

Seven Scenes in the Life of a Woman.

A woman is carefully putting her favorite doll to bed. With tender solicitude she carefully removes each dainty garment and fastens on the tiny night gown. Then, with a fond kiss, she hugs her treasure to her and places it in its little cradle.

A fair maiden stands before her looking glass adding the last touches to her evening toilet. Her lover will soon be here! Her eyes are full of innocent love-light! She looks eagerly at her reflection in the glass!

A young wife sits anxiously watching for her husband. At each approaching footstep her heart beats rapturously and then grows heavy with disappointment!

A mother is rocking her baby to sleep. He looks at her gravely while they move to and fro, as if asking why the bright sunshine must leave and the ugly shadows hide her dear face from him.

There is a wealth of wisdom in his great sweet eyes! He bids tightly to her dress as if to keep her near him!

A woman kneels by a fresh-made grave. The headboard stares coldly at her and seems to say over and over again the words inscribed upon it: "He was her only child and she was a widow."

With tear-laden eyes she bends down lower and lower, till her lips rest upon the earth. She longs to kiss the quiet form it is hiding from her!

A care-worn old woman sits watching the shadows come—they are friends to her—friends that she welcomes—

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In olden times in many portions of Europe, rose water was an indispensable seasoning for most delicate dishes, and roasts meats were never eaten without a large quantity of that esteemed liquid essence.

It will be remembered by your readers that the last Napoleon showed a special fondness for his roses at Fontainebleau, of which he knew every one. The empress shared this fancy, and hence it was that the Prince of Wales presented her, during the last empire, a magnificent basket of gold which contained every known rose.

From the article entitled "Hard Times in the Confederacy" in the September, 1864, we quote the following: In August, 1864, a private citizen's coat and vest, made of five yards of coarse homespun cloth, cost two hundred and thirty dollars exclusive of the price paid for the making.

Remember that one of the most important points in the care of farm horses is to feed regularly. If you drive your horse until mid afternoon before he gets his noon meal you may expect a lank looking animal the next day.

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The Longest and Shortest Livers.

It appears that the most refined and polished nations have no prominence over savage tribes in longevity. Leaving out causes of destruction inseparable from the habits of barbarous races, the Africans and Indians often attain extreme old age.

King and Empress. Out of two hundred Roman and German Emperors only four lived to the age of eighty years. The same holds good with Ecclesiastical representatives. Out of over three hundred Popes only five arrived at the age of 80.

The most extraordinary instances of longevity are to be found only among those classes of mankind who, amidst bodily labor and in the open air, lead a simple life agreeable to nature, such as farmers, gardeners, hunters, soldiers and sailors.

How to Make Cucumber Pickles. The first pickles are always the best. Select plump, freshly picked cucumbers, of any size desired. Take water enough to cover them well; add salt enough to make a brine that will bear up a potato until it can be seen above the surface of the brine, about the size of a ten cent piece; pour this boiling hot over the cucumbers—do not cover them, but when cold lay something on that will keep them under the brine, as those that do not will become soft; leave them twenty-four hours, then drain them and cover with boiling water; let them stand also twenty-four hours, keeping them under the water.

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Words of Wisdom.

The best excuse for having money, idleness is the burial of the living man. Hearts can be young in spite of gray hair. Praise a man while he lives if he deserves it. Show us no substance; realities govern men.

To a gentleman every woman is a lady in right of her sex. Every thought which piety throws into the world alters the world. He who takes the child by the hand takes the mother by the heart. True nobility scorns to trample upon a worm or sneak to an emperor.

Great good is often accomplished merely because it is not attempted. Ability is of little account without opportunity. Make the opportunity. Industry has annexed thereto the fairest fruits and the richest rewards. A nation is a nation to be made by laws. The pleasures of understanding are preferable to those of imagination and sense. There is nothing so strong or safe as any emergency of life as the strict truth.

Sometimes a noble failure serves the world as faithfully as a distinguished success. It takes very little brain and much less piety to constitute a first-class grumbler. Do you love life? Then do squander time, for that's the stuff it's made of. Kind words are the brightest flowers in earth's existence—they make a paradise of the humblest home.

All virtue lies in individual action, in inward energy, in self-determination; the best books have most beauty. If your wife wants a "allowance," give her your whole income. She will save more out of it than you can. To most men experience is like the stern lights of a ship which illumine only the track which has been passed over. The greatest obstacle to being brave is the doubt whether one may not be going to prove one's self a fool; the truest heroism is to resist the doubt. It is wrong use of your understanding to make it the rule and measure of another man's use which it is neither fit nor capable of. You may depend upon it that he is a good man whose intimate friends are all good, and whose enemies are characters decidedly bad. Civilization is to have solved the problem how we may best avail ourselves of our opportunity and enjoy the beautiful world in which we live. No man has a prosperity so high or firm but two or three words can dishearten it. There is no calamity when light words will not begin to redress. Teach self-denial and make its practice pleasurable, and you create for the world a destiny more sublime than ever issued from the brain of the wildest dreamer. We should rule ourselves with a firm hand. Being our own master means often that we are at liberty to be the slaves of our own follies, caprices and passions. Generally speaking, a man cannot have a more tyrannical master than himself. Let no man despair say, "I am but one." In his unity, as in the unity of a word, his might. If his mind be true, his singleness is strength; he may be multiplied, indeed, but he cannot be divided. Minorities of one, have generally done the real work of mankind. In all our efforts to subdue ignorance and vice, to aid the feeble, to raise the fallen, to restore the erring, to relieve the oppressed, we need to look far deeper than the surface facts of the actual evils we would banish. "What is the source?" should be our constant inquiry; and against that, when we have found it, should our chief efforts be always directed. Gloss for Collars. To starch and iron collars so as to have a good gloss requires the skill that comes from practice. Add a little cold water to two tablespoonfuls of good starch and rub to a smooth paste with a spoon; pour boiling water slowly upon the starch, stirring briskly to prevent lumping. When mixed smooth add a little salt and a piece of mutton tallow or white wax the size of a hard nut. Many good laundresses add also, tablespoonful gum arabic solution (made by pouring water upon white gum arabic and letting it stand till clear, and then through three minutes. Use starch scalding hot and rub it thoroughly through the linen so that no lumps are left on the surface. After drying the collars, dip them, an hour or so before ironing, into cold starch made by dissolving a tablespoonful of starch in a pint of water, warm, but not hot enough to scald the starch. Roll them up in a clean towel and before ironing rub over with a fine damp cloth, from which and polish with a polishing iron on a bosom board.

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