

Neatness in Housekeeping. The following article, from the pen of Mrs. Henry Ward Beecher, appearing in the *Christian Union*, we recommend to the attention of all housekeepers: "Will you please tell me how large to make sheet and pillow tides, and how to arrange them? Also, how a woman, in poor health, two or three in the family, six cows, and no help, can keep anything neat and tidy?"

The Lion in the Desert. A Bedouin chief, named Hassan Mourad, was on one occasion proceeding to rejoin his tribe, from an excursion to a distant place. He was accompanied by his wife and two children. He himself was mounted on a splendid Arab steed, of great value, which an Egyptian traveler had given him in return for some signal service during a journey for great peril. His wife was mounted upon a camel, the child reposed in her arms; the older one rode behind her, clinging to the huge saddle to whose bows hung the large cooking and drinking vessels that were the invariable companions of their migratory movements. The Bedouin divided his praises between his steed, his horse, the docility and energy of his camel, and the beauty of his wife, who belonged to a tribe superior to his own.

AGRICULTURAL. TAINTED MILK.—Mr. X. A. Willard, in an address before the Ohio Dairyman's Association, devotes considerable attention to the subject of tainted milk. He says: "Perhaps the most prolific cause of bad milk in such instances, results from the cows drinking the water of stagnant pools, tramping through swamps of mud which are alive with filthy organisms of decomposing vegetable or animal matter."

Colorado Herdsmen. The Fort Collins correspondent of the *Denver Post* writes: "For ten days a hundred men have been sweeping every nook and corner of this country, gathering in, rounding up, and cutting out the stock. Men were there from Wyoming and various parts of Colorado, eagerly watching every round-up to catch a glimpse of the peculiar mark or brand, that should indicate an animal of their own number. They adopt a half military plan, by appointing a new captain for each separate round-up. Before disbanding, the following day, which is sometimes fifteen or twenty miles distant from the proceeding round-up. Early in the morning the herdsmen are seen straggling over the plains to every point of the compass, and from 10 o'clock A. M. until 4 P. M. they come straggling in from many directions, each with a herd of cattle, numbering from a dozen head up to sometimes several hundred. The men are dressed in the usual manner with denim, but during the process of heating up the curds a most intensely foul and disagreeable odor was emitted. The cheese-maker sent for Mr. Arnold and myself, and we went down to the factory to investigate. We found the curds that had been scalded, giving off a stench exceedingly offensive—a smell like that coming from a nasty mud hole stirred up and exposed to the air in hot weather. There was no mistaking the peculiar odor, and I suggested at once that some of the patrons were allowing their cows to slake their thirst from stagnant pools. He afterward traced the curd to its source, and found the trouble to come from one patron, who, after turning his cows to the after feed, had allowed them to cross a narrow slough, where particles of mud adhering to the udder and hair, and becoming dry, the dust entered the milk during the milking, and had introduced a most objectionable element into the curd. The milkman, by their multiplication, spoiled the milk. The patron had meant no harm. He had taken every precaution so far as his knowledge extended for the delivery of good milk, and on correcting the fault the trouble ceased. Another case is in point, and which occurred the past summer, 1871. Prof. Law, of Cornell University, got together with me, and the milkman. One day during the hot weather, he observed a peculiarity in the cream rising on the milk furnished by the milkman. It appeared to beropy, and on subjecting it to an examination under a powerful microscope, it was found to contain a large number of living organisms in different stages of growth. Pushing his investigation further, the Professor called upon the milkman to inquire concerning the management and keeping of his cows, and the manner in which the milk was cared for. Here he found, on looking over the premises, that the cows, for lack of good clean water—the season being unusually dry—were drinking from a stagnant pool in a muddy swale. Taking specimens of this water and examining it under the microscope, the same class of organisms was found as those in the milk. It was now pretty evident where the cause of the trouble lay; but to make the matter more clear, specimens of blood were taken from the cows and examined under the microscope, when these, also, were found to contain the same class of organisms.

