DOMESTIC.

AN ENGLISH WOMAN'S PLAN FOR WASHING.—I never use washing powders or dry soap for flannels or print dresses, etc. I use bicarbonate of soda for white flannels, and sometimes liquid ammonia with the soap, but the bicarbonate of soda will not injure the most delicate colors if the water is not too hot, as I strain the water through the hair sieve after doing the flannels. To wash the prints, etc., I don't use ammonia. For the flannels I never rub the soap, but have it all boiled, and I find from experience it answers better, and is much more economical. For dark woolen hose, dresses, blue serge suits, etc., never use soap, but boil for five minutes some bicarbonate of soda and wash with a machine, or rub with the hands, then rinse in clean water and stiffen with glue. I have all dark things dried as quickly as possible, mangle them in a towel before they are dry, and iron until they are on the wrong side. With regard to the buttons, I have all mine put on to dresses with rings. Linen buttons I do not take off; nightshirts I make to slip over the head, and have a stud for the neck. The day and dress shirts I make with a buttonhole at the back of the neck for a stud instead of a button, so that I never have the trouble of sewing buttons on the shirts when wanted. The white quilts I stitch round with the machine—old sheets too—and this makes them stronger, not so easily torn on the line, and it is never seen. Tablecloths might be done the same way.

Women Never Think.

If the crabbed old bachelor who uttered this sentiment could but witness the intense thought, deep study and thorough investigation of women in determining the best medicines to keep their familes well, and would note their sagacity and wisdom in selecting Hop Bitters as the best, and demonstrating it by keeping their familes in perpetual health, at a mere nominal expense, he would be forced to acknowledge that such sentiments are baseless and false.—*Picayune.*

POTTED SALMON.—Ever so many good things can be made with canned salmon, if you have any *sabe*. In old times, in the ship stores, there used to be only Scotch put-up salmon, but nowadays, it is the Columbia River that supplies the world. An old man, as I knowed, as good a sailor as ever sailed, was mighty fussy over his eating, and he first showed me how to make potted salmon out of the fish in cans. It is tip-top relish spread on a bit of bread. Take your salmon out of the can, and pick out bones, but mostly they are so soft as to do no harm. Just you pound them smooth in a mortar. Take that pounded fish and put it in a jar, which jar place in a pipkin with hot water. Bring up the water to a boil; when your fish is hot, say for a two-pound can, stir in a quarter of a pound of good butter and a teaspoonful of essence of anchovy: or you may take three anchovies and bruise them up fine and mix them in. It must be hot; so put in a salt-spoonful of Cayenne pepper and a shred of mace; chop your mace fine. Now you want a teaspoonful of Tarragon vinegar and a half dozen whole black peppers. Keep stirring the fish until it cools, and let it stay in the jar. If you want it to keep good over a week, melt a little beef suet, and when the fish is cold pour that over it.

AN ENORMOUS TRAFFIC.—Pittsburgh boasts that 849,746 bottles of CARBOLINE have been sold within the last six months. This shows that the great army of baldheads will soon be reduced to a corporal's guard.

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JUMBLES.—Two cups of butter, two of sugar, three eggs, flour enough to roll them out thin; spice to taste. When ready for the oven sprinkle over white sugar.

FAMILY GINGERBREAD.—Two cups of molasses, one cup of boiling water, two teaspoonfuls of soda, two-thirds cup of butter, two teaspoonful of ginger; stir as thick as will pour.

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BIRD'S NEST.—Boil eggs hard, remove shells, surround with force meat, fry or bake them until nicely browned cut in halves and place in the dish with gravy.

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THE mother of the late Lord Brougham had a servant who was specially unfortunate with crockery, but who at every misadventure was ready with the excuse, "It was crackit before." One morning Little Harry, the future Lord Chancellor, tumbled down stairs, and his mother in alarm ran to him, calling out, "Oh boy! have you broken your head?" "Well, mither," said the boy, "it was crackit before."

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WIT AND HUMOR.

MR. GOOBER was a gentleman who lived in the Mormon country. He had but one wife and never thought of taking any more till one day an elder tackled him and told him solemnly it was his religious duty to seal unto himself a few others. Mr. Goober went home and sadly informed his wife of what the elder had said, and Mrs. Goober said she would have no objection provided the elder would come round and argue the case with her piously. Goober told the elder, and the elder dropped around. He smiled sweetly as Mrs. Goober advanced to meet him. But, alas! that smile was his last—for a week or two. The next thing he was skipping around the room with his coat slit up the back and his hat knocked into pi, while Mrs. Goober whooped him up with the broomstick. He finally jumped out of a window and escaped with his life, a sadder and a wiser man. The next time he met Goober he told him he had had a celestial revelation by which he (Goober) was relieved of the necessity of taking any more wives. The one he had (Mrs. Goober) would count for almost a thousand in the New Jerusalem.

A FARMER in Fifeshire had occasion one day to send his man on some business to a neighboring farm. On his arrival there the good wife, with her usual hospitality, had him supplied with a substantial repast of cold bacon and oatmeal cakes. The bacon being more of a rarity to him than the oatmeal in any form, he confined his operations exclusively to it. The good woman, on observing this, again recommended the bread to his notice, when he replied with great energy, "No, faith, no, mistress, this is strong enough without bread."

SCENE: Augusta's boudoir. Lucy (holding an open letter in her hand). "Well, you see, dear, I only met him at Mount Desert this summer, and we did flirt desperately; but it's too absurd his writing to me now and proposing—now isn't it?" Augusta—"Awfully bold, I think; but then it's just like a man. Shall you accept him?" Lucy—"Well, I don't know what to do. He don't deserve it; but then he's awfully handsome, and, besides, I really think I would be a good wife. I can make splendid corn bread."

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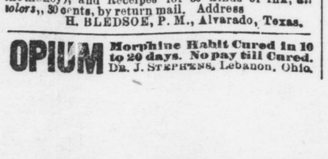

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Total Liabilities.....$5,533,161 57.
Surplus to Policy-Holders.....$1,415,977 83.

In this Surplus there is no Liability FOR STOCK CAPITAL, THE PENN BEING PURELY MUTUAL.

EXTRACTS FROM THE REMARKS OF THE EXAMINER.

JUSTICE TO POLICY HOLDERS.—"An Investigation of the dealings of the company with its policy-holders evinced a uniform intention to do justice to all parties, and the general management is STRICTLY IN THE INTEREST OF THE INSURED."

ACCURACY OF ACCOUNTS.—"Every item of the income and disbursement of the company was carefully examined, and we are satisfied the respective accounts have been correctly kept."

INTEREST RECEIPTS.—"The interest receipts show an excellent average rate of interest, largely in excess of the per cent. required by the State standard of policy valuations."

DEATH LOSSES.—"The death losses for 1879 were $358,361.39, while the tabular mortality provides for $506,358. In other words, the Company has made a net saving of $131,477 from the sums which its premiums provided for the current losses."

EXPENSES.—"The percentage of total expenses of management to total receipts is not high, and leaves a large net balance to the credit of policy-holders."

ASSETS.—"All the mortgaged properties were carefully inspected and valued by parties selected by the Department as personally acquainted with values in their respective localities. * * * * * Loans made in cash to policy-holders on their policies were verified in detail, and the reserve value in each case was found to be largely in excess of the amount loaned. * * * * Stocks and bonds owned absolutely by the Company were carefully examined, the fact of the Company's title thereto verified and the securities were allowed as assets at their respective market value December 31, 1879. * * * The cash accounts were duly verified, and satisfactory evidence found that the Company had in banks and on hand the sum claimed."

"*THE ABILTY AND READINESS OF THE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES TO FURNISH FULL INFORMATION AS TO ALL BRANCHES OF THE COMPANY'S BUSINESS HAVE GREATLY REDUCED THE LABOR OF EXAMINATION; AND THE WORK HAS BEEN MATERIALLY FACILITATED BY THE ACCURACY AND FULLNESS OF THE MORTGAGE AND REAL ESTATE RECORDS, THE SKILLED SYSTEM IN THE ACTUARY'S DEPARTMENT AND THE GENERAL EXCELLENT BOOK-KEEPING OF THE COMPANY.*"

As the Insurance Commissioner omits from the Assets of the Company certain items which are not immediately available in the payment of losses, the above surplus is somewhat less than that claimed by the Company.

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