

FAITH'S VISTA.

When from the vaulted wonder of the sky The curtain of light is drawn aside, And I behold the stars in all their wide significance and glorious mystery...

Circus Man Before King Umbandini. It is not often that circus "artists" find their way into the realms of a South African chief...

A Gypsy Band from Russia. One result of Lord Randolph's visit to Russia, may be the advent in this country of the famous gypsy band which is known by the name of its leader and conductor, N. I. I. Shishkin...

Rushing Through College. But we cannot afford to imitate England in the matter of education. We have no leisure class. Everybody works. And boys rush through school and the higher schools...

Hard on Autograph Friends. Young ladies with a passion for autographs will not relish the arrangement which a number of the poets and authors and other celebrities of this and other countries have adopted...

Horseshoes for Bad Roads. The Germans have invented horseshoes for bad roads. This is how they do it. The blacksmith, when finishing a horse's shoe, punches a hole in the two ends...

Preservation of Forests. The preservation of forests from the depredations of insects and aphides is largely dependent upon the spiders that inhabit them...

Water Proof Book Bindings. A composition has been produced which may prove valuable to book binders, having for its purpose the rendering water proof of leather, cloth, paper, etc.

Market for Red Oak. A profitable market has been found for the poor, despised American red oak, that has been considered of no value at all.

She Thinks So Too. He—Do you know, Miss Mabel, I have discovered why my brain is so active? She—No, Mr. Minuswit, what is your theory? He—It is because I so often start a train of thought...

The World's Way. My friend, don't forget this—if you lie down, the world will go out of its way to drive over you; but if you stand up and look severe, it will give you half the road at least.

WOMAN AND HOME.

A SACRED PRIVILEGE THAT IS TOO OFTEN NEGLECTED.

Jonnie's Dainty Appetite—Talking to Invalids—The Jaded Wife—Kitchen Aprons—Romps—A Sulky Belle—The Teacher—Cheap Living—Notes.

An acquaintance of mine who had removed from Newport, R. I., to Cambridge, Mass., was asked what was the social difference. He said that he could perceive none except that there were fewer handsome equipages...

It would, of course, be very unfair to deny an ample supply of natural affections to those who habitually send out their young children with a nurse; there are many pre-occupations, many inconveniences, that may be in the way.

In the present case the "heroic" young mother who wheels her own baby wagon gains the felicity of the fresh air, to begin with; she shares the happy little cooings and pointings of her young charges; she is associated with its first contact with the world outside; she will never forget those sweet and simple associations...

Read the other day in a woman's essay, which had many good points in it, two assertions which seemed to me very wide of the mark. The first was that there is now hardly such a thing in America as a fresh, simple, unspoiled child; to which statement I should oppose the objection that there are at least a dozen of these rare beings in the one short street where I happen to dwell.

This criticism involves an injustice to those kindly and child loving natures who supply nine-tenths of our nurses—the Celts, the negroes—and one sometimes finds among them individuals of a quality so superior that they are wholesome and innocent companions for any child, and even ignorance forms no bar to a life long and genuine friendship.

I know a family whose sweet faced nurse was the admiration and envy of all who came to the house; it was nevertheless not intended for an instant that the power of punishing should be placed in her hands; nor was it discovered until weeks after she had left the family that she had been in the habit of taking her little charge privately into the pantry and putting mustard on her tongue...

Material for Kitchen Aprons. After trying many different materials for kitchen aprons I have decided that shirting gingham is the best. Being about three-quarters of a yard wide, one breadth answers very well, thus the time which would be spent in cutting breadths and sewing seams is saved.

The Tired Out Housemother. And when you go home at night and find her jaded and worn, think of some way in which to help her, instead of finding fault with your surroundings and hurrying harsh words at her, if you do not sometimes break the third commandment in your zeal to be euphantic.

On at least give a loving word, which is of more importance than you think for. You little dream how hungry she gets for some sign that life is not dead, although it may be so crusted with thoughtlessness and self that it is seldom seen.

Diet of Cake and Pickles. "My Jennie has such a dainty appetite I don't know what to do with her! She just won't eat anything but sweets and the like!"

At a dinner and reception a young married belle was in the sulks. She had founced herself into a chair, and turned her back on her husband, who was angrily red clear over the bald top of his head.

The Teacher's Responsibilities. Is it not the mother's business to know the skill of her child's teacher as well at least as that of the physician who prescribes for his sore throat or the tailor who measures him for his first pants?

Cheap Living. "As I told you the secret of cheap living is in having 'no margin for waste.' Now, in my system that is the corner stone. In the first place, every economical housekeeper should learn how to compose her dinners."

Dressing Well. Since dressing well stands for duty nothing excuses a self respecting person in any walk in life for offending by careless or slovenly attire; and the employer who allows his help to offend or the mistress who permits her servant to go about in soiled garments or unkempt hair, is himself or herself guilty of offense against others' rights and privileges.

Be sure that the water is at boiling point before putting into it the vegetables to be cooked. If it is cold or lukewarm the freshness and flavor will soak out into the water. Place the sauceman over the hottest part of your stove, so that it will boil as quickly as possible, and be careful that the boiling process does not cease until the contents are thoroughly cooked and ready to be dished.

When the plate is sent up for more meat send up your life and fork with it. It is a breach of good manners to retain it. In Germany, however, where the knife and fork are changed less frequently than with us, knife rests are often provided at each plate.

Hold raisins under water while stoning. This prevents stickiness to the hands and cleanses the raisins. Put the quantity of raisins needed in a dish, with water to cover; stonem them before removing from water.

For a sore throat there is nothing better than the white of an egg beaten stiff with all the sugar it will hold and the clear juice of a lemon.

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