



ART IN THE HOUSEHOLD.

How to Make the Dining Room Bright and Cheerful and Restful to the Eye.

All authorities agree that surroundings have much to do with digestion, and as much of human happiness depends upon digestion, it is certainly our duty to bend our efforts toward making the dining-room as bright and pleasant as possible.

An east exposure is a very good one, as one gets the pretty morning sun and none of the hot afternoon sunshine. We cannot always decide these things for ourselves, but we can usually do much in overcoming disadvantages by care in furnishing. If the dining-room is a dark room which the sun's rays cannot enter, it is not a difficult matter to make sunshine from the inside. We know that the shades of yellow bring suggestions of sunshine to our minds, so here we have our first idea. Let the walls be yellow, using several shades, but being careful to keep clear of the lemon or pumpkin shades. Have the woodwork a soft creamy white enamel. A green carpet looks well in a room like this, but great care must be exercised in combining these two colors. There are beautiful carpets and rugs in the rich shades of yellow running into the nut brown which have a dash of red in them. Such a carpet would be particularly effective in a yellow dining-room. Some of the ingrains have beautiful brown effects, which would be most pleasing as well as inexpensive.

The Flemish oak finish, mahogany or dark shades of oak are the best woods for furniture. If you are furnishing anew, do not select one of the heavy sideboards, unless you can afford a very handsome one. There are so many less clumsy little buffets and tables which make a far better appearance for less money. For pictures, avoid the print pictures which one sees in so many dining-rooms. Depend more upon fancy plates and odd dishes for wall decorations than upon pictures. The pictures you have should be those that rest the eye and



A CHEERFUL DINING-ROOM.

bring a quieting influence. The beer steins or mugs make very effective decorations for dining-rooms. They can be bought for a very moderate sum, for really good designs.

If you can manage it, always have a blossoming plant or a green fern for the table, as they add so much. There are a number of inexpensive little mossy-like ferns which will flourish under most unpromising conditions. Have your curtains clean, and even though they be of the most inexpensive of muslins they will add much to the room. The coarsest and commonest table linen can be kept clean and white, and care should always be taken to have everything put on the table carefully and not thrown down any way. Just now there is a preference for all white centerpieces, but this is a matter best decided by personal taste.—Radford Review.

Old-Time Cabbage Salad.

A good old-fashioned cabbage salad is made of one head each of cabbage and celery. Chop fine, mix well together and sprinkle with a tablespoonful of salt. Into a double boiler put two tablespoonfuls of butter, and one teaspoonful of flour. Blend, then add a generous half cupful of cider vinegar, a tablespoonful of sugar, a teaspoonful of mustard, the beaten yolks of two eggs and lastly three tablespoonfuls of cream. Cook, stirring constantly until thick and smooth. Add a dash of cayenne, pour over the cabbage and stand away to get cool. Just before serving add a little whipped cream.

Vegetables with Roast Goose.

The vegetables to be served with roast goose are boiled or mashed potatoes, mashed yellow turnips or winter squash, apples stewed without sugar, or cranberry jam, boiled onions, pickles and dressed celery should be served fowl.

Division of Labor.

"There's nobody can say we don't live well," remarked Mr. Pheer. "We nearly always have oatmeal and mackerel for breakfast."

The Story Tellers.

"Doesn't it jar you when a woman tries to tell a funny story?" "Not so much as when some men try. A woman never attempts to use the Irish dialect when she doesn't know how."—Philadelphia Press.

DAINTY LITTLE GIFTS.

How to Make a Number of Pretty and Useful Trifles at Merely Nominal Expense.

New ways of using crape paper for decorative purposes are always suggesting themselves to the imaginative mind. One of the latest is a twine-holder made from a little doll dressed in the figured paper. It makes a very pretty and useful gift, and is at the same time inexpensive. A 25-cent doll, half a roll of crape paper, a ball of twine and a couple of yards of ribbon are the only requirements.

Remove the legs from the doll and sew firmly to the end of the body a little silk bag just large enough to hold the twine ball loosely. Then dress the doll in a big, full skirt and two full capes. Fasten the capes at the neck with a long bow of ribbon. A jaunty little hat, made of tufted crape paper and trimmed with ribbon bows, adds



DOLL TWINE HOLDER.

to the finishing touch. Sew the hat to the head and leave a one long loop of ribbon by which to hang to the wall. Dolls dressed in the crimson crape paper are very pretty, and look well with black ribbons. Larger dolls made with two twine bags, to hold string of two sizes, are very useful. These always sell well at church fairs.

