ranged furniture, arrange their hair, and in a flash prepare to open the door. They do not keep Christ waiting outside until they have newly appareled themselves or elaborately arranged their tresses, and then with affected surprise come out and, pretanging not to have been the contract of the contrac then with affected surprise come out and, pretending not to have heard the two or three previous knockings, say, "Why, is that you?" No, they were ladies, and always presentable, although perhaps they had not on their best. None of us always have on our best. Otherwise very soon our best would not be worth having on. They throw open the door and greet Christ. They say: "Good morning, Master! Come in and be seated!" Christ brought a company of friends with Him, and the influx of so many city visitors, you do not wonder, threw the country home into some perturbation. I suppose the walk from the city had been a keen appetizer. The kitchen department that day was a very important department, and I think as soon as Martha had greeted her guests she went as Martha had greeted her guests she went to that room. Mary had no anxiety about the dinner. She had full confidence that her sister Martha could get up the best dinner in Bethany, and she practically said: "Now, let us have a division of labor." Martha, you cook and I'll sit down and

The same difference you now sometimes ee between sisters. There is Martha, insee between sisters. There is Martha, industrious, painstaking, a good manager, ever inventive of some new pastry, discovering something in household affairs. Here is Mary, fond of conversation, literary, so full of questions of ethics she has no time to discuss questions of boxes of household. no time to discuss questions of household welfare. It is noon. Mary is in the par-lor. Martha is in the kitchen. It would have been better for them to have divided the toil, and then they could have divided the opportunity of listening to Christ. But Mary monopolizes Christ, while Martha sweiters before the fire. It was very important that they have a good dinner that day, for Christ was hungry, and He did not often have luxurious entertainment. Alas, me, if all the responsibility of that entertainment had rested with Mary! What a repast they would have had! But something went wrong in the kitchen. thing went wrong in the kitchen. Either the fire would not burn or the bread would not bake or something was turned black that ought to have been only turned brown, or Martha scalded herself, and, forgetting all the proprieties of the occasion, with besweated brow she rushed out of the kitchen into the parlor, perhaps with tongs in one band and pitcher in the other, and she cried out: "Lord, dost Thou not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Bid her therefore that she help me." Christ scolded not a word. If it were scolding, I would rather have Him scold me than anybody else bless me. There was nothing acerb in the Saviour's There was nothing acerb in the Saviour's reply. He knew that Martha had been working herself almost to death to get Him something to eat, but He appreciated her kindness, and He practically said: "My dear woman, do not worry. Let the dinner go. Sit down here on this couch beside your younger sister, Mary. Let us

As Martha throws open the door I look in to-day, and I see a great many household anxieties, perplexities, fatigues and trials, and about them I am going to speak if the Lord of Mary and Martha and Lazarus will help me by His grace.

As I look into that door, in the first place, I see the trial of nonappreciation. That was what made Martin so versed at hat was what made Martha so vexed at Mary. Mary, the younger sister, had no proper estimate of the elder sister's fatigue. Just as now man har fater's faproper estimate of the elder sister's fatigue. Just as now men having annoyances of store and factory and shop, or at the Stock Exchange, come home at night and hear of some household annoyance, and they say, "Oh, that's nothing! You ought to be in a factory a day and have ten or fifteen or twenty or 100 subordinates. Then you would know something about annoyance and trouble." Oh, man, let me tell you that a wife and a mother has to conduct at the same time a university, a conduct at the same time a university, a clothing establishment, a restaurant, a laundry, a library, and has to be health officer, police and president of the whole realm! She has to do a thousand things, and to do them well, in order to things, and to do them well, in order to make things go smoothly, and that is what puts the awful tax on a woman's nerves and a woman's brain. I know there are exceptions to the rule. Sometimes you will find a woman who can sit in the armehair of the library all day without any anxiety, or tarry on the belated pillow, and all the cares of the household are thrown upon servants who have large wages and great experience; but that is the exception. I speak of the great masses of housekeepers, to whom life is a struggle, and who at thirty years of age look as gle, and who at thirty years of age look as though they were forty. The fallen at Chalons and Austerlitz and Gettysburg and Waterloo are a small number in comparison with those who have gone down under the Armageddon of the kitchen. Go out to the country and look over the epitaphs on the tombstones. They are all beautiful and poetic, but if the tombstones could tell the truth thousands of them would say, "Here lies a woman who was killed by too much

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THE EMINENT DIVINE'S SUNDAY DISCOURSE.

