THE MASTERY OF LOVE.

He unlocked my bosom
And took my heart from me.
Now my heart is subject Everywhere I go.

Be a gentle master, Love,

To one who loves you so.

In a few days and weeks. In a few months or years, Love brought me sorrow. And the salt, salt tears.
Oh. Love, come with laughter,
Or, Love, come with woe.
Deal but gently with the heart
That leans upon you so.

The bee's wing is fragile.
The lark's egg is small.
That you took was little.
But it was my all. Bear the captive where you will, To high estate or low, But be a gentle master. Love, To one who loves you so.

-Dora Read Goodale, in Harper's Weekly.

MR. BELCHER'S PIES.

All men, or nearly all, have an idea that housekeeping is one of the easiest things in the world. I thought so myself once, but I think so no longer, having had a sad experience in one of its de-partments. I now look upon a house-keeper as a long-suffering, patient creature. Her work is never done simply be-cause it is forever undoing itself again.

My wife was slowly recovering from a long and severe illness; our girl had left without any warning a week before Thanksgiving, and as we lived about twenty miles out of Boston, it was next to an impossibility to get another. I had managed to keep things going, although the bill of fare was rather monotonous, steak, toast and tea appearing more frequently than we desired. Not that we had such a fondness for steak, but is so

easy to cook.

We were congratulating ourselves on the fact that we had invited no one to share our Thanksgiving dinner, when the Tuesday before Thanksgiving day my wife received a note from a young cousin in Boston, announcing that she would spend Thursday with us, as we had asked her so many times to vist us whenever she got an opportunity.

She further said that she was longing for a piece of good mince pie; never except in dreams had she tasted such delicious mince pies as "dear Martha"

After reading this gushing epistle to me, "dear Martha" said,-

"Now, Joe Belcher, what on earth am I to do? I like Jenny very much, but I wish she wasn't coming this week, of all times. She will arrive here at ten o'clock Thursday morning, and we can't give her steak to eat every time she comes to the table. However, for Thursday's dinner you might manage to cook a turkey and some vegetables, if you will do just as I tell you; but oh, dear! what shall I do about the mince pies? I would not offer Jenny a Thanksgiving dinner without them.

"Why don't you buy some at the bake shop?" I suggested. A glance of withering scorn rewarded

"Just what a n.m would say, and yet they are the first to rail at baker's trash. Mince pies, of all pies in the world, must be well made, and, you know, I have al-

ways prided myself upon mine."
Although I had been so severely snubbed, with all the bravery or conceit of my sex I came to the front once more.
"Now Martha," I said cheerfully, "you write explicit directions for making

mince pies, and I will try my hand." Peals of laughter were the only reply

she gave me for a second, then : "Why, Joe, you make mince pies! Oh, what fun! You know you have burnt the steak to a cinder every day, and yesterday when you tried to make a cake to surprise me, it looked more like a square of yellow flannel than anything. I don't believe you ever saw a pie being made."
"You forget, my dear," I answered

blandly, "that the first day I made love to you, you were making mud pies." No notice was taken of this brilliant

remark. Martha was deeply thinking, with a very downcast countenance. "Well," with a sigh, "it is the only thing to be done. We must have mince

pies. Just give me paper and pencil and I will write the directions. You get the meat and put it on to boil, and then I will help you stone the raisins; but this will be the first time I made mincemeat one day and used it the next.

Under her directions, which were some-times difficult to follow, I managed to get the mincemeat "fairly good" as Martha said.

It was nearly twelve o'clock before I laid my aching bones to rest, and dreamed all night that somebody was flogging me, and that I was to be buried in mincemeat. I did not exactly "rise with the lark," in fact, it was after nine next morning when I awoke. How I envied the men who had nothing to do but get up, and saunter down to breakfast and read the papers. To have to get one's own breakfast is anything but bliss; but when pie paste to be made stares one in the face, it is enough to make a saint

Martha was rather low in her mind about it.

"The paste is the worst part," she said. "I am so afraid it won't be short, and

tough pie paste is awful."
"Dou't worry," I said. "I think the hardest part is done."

Armed with my recipe I descended to the kitchen. The order and cleanliness of that apartment needs no description, when you hear that I had reigned supreme there for a week. I think I can safely say every dish and pan in the house was full or dirty. I put on an apron, got the paste board and roller out, then proceeded to mix flour. water, butter, and salt together. What could be easier than that? My hopes went up, and I began to whistle "Annie Rooney. When it was, as I thought, all right, I put it on the board and began to roll it

It stuck to the board, to the rolling pin and to my hands. What could be the matter? I must look at the recipe. Where did I put it? At last I found it, but there was nothing in it about stick-

At last I went to the door and called to Martha and explained the situation.

"Why," she said, "you must put flour on the board, and not have it too wet." Whe I went back to the scene of ac-tion I found that the flour had the desired effect. I gayly rolled it out, and then paused. What next? The paste on the board was about the size of, and resembled, the continent of North America. I found the recipe and read on it, "Have your pie plates greased and in

"Well, if that isn't like a woman!" I thought. "If I ever write a cook book, I shall head every recipe, 'Have your pan greased in readiness.' The idea of put-ting the thing which should come first,

Well, after getting the two plates, I came back and found that my paste had shrunk to the size of the State of Rhode Island, and when I got it on the plate, a two-cent postage stamp would have covered the whole business. I stretched it out, put the mincemeat in, got the cover

on, and popped it into the oven.

I rested a bit before I tackled pie number two, and gazed on the festive scene. Flour was scattered in every part of that kitchen, and every time my back was turned, Pickles (the cat) helped himself

Well, I started in again, but with not quite so much energy and hopefulness as before. I went through the shrinking experience, and only had enough to cover the bottom of the plate. However, I put the mincement in, and put that pie in the oven. People make squash pies without a cover, then why not mince

I called out to my wife: "Martha, you were afraid that the paste wouldn't be short enough, weren't

"Yes, Joe. What is the matter?"
"Nothing. You needn't be afraid no longer; the paste was so confoundedly short that the second pie had to go into the oven bald-headed.

SPRING ARBOR DAYS.

His Excellency, Governor Pattison, having designated Thursday, April 14th, and Friday, May 6th, as Arbor Days, in accordance with the request of the Legislature, the attention of school Superintendents, Directors and Teachers is invited to the fact.

No school in Pennsylvania can afford to ignore a day commended to it by both the Legislative and the Executive branches of government, by the greatest educational body in the Unitel States, the National Educational Association-in 1884, at Madison, Wisconsin-and observed in thirtynine States and Territories. This concurrence of opinion at once indicates that a proper observance of the day must be of great educational value even where the school grounds may be as full as they ought to be of trees, shrubs and vines.

A little reflection will convince a teacher that the day is needed by his school. The prime ends of education are character and power. The refining of character through intimate acquaintance with the vegetable world needs no comment. Her process and products awaken the admiration of the superficial observer, and command the revererce of the most profound. The great modern innovation is the introduction of Bacon's method into the school room. The children are to be educated not away from their surroundings but into sympathy with them, and thus into the ability to use them advantageously. It is well, too, for the school when the pupils find that, once at last, it moves in accord with the feelings aroused by the genial sunshine, the smell of the fresh earth, the balmy breeze, the budding spring. The day is to be observed primarly to stimulate the children in all their powers of thought, feeling and purpose, through the incomparable agency of the vegetable world. It is to be observed to promote the attractiveness of our surroundings and the love of home and of country. It is to be used to in-terest the people in the protection of Nature in her efforts to reclothe the mountains and waste places, and to interest them in economic tree planting. It has already promoted the planting of thousands of acres, in our own and neighboring States, tens of thousands upon Cape Cod and elsewhere, and hundred of thousands in the treeless regions of the Great West.

Newspapers may be invited to aid the work by publishing selections in prose and v rse appropriate to the day, by suggesting what and how to plant, and by arousing the public to consider the interests represented. The excellent Arbor Day Manual, by Asst. Supt. Charles R. Skinner, of New York, wnich is published by Weed, Parsons & Co., of Albany, is the largest work yet prepared. Arbor Day Leaves, by N. H. Egleton, of the Division and Forestry of the United States Department of Agriculture, published by the American Book Company, and a circular upon the Celebration of Arbor Day, issued by the United States Bureau of Education, are excellent aids. The United States Department of Agriculture, has also issued from the Forestry Division, Circular No. 5, entitled, "Arbor Day Planting in East-ern States" This answers the questions, What and Howto plant, and can be had, as can that upon the celebra-

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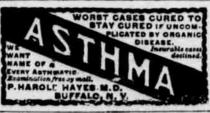


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