A pretty ribbon blotter for a ladies' writing table can be made by covering a piece of stiff cardboard the size that the blotter is intended to be with silk or some prettily colored linen. Then cut six sheets of blotting paper a fraction smaller than the pad and fasten them to it with broad bands of satin ribbon, embroidered in some dainty pattern. The ribbon should be firmly sewed down so that it will hold the blotters, but must not be drawn so tightly that soiled blotters cannot be removed and new replaced. A big bow of ribbon of any color may be tied on one side, which adds to the richness of this gift.

Frames are always welcome gifts, and they can be made in so many forms that they are almost sure to suit all tastes. A new and very pretty one is made of Japanese crash, and decorated with a design cut from a wall paper and applied. In all cases it is better when making a home-made frame to have the form cut by a regular framemaker. It only costs a few cents and is so much more satisfactory, as it is almost impossible to get the edges regular without the proper machines, and nothing could look worse than an uneven frame. Japanese crash costs about a dollar a yard, and one yard will cover a dozen frames of cabinet size. The large designs in the wall paper with a decided coloring are the most effective for applying. If the gowers and leaves are carefully cut out they can be so arranged as to form a very pretty spray, and, if well done, they will look just like a water color. Sometimes a wall paper is found rich enough to make the entire covering for a frame. These are usually improved by having the back washed in with a little water color. Blotters and scrap baskets made in the same way are equally effective. The frames, if intended for steady use, should all be bound and glassed. They will last indefinitely, and cannot be injured by dust.—Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

A FEMININE WEAKNESS.

The Claims of Scores of American Women to Aristocracy Are Childish and Ridiculous.

Perhaps the fetish to which we women attach the most undue importance is social position, writes "An American Mother," in the Ladies' Home Journal. "We set out with the creed that we are all equal, and then spend much of our lives in struggling to force our way into some petty circle which is barred against us, or to bar our own against some of our neighbors. Nothing could be more ridiculous than the many foundations on which we Americans base our claims to aristocracy. The belief is almost universal that the possession of a certain enormous number of millions constitutes a caste which stands on the level of royalty. But short of these stupendous heaps of gold, money does not always command precedence here, especially in our small towns and villages. We are all of us ready with our gibe at the new rich as if our own blood had been pure as that of Daimio for a thousand years. Our claims to high caste are often based upon some mythical judge or baronet far in the dim past; or that we live in the most pretentious house in the village. I have known the possession of a Grecian portico to give social ascendancy to one family over a town full of neighbors, plebeian only in that they had no porches at all. So vague yet so strenuous are our ideas of caste."

To Make Gravy Palatable.

If the gravy is very fat take some of it off; put the pan over the fire, let it become hot, then stir it into a thin batter. An old fowl is fit for nothing but soup.



SMALL GREENHOUSE.

Suitable for Premises Where the Slope of Land is Not Right for the Ordinary House.

A profitable greenhouse for a farm or village place where the slope of land is not right for the ordinary sidehill house on a south incline may be made on the plan of the one operated by Ellis Haynes, Middlesex county, Mass. This house is 100 feet long by 20 feet wide. It runs southwest and the roof has two equal glass slopes facing the northwest and southeast. It runs across the slope of a side hill, with a gentle slope to the northwest. Upon the upper or southeast side the ground comes nearly to the foot of the glass,



GREENHOUSE ON SLOPING GROUND.

while on the opposite side earth is banked up to about the same height. Thus the part of the house below the glass is protected by earth on both sides and is very easy to heat. The roof and one end are of glass, single thickness, 11x24 inches. At the other end is located the building containing the office with the hot water heater in the basement. Hot water overhead pipes are used.

The crop grown is cucumbers. These are grown on benches raised from the surface. Mr. Haynes thinks they would do as well on solid earth. He finds the cucumber crop most profitable of any, returning him from \$500 to \$1,000 per year and averaging from \$700 to \$800. Two years ago the crop sold for \$1,000 and his coal cost him \$105. The house and heating apparatus cost \$1,500. Mr. Haynes has had better success with his cucumbers than many of his neighbors, some of them having made an entire failure of the crop.—Orange Judd Farmer.

FIGHTING THE BORERS.

Good, Clean Cultivation Is Better Than All Washes and Dressings That Can Be Applied.

There are many orchards that have suffered a heavy, and unnecessary loss during the last summer from the attacks of borers. Many farmers do not notice that there is anything wrong with the trees until the leaves turn yellow and begin to fall in midsummer. After this stage has been reached there is little hope for a tree and it dies before frost. A glance at the tree will be sufficient to see that the bark on the trunk is dead and black in irregular spots and lines. Just beneath the dead bark is the borer's burrow filled with worm dust. The borer is too familiar to require description. He works up and down the side of the tree and finally burrows to the center. When two or three burrows get into the same tree, the trunk is girdled and the tree is killed. In many cases the borer works on only one side of the tree.

If a large spot of bark is killed, the bark and woods begin to rot and are soon filled with a mushroom growth. This mushroom breaks through the bark of the tree and develops the fruiting portion on the outside of the trunk. The fruiting part is white and resembles that which is seen on rotten logs. If the tree dies the rot is then supposed to be the cause of its death. The rot may hasten the death of the tree, but a tree that is sound and free from blemishes is very seldom if ever attacked by this rot.

The best thing to do is to keep the tree free from borers and other injuries. The land should be kept free from grass and weeds and well cultivated. Good, clean cultivation is worth more than all the washes and dressings that can be applied to prevent borers.—Farmers' Review.

Unprofitable Dairy Cows.

One of the hardest things to get farmers to do is to cull out from their herds the unprofitable cows. The dairyman that carries on his business in a thoroughly scientific manner will be all the time culling out the animals that he believes to be unprofitable. Some of the heifers that are kept year after year in the hope that they may develop milking qualities. Yet some of these are so ill-formed in their udders that it can be easily seen that they can never be good milkers or profitable in any sense. If they are used for breeders they are not likely to produce offspring that will be profitable. The animals that are unprofitable must be hunted out and disposed of.—Farmers' Review.

Drainage for Creameries.

Creameries should be so located that drainage will be perfect. Then the drains or drainage pipes should be carried so far that the slops will go into some stream or onto soil that will absorb it. At any rate the scent from it should not get back to the creamery. It is better to so dispose of the drain that it will be placed permanently out of sight. While the creamery men are looking after the sanitation of the creamery let them be sure also that they do not create a nuisance near the dwellings or business places of other people.—Farmers' Review.

Deafness Cannot Be Cured

by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube gets inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases of ten are caused by catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Deafness (caused by catarrh) that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars, free.

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A Biblical Joke.

"When a man has a family of growing children he learns lots of things that, while they may be old, are new to him," said a prominent member of the Produce exchange. "One of my youngsters sprang a riddle on me which runs this way: 'Who was a well-known Biblical character never named in the Bible, whose death was the most peculiar in history, whose shroud is a part of every household, and the cause of whose death was the subject of a widely-read novel?' I'll wager none of you fellows can give me the answer." Not being students of Biblical lore, they all gave it up. "The wife is the character," went on the proud parent. "That's the only name by which she is known in the Bible. She was turned into a pillar of salt, consequently her shroud is in every household. Her death resulted from looking backward, the title of Belshazzar's famous book. Rather ingenious, don't you think?"—Philadelphia Record.

"Will you be satisfied with love in a cottage?" he asked. "Yes," she replied, confidently, for she had heard that the cottage was located at Newport.—Philadelphia Record.

"Of course, John," said his wife, "I'm obliged to you for this money, but it isn't nearly enough to buy a fur coat." "Well," replied the brutal man, "you'll have to make it go as far as you can."—Philadelphia Press.

Floss—"I did a very tiresome thing to-day; I read all the magazine advertisements." Ida—"I did something twice as tiresome." Floss—"You did?" Ida—"Yes; I read all of the magazine poetry."—Philadelphia Record.

"I wonder why Kaleacre puts all his savings under his pillow every night?" "Reckon he wants people to know that he has enough money to retire on."—Philadelphia Record.

"What kind of a man is this John Smith?" "Oh, he's the kind that thinks he can hold on to his umbrella by having his name engraved on the handle."—N. Y. Evening World.

There is a Class of People

Who are injured by the use of coffee. Recently there has been placed in all the grocery stores a new preparation called GRAIN-O, made of pure grains, that takes the place of coffee. The most delicate stomach receives it without distress, and but few can tell it from coffee. It does not cost over 1 cent as much. Children may drink it with great benefit. 15 cts. and 25 cts. per package. Try it. Ask for GRAIN-O.

A Completed Job.

Hicks—When D'Auber went to Paris a year ago he told me he was going to become a finished artist. How is he getting on?

Wicks—He's quit. The committee of the salon rejected his masterpiece and that finished him.—Somerville Journal.

A Remedy for the Grippe.

Physicians recommend KEMP'S BALSAM for patients afflicted with the grippe, as it is especially adapted for the throat and lungs. Don't wait for the first symptoms, but get a bottle to-day and keep it on hand for use the moment it is needed. If neglected the grippe brings on pneumonia. KEMP'S BALSAM prevents this by keeping the cough loose and the lungs free from inflammation. All druggists, 25c and 50c.

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