Subject: "The Housewife's Perplexities"

—Lessons Drawn From the Episode of Martha and Mary—Daily Trials Prepare One For Future Blessings.

Text: "Lord, dost Thou not care that my sister hath left me to serve alone? Bid her therefore that she help me."—Luke x., 40.

Yonder is a beautiful village homestead. The man of the house is dead and his widow has charge of the premises. It is Widow Martha, of Bethany. Yes, I will show you also the pet of the household. It is Mary, the younger sister, with a book under her arm, and in her face no sign of care or anxiety about anything. Company has come. Uhrist's appearing at the outside of the door makes some excitement inside the door. The sisters set back the disarganged furniture, arrange their hair, and in a flash prepare to open the door. They

Oh, my friends, all these trials and fatigues of home life are to prepare you for heaven, for they will make that the fatigues of home life are to prepare you for heaven, for they will make that the brighter in the contrast! A dying soldier was asked by a friend, "Have you anv message to send to your father?" "Yes," said he; "tell him I have gone home." "Well," said the friend, "have you anv message to send to your wife?" "Yes; tell her I have gone home." "You have other friends. Would you like to send a message to them?" "Yes; give them the same message. They will understand it. Tell them I have gone home." And that heavenly home will compensate, will fully atone, for all the hardships and the trials and the annoyances and the vexations of the earthly home. In that land they never hunger, and consequently there will be no nuisance of catering for appetite. In that land of the white robes they have no mending to do, and the air of that hilly country makes them all well. No rent to pay there. Every man owns his own house, and a mansion at that. It will not be so great a change to step into the chariot of the skies if on earth you rode. It will not be so change to step into the chariot of the skies if on earth you rode. It will not be so great a change if on earth you had all luxuries and satisfactions. It will not be so great a change for you to sit down on the banks of the river of life if on earth you had a country seet. you had a country seat.

But oh, the joy of the weary feet when they step into the celestial equippage, and, oh, for the joy of those to whom home was a martyrdom on earth when they go into that home where they will never have to do anything they do not want to do! What a change from the time she put down the rolling pin to the time she took up the scepter! If Chatsworth Park and the Vanierblit mansion were fitted into the celestial city, they would be looked at as unin tial city, they would be looked at as uninhabitable rookerles, and Lazarus himself would be ashamed to be seen going in and out of them, so great are the palaces awaiting God's dear children, and so much grander the heavenly architecture than the earthly. It is often not only the toil of the housekeeping, but it is the sickness and the sorrow that go along. It is a simple fact that one-half of the women of the land are invalids. The mountain lass who has never had an ache or a pain may conhas never had an ache or a pain may consider household work of no very great weariness, and at the eventide may skip out to the fields and drive the catskip out to the helds and drive the cat-tle home, and until 10 o'clock at night may fill the cabin with laughing racket; but, oh. to do the hard work of the house-hold with a shattered constitution—after hold with a shattered constitution—after six weeks' whooping cough has raged in the household, making the nights as sleep-less as the days—then it is not so easy! And then this work of the house has often to be undertaken when the nerves are shattered with some bereavement that has ner go. Sit down here on this couch peside your younger sister, Mary. Let us talk about something else. Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about in the bosom of a loving God, but, mother-like, she will brood both flocks, putting the pesident." one wing of care over the flock in the house, putting the other wing of care over the flock in the grave. Nothing but the old fashioned religion of Jesus Christ can take a woman happily through home trials. All these modern religions amount to nothing. They do not help.

Solomon wroteout of his own miserable Solomon wrote out of his own miserable experience—he had a wretched home; no man can be happy with two wives, much less with 700, and out of his wretched experience he wrote—"Better is a dinner of herbs where love is than a stalled ox and hatred therewith." Oh, the responsibilities of housekeepers! Kings by their indigestion have lost empires and generals through indigestion have lost battles. One of the great statisticians says that out of 1000 unmarried men thirty were criminals, and out of 1000 married men only eighteen were criminals, showing the power of home. and out of 1000 married men only eighteen were criminals, showing the power of home. And, oh, the responsibility resting upon housekeepers! By the food they provide, by the couch they spread, by the books they introduce, by the influence they bring around the home, they are helping to decide the physical, the intellectual, the moral, the eternal welfare of the human race. Oh, the responsