

THE WAY SHE MADE THE CAKE.

My ruler? Why certainly! It's queer— But no one ever asks me for my ruler. (How much to use—how long to bake— I've given it to about nine, if you wish.) My knack there's no one seems to get.

THE PEDLAR'S ESCAPE.

BY WILLIAM PERRY BROWN.

"Seems like I'm always uneasy about the old man," said the aged wife, turning to the heavily bearded pedlar who sat upon the door-step. "And especially since the Revenoo carried off our only son to the penitentiary, years ago. Poor Clem! He's dead now."

LIFE OF A PERSIAN GIRL.

Her eyes are as black as sloes. Of course they are black, for blue eyes are considered unlucky in Persia. Her skin is a rich, warm, delicate brown that overlays the round, plump features, tinged with a tint of rose where the dimples are, or should be, the silky hair is dark as the plume of the raven that crowns the head of the little girl baby, who was born but yesterday in that quaint dwelling at the foot of Mount Elborz.

THAT INTERROGATION POINT.

It is the bug-bear of all small men and maidens, reaching out for answers to their numerous whys. But there is no pause in a woman's life more important than the one which this minister to the growing needs of the young minds reaching toward her for direction and support, as the young tendrils of vine start put out to seek a support to sustain their growth.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT.

All news spread fast. Envy looks through a microscope. Men are what their motives make them. What everybody praises wants close watching. A wise man is never less alone than when alone. No one is positively proof against temptation. He that lacks time to mourn lacks time to mend. Live with wolves and you will learn to howl. The first blue-bird is the one we notice most. The dandelions are the spun gold of spring-time. Benevolence without judgment begets pauperism. The beautiful hidden virtues are the most lovely. Religion never was designed to make our pleasures less. Filtration is ably defined as attention without intention. Open defeat is better than underhanded victory. News is anything that the general public ought to know. A contented wife is apt to have a contented husband. The truest joy we have in life is in making others glad. The man who is his own worst enemy has a fool to overcome. Every time the Lord makes a woman he changes the pattern. Some men are balloonists by profession; other by inflation. He who will not answer to the rudder must answer to the rocks. Men need moral courage more than they do higher foreheads. A man can effect more with tears in his eyes than tears in his coat. Virtue in a poor man is looked upon as a jewel in a toad's nose. An ugly thing is ugly, and you can't make it pretty by liking it. News consists of events that are either very usual or very unusual. Excellence in any direction is rare—even good clovers are scarce. A hundred pretty virtues are not worth one genuine heart-touch. The most insupportable company are those who are witty all day long. Memory is the only paradise out of which we cannot be driven away. After a man is fairly born, the next great blessing is a square death. He who is willing to trust everybody is willing to be cheated by everybody. No man's conjectures are right, but sometimes his guess happens to hit. The man who leads a double life cannot be expected to be single in purpose. When it comes to a question of society, the best is not always the cheapest. A fact is as difficult to change as for a bigot to be conscious that he is one. It takes two to make a quarrel, but it lies in the power of one to prevent it. The man who is a tyrant in his household is an abject cuss among his equals. Never address the vilest outcast as you would not speak to your dearest friend. Every man makes his own pedigree, and the best pedigree is a clear conscience. You cannot control the mind; you cannot say: This shall go in and this remain out. Affection and amiability unattended by firm principle lapse into weak concession. It is the characteristic of folly to discern the faults of others and to forget one's own. A woman forgives where a man forgets, and that is the reason she continues to let him mail her letters. The best of us being unfit to die, what an index to the absurdity it is to put the worst of us to death. The devil is not much afraid of the man who is not as religious in business as he is in prayer meeting. Don't judge a man by his looks. A fast-looking man often turns out to be slow in paying his debts. Manliness can never afford to do without tenderness; nor can the feelings be outraged with impunity. There are many folks who are like mules; the only way to their affections is through the kindness of a club. Half the misery in the world comes of want of courage to speak and to hear the truth plainly, and in a spirit of love. A man may mistake his talents, but he can't mistake his genius. Talent must have memory, genius doesn't require it. Many men owe the grandeur of their lives to their tremendous difficulties. There is no easy path leading out of life, and few are the easy ones that lie within it. Think not of gratifying yourself, but consider each day what good thou canst do to others. There is no action so slight or humble but it may be done to a great purpose and ennobled thereby. Since the days of Adam there has been hardly a mischief done in this world but a woman has been at the bottom of it. Life is a chance in the lottery of death, your chance is sure, but whether it is a blank or not depends largely on yourself. Politeness has been compared to an air-cushion, which although there is apparently nothing in it, eases our joints wonderfully. When the snow fell he wished to mow my lawn; when the sunlight made my grass grow he was snow-shoveler by profession; by genius he was a tramp. All the while thou livest ill, thou hast the trouble, distraction, inconveniences of life, but not the sweets and true use of it.