Poetry of the Tale. Though some fastidious people may coincide in the opinion of that eminent poet who described a dislike for the prosaic duties of the table as a "dish of eating, even in the humblest household, may be rendered pleasant to every sense by observing a little care and taste in the garniture of the dishes and dining-table. *Scribner's Monthly* gives a few useful hints on this subject, and recommends, in the first place, a starched and smoothed table-cloth, which, if neatly folded after every meal, will look well for several days. The flowers and ferns in flat dishes, baskets, or small vases—or else a tiny nosegay laid upon every napkin. The salt must be pure and smooth. The butter should be moulded into criss-crossed diamonds, shells, or globes, with the paddles made for this purpose. A few pretty dishes will make the plainest table gleam; a small, bright-colored platter for pickles, horse-radish, or jelly; and butter-plates representing green leaves are also attractive. A few pennies' worth of parsley or cross, mingled with small scraps of white paper daintily clipped, will cause a plain dish to assume the air of a French entrée. A platter of hash may be ornamented with an edging of toast- or fried bread cut into points; and a dish of mutton chops is much more impressive with the bones stacked as soldiers stack their guns, forming a pyramid in the center—each bone adorned with a fill of cut paper. A few slices of cut lemon, mingled with sprigs of parsley and slices of hard-boiled eggs, form a pretty garnish to any dish; and nothing could be more appetizing than beef, veal, mutton, or lamb made into mince-meat, and pressed into form in a wine-glass, then fried in pork fat, with a sprig of green placed in the top of each little cone. The basket of fruit—peaches, pears, grapes or apples, oranges and bananas—should be tastefully arranged, and trimmed with leaves and flowers. The bowl of salad should be ornamented with the scarlet and orange flowers of the tropicolum, their piquant flavor adding zest to the lettuce, with which they can be eaten.

The Garden for Women. There is nothing better for women and daughters, physically, than to have the care of a garden; a flower-pot, if nothing more. What is pleasanter than to spend a portion of every passing day in working among plants and watching the growth of shrubs, trees, and plants, and to observe the opening of flowers from week to week, the sweet advances? How much it adds to the enjoyment to know that your own hands have planted and tilled them. This is a pleasure, and requires neither great riches nor profound knowledge. The wife or daughter who loves home, and would seek ever to make it the best place for husband and brother, is willing to forego some gossiping morning calls for the sake of having leisure for the cultivation of plants, shrubs, and flowers.

The Northern Pacific Trade. Among the great prizes of the world's commerce in future will be the control of the Northern Pacific trade and that of its dependencies on both continents. By a glance at a map of Mercator's projection, it will be seen that the continents of Asia and America converge toward the north, till at the Arctic Straits they are only forty miles asunder; and as the bulk of the population of both continents is projected far to the north, it is obvious to the most casual observer that, in the not remote future, the commerce of the Northern Pacific Ocean is to attain great extent and importance. The impulse that has been given to the public mind in this direction is chiefly due to the construction of the Union Pacific road, happily for the whole country already completed; and to the Northern Pacific road, now in rapid process of construction, under auspices that will insure like auspicious results. Few, however, comprehend the results that are to flow from the completion of the Northern Pacific road. By this route the two continents are brought about sixteen hundred miles nearer to each other than any southern point, and, considering the relative centres of population in each, it is probable that the northerly route is, in the end, to be the controlling one.

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Medical Guesswork.—The professional treatment of disease is in a great measure experimental. If one medicine fails another is tried, and sometimes this hit-or-miss practice is pursued until the resources of the faculty is exhausted. This, in the true sense of the word, is empiricism. But when the physician has made a valuable discovery, he is called by his profession a breithorn an empiric because he advertises the result of his labor and research. When Dr. Walker of California introduced his celebrated VINEGAR BITTERS as a remedy for a multitude of diseases, he struck a tremendous blow at the empirical system, as applied in our hospitals, and in private practice. He was soon apparent that his medicine was not a mere palliative or alleviative that only modified the symptoms of a disorder; but that it reached the very source of the malady in the blood and the secretions, and literally rooted it out. The process of renovation and disinfection went on together, vigor was imparted to the organs from which the virus of disease had been expelled. That such is the effect of this popular vegetable remedy, no one who has had opportunities of observing its operation in cases of liver complaint, indigestion, affections of the bowels, gout, rheumatism, and pulmonary disorders, can possibly doubt.

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