into the milk as the dish will hold. Put bits of butter over the top and bake three-quarters of an hour This makes a very nice dish. Fresh cod or haddock can be used in the same

Fried Tomatoes.-Select the largest specimens; peel and cut into halves; have a batter made of flour, eggs, and sweet milk (if you haven't the milk, water will answer as well); dip the tomatoes in the batter and fry in lard or butter; have the lard or butter hot before putting in the tomatoes. Carry to the table and serve hot.

Tomatoes Raw, with Sugar.-Take nice, large, smooth tomatoes; peel and cut in three slices; sprinkle sugar over them and serve before the sugar dis-

Tomatoes Baked .- Take large, smooth tomatoes, and wash all grit or sand off of them; then put them in a pan whole and place them inside the stove; let them remain in the stove just long enough to get hot through and until the skin on them cracks; then take them out, peel and cut in halves; then place in a dish and put a layer of tomatoes and sprinkle salt and pepper over them, and a teaspoonful of butter; continue in layers as above until the dish is full. Carry to the table and serve while hot.

matoes, peel and cut them; place in a pan, and put in just enough water, or sweet milk if you have it; cook until done and sweeten with sugar and put in a little butter and mix well.

Potato Rolls.-One cup of potato mashed or whipped until smooth and light with two tablespoonfuls of butter and two cups of lukewarm milk, one tablespoonful of sugar, one scant cup of flour, one-half yeast cake dissolved in warm water, one teaspoonful of salt,an even ounce; mix these together, using but half the flour over night and leave to rise. Early in the morning work cowardly and contemptible one, and a in the rest of the flour, knead thoroughdisgrace to the whole male sex. It shows | ly and let rise for an hour and a half; that men are ashamed to assume the re- mold into small rolls, after the second sponsibility of their own evil deeds, and brisk, hard kneading set in a pan and let try to shuffle them off on the shoulders rise for an hour before baking. Send

Literary Note.

The June number of the Ladies Home Journal centains the opening chapters of a new domestic story, written for its columns by Harriet Prescott Spofford. Among other articles this number contains, "The Tea Table, and How to Make it Attractive," by Chris-tine Terhune Herrick. Mrs. Louisa Knapp, as editor of the Philadelphia Ladies' Home Journal, has met with remarkable success in building up that paper to a circulation of over two hun dred thousand paid subscribers in les than two years, by her rare tact and ge nius in catering to the home instincts of her sex, in the rich feast of good things set before her readers every month. The Journal is a perfect gem handsomely printed and illustrated, and employs only the best writers, such as Harriet Prescott Spotford, Marion Harland, Rose Terry Cooke, Mrs. Christine Terbune Herrick (Marion Harland's daughter), Mrs. J. H. Lambert, of Phila-delphia, Mary Abbott Rand, Helen Winslow, John's Wife, Clarissa Potter, Helen Ayre, Charity Snow and others.

—The N. Y. Journalist.

How a Married Woman Goes to Sleep

There is an article going the rounds entitled, "How the Girls Go to Sleep." The manner in which they go to sleep, according to the article, can't hold a candle to the way a married woman goes to sleep. Instead of thinking what she should have attended to before going to bed, she thinks of it afterward. While she is revolving these matters in her mind, and while snugly tucked up in bed, the old man is scratching his There is no fleeing from it-no escape; legs in front of the fire and wondering how he will pay the next month's rent. Suddenly she exclaims: "James, did you lock the door?"

"Which door?" says James. "The cellar door, says she.

"No," says James. "Well, you had better go down and We need the clouds and lowering days

lock it, for I heard some one in the back yard last night." Accordingly James paddles down the stairs and locks the door. About the

time James returns and is going to bed We have need of sorrow, and need of care; she remarks: "Did you shut the stair It sweetens our lives if we've pain to bear.

"No," says James.

get up into the chamber." "Let her come up then," says James

ill-maturedly. "My goodness, no!" returns his wife;

she'd suck the baby's breath.

Then James paddles down stairs again and steps on a tack, and closes the stair door and curses the cat, and Then why not take life as it comes along; returns to the bedroom. Just as he begins to climb in his wife observes: "I forgot to bring up some water; suppose you bring up some in the big tin.

And so James, with a muttered curse. goes down into the dark kitchen and falls over a chair, and rasps all tinware off the wall in search of the "big" tin, be no more letters in the box. To be and then jerks the stair door open and howls: "Where the deuce are the matches!"

where to find the matches, and adds the rain begins to come then we look for that she would rather go and get the the box to be full again. It is a good exwater herself than have the whole ample Eloise sets in keeping up her duty neighborhood raised about it. After to the Circle. When Aunt Hetty gives which James finds the matches, procures little lectures she means to give lessons the water and comes up stairs and and has no one in view while writing plunges into bed.

Presently his wife says: "James, now let's have an understanding about meant to be personal in talking of crumoney matters. Now, next woek I've elty to animals. We never had heard got to pay-"

pay, and don't care!" shouts James, as we could in any way help poor suffering he lurches around and jams his face animals that men so abuse we would

his wife, as she pulls the covers vie- wickedly cruel. We intend to influence iously; "you never think of the worry our young readers to be merciful and and trouble I have. And there is Ara- thoughtful to all helpless dumb creamanta, who, I believe, is taking the tures measles.

"Let her take 'em," says James.

but about the time James is falling into here in this part of the Pacific Coast we Stewed Tomatoes .- Gather your to- ribs and says: "Did you hear that scandal about Mrs. Jones?"

"Where?" says James, sleepily.

"Why, Mrs. Jones."

"Where?" inquires James.

getting more stupid every day. You home in as in Oregon or Washington. know Mrs. Jones that lives at No. 21? The climate and prospects for the future Well, day before yesterday Susan Smith growth is to be considered; then there told Mrs. Thompson that Sam Barker had said that Mrs. Jones had-"

Here she paused and listened. James is snoring in profound slumber. With pects are wonderful. The Japan cura snort of rage she pulls all the covers rent, as it is called, modifies the atmosoff him, wraps up in them, and lays phere, and though our latitude is high, awake until 2 A. M. thinking how badly yet this gives us our delightful tempershe is used. And that is the way the ate climate. married woman goes to sleep. Cincinnati Enquirer.

Ginger Beer for Harvest.

of the water, and strain through a cloth, baby that I ever saw; some mornings a teaspoonful of the essence of lemon, stairs before its mother wakes up. I keep for months."

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For The Children.

TAKE LIFE AS IT COMES.

BESSIR CLATTON.

Life is full of bitterness and wor; Full of unhappiness whichever way we go, Each one has his load of it to bear; Each one has of misery his share.

Sometime in life each one must wear the crape;

Must watch with breaking heart and tearful The flight of loved ones far beyond the skies,

But every cloud that passes o'er the sun Leaves it all the brighter when its mission's done.

As much as we need the sun's bright rays. If our lives are dark with griet and pain, In time they will be bright and the light will come again.

And just as the earth would be parched and

dry, "Well, if it is not shut the cat will If ever the storm-clouds rolled the sky, We, by continued joy and light, Would grow weary if never the night

Of sorrew and the clouds of grief Came into our lives; they should strengthen our belief

In H m who does all things for the best! Who always gives to the weary rest.

And not fret and bewail if it can't be all song The darkest cloud with silver is lined, Which sooner or later we're sure to find.

OUR LETTER BOX.

We are glad to hear from Eloise again; she must not think there are to sure there has been a seeming lack of interest, but it is only that the young folks are busy doing something else She gives him a minute direction these summer days. By and by when This week there came a letter where it was evident that the writer thought we of the people or of these cruel acts to "I don't know what you'll have to snimals they had perpetrated. But if against the wall; "all I want is sleep." write every week, and would call the Glassware, Crockery and "That is all very well for you," snaps names of those who were unkind and

Palouse river must indeed be dry if it is so low. Everywhere in the East peo-Hereupon she begins to cry softly, ple complain of heat and drouth, but gentle doze she punches him in the have no such heat, storms and cyclones. A wealthy gentleman now living in Sa- fore Buying Elsewhere. lem says he traveled for years to find a good place to settle, and says that taking all into consideration, there is no country in the United States that has "I declare," said his wife, "you are all the constituents to make a good is so little disease among animals, and scarce any noxious insects to fight against. Then the fruit growing pros-

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I will write once more; I would have written sooner but thought the little A correspondent of the California boys and girls had all quit writing to Rural Press contributes the following: the Letter Box. Our fruit has been "A very superior ginger beer is made ripening for some time so I am very with five pounds of white sugar, half a busy most of the time. Ma and I have Music as easily purchased at a pint of lemon juice, a quarter of a raised about one hundred chickens this pound of honey, five ounces of bruised summer; I raised one goose and two ginger, and four and a half gallons of little turkeys; I gave one to Grace, but water. Boil the ginger for half an hour they looked so much alike that I had to in three quarts of water; add the tie a red string around my turkey's leg sugar, lemon juice, honey and the rest to tell it from hers. We have the cutest When cold add the white of an egg and it slips out of bed and goes half-way up Let it stand four days and bottle. The took one trip off this summer, up to Pahoney gives it a peculiar softness, and louse City; it is about thirty miles from from not being fermented with yeast, it here. Palouse river looks more like a is less violent in its action when opened. creek than it does like a river—I believe It will be fit for use in a week, and will my old dog could wade across it. We could see the Cour d'Alene mountains beyond it quite plain. Our school will commence after awhile again-I am ence on the scalp, and for removing and going to try and get through my arith-

ELOISE BURFORD.

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