HORSE NOTES.

—Hayward has Tournament at Saratoga. —Tenny and Longstreet measured strides at Morris Park recently. —The Weddell House at Cleveland, O., is very popular with horsemen. —Jimmy Goldsmith is not a strong man yet, weighing only 130 pounds. —Marcus Daly's \$22,000 colt, Silver King, won a race at Saratoga. —Ninety eight stallions had trotting records of 2:20 and better at the close of 1890. —St. Omar, an 18-year-old son of Blue Bull, got a pacing record of 2:24 recently. —Jake, bay stallion, by Messenger Chief, lowered his record from 2:29 to 2:24. —With seven running meetings in progress the high class horses are pretty badly split up. —L. W. Henderson paid \$400 for the b. m. Loretta, 5, by Elgin Boy, at Philadelphia Tattersalls recently. —The profits of the recent Washington Park (Chicago) race meeting are said to have been close to \$200,000. —Mr. and Mrs. J. R. McCorkle, of the Point Breeze track, enjoyed the Cleveland trotting meeting. —It is rumored that the Dwyer Brothers will move their Elizabeth (N. J.) track into Middlesex county. —Silver Tail paced a mile with running mate in 2:07 at Cleveland recently, Miss Myrtle Peak was the driver. —It is said if the rays of the sun are permitted to shine through a window into a horse's eyes, blindness may result. —Mr. Pettit, of Hedgewood Farm, Salem County, N. J., has placed his stallion Belman in Budd Doble's stable. —Budd Doble has been somewhat under the weather, and in consequence made no entries at the Cleveland meeting. —Nelson's mile in 2:11 1/2 is the fastest heat trotted this season, while Hal Pointer's two heats in 2:10 1/2 is the best for a pacer. —Hinda Rose is said to have again broken down. The leg on which she was weak when she was retired has given out again. —Crit Davis won the 3-year-old stakes recently at Harrodsburg, Ky., with Andy Cutter. Time—2:30 1/2, 2:30 1/2, 2:29 1/2. —Bedell and Johnson have bought the fast bay gelding Maj's Ulrich, 2:24, from D. B. Herrington, and he is now at Isaac Fleming's stable. —The 16-year-old bay mare Lottie Prall by Mambrino Patchen, out of Puss Prall, made a record of 2:28 1/2 at Lexington, Ky., recently. —Little Albert, winner of the 2:23 class at Cleveland, getting a mark of 2:19, belongs to Monroe Salisbury's California stable, and is by Albert W. —Katherine S., 2:20 1/2, was timed separately in the fourth heat of the 2:21 class race at Cleveland in 2:18 1/2. Lakewood Prince won the heat in 2:17 1/2. —Senator L. J. Rose, of California, has purchased St. Carlo from J. H. McCormick, giving in exchange the brown gelding Rico, foaled 1887, by Shannon, out of Fannie Lewis. —Splan has one of the finest barns in this country at Doan Brook Farm, adjoining the Cleveland race course. A number of fast trotters and pacers occupy many of the box stalls. —Eon's defeat at Saratoga recently was one of the greatest surprises of the season. He had previously won eight straight races. Judge Morrow and Racine also met unexpected defeats. —The roan gelding, Harry McNair, by Allegany Boy, has been sold to H. C. Bingham, of Hartford, by Mr. McNair, of Chambersburg, Pa., for \$500. McNair trotted a mile on Chester Oak track in 2:21. —Ed Corrigan is reported as having expressed his intention of continuing his present meeting at the Hawthorne track, at Chicago, until November, and then open again after the fall rains and run all winter. —Sam French, the popular landlord at Woodstock, N. J., and Harry Shoemaker, the owner of the sorrel pacing gelding Jesse, were at the Cleveland races and took considerable money out of the pool-box. —It looks now as though Thistle, the brother to the pacer Goldleaf (that made a record of 2:11 as a 4-year-old), was going to prove fully as fast as his brother, as he recently stepped a mile over the Parkville track in 2:14 1/2. —The disagreement between F. C. McLewee and James McLaughlin as to the payment of the latter's salary for services as a jockey has been compromised out of court, the jockey receiving it is said, \$3500. —The Walcott & Campbell string is not very formidable at present. It started out well in the early spring, but subsequently a number of the animals went amiss, from pneumonia mainly, and not much may be expected of the stable before fall. —Milton Young has purchased Her Eighness, the rovaly bred 4-year-old filly, who carried August Belmont's colors as a 2-year-old and again with great success as a 3-year-old. She is by Imp. S. Blaise, out of Imp. Princess, by King Tom. —Fifty-six stallions, with records of 2:30 or better, have had produce enter the 2:30 list this season. Thirty-three of them have records of 2:25 or better, and nine have records from 2:20 to 2:23. Maxey Cobb being the fastest sire of a new performer. —Mill Boy is now 16 years old, but he is still a good pole horse when hooked with his 4-year-old mate by Don Carlos, John Shepherd, of Boston, the owner, sometimes drives Mill Boy and Arab, 2:15, together, but the California gelding is too fast for the old-time

Modern Cookery.

Ignorance of American institutions on the part of English people is not unnatural perhaps, but it is none the less amusing. A rosy English girl who sat beside a bright young American in the dining saloon of a Cunard steamer suddenly put American politeness to the test by propounding the inquiry, "Can you make clam?" "Clam?" answered the bewildered American maiden. "Yes; they're a kind of bread or biscuit, aren't they?"—Albany Piece.

A Literary Crank.

It is related of the late Colonel Tomline, a very rich Englishman who collected books and pictures, that he would not permit a book above a certain size to enter his library, nor a book written by a clergyman or a woman.

Mrs. Mackay's Parasol Timepiece.

Among her jeweled knickknacks Mrs. Mackay had a dainty parasol with a tiny open-faced watch snugly fixed into the silver handle so that she could know at a glance what the moment was, for in such a life as a leader of fashion pursues, her hours are as methodically apportioned to teas and dinners and the rest of the diversions of society as those of a business man are given to more solid affairs. The watch could be wound up by turning the silver knob which served as the head of the handle.

Confidence once destroyed by the careless reprimand.

"What silly questions," or, "oh, you tiresome child, do be still," is hard to regain, and the sensitive heart of a child does not often come to the same reproof. Worse still, indeed, pernicious, is the habit which some women have of telling their little ones all sorts of unreasonably yarns about things in regard to which they are curious, just for the questionable "fun" of hearing them soberly and honestly repeat the folly which had been taught them. A child thus led to can never feel the same restful faith in the mother's teaching afterward, and she may find with sorrow that when her advice in after years is most earnest it is most disregarded.

Useful Knowledge.

To keep mosquitoes away from beds, tie a sponge or piece of old flannel well saturated with carbolic acid to a post, or the headboard of the bedstead. This is an effectual way of driving off these pests. When meat is broiling it will cook more quickly if a frying-pan is turned over it. Frying may be hastened in the same way. A little sugar added to beets, corn, squash, peas etc., during or after cooking will improve them, particularly if poor. Lemon juice will whiten frosting, cranberry or strawberry juice will color it pink, and the grated rind of an orange strained through a cloth will color it yellow. In making custard, pumpkin or lemon pies, it is better to partly bake the crust before adding the mixture, so that it may not be absorbed by the paste. A new and delicious dainty is prepared by taking the stone either from dates or prunes and substituting a bit of the kernel of an English walnut.

Irish said that the marriage of Mr. Julian Story and Miss Emma Eames in the fall will not interfere with the profession of either, as Miss Eames will fulfill her engagement in opera while Mr. Story pursues his portrait-painting in a studio he will take in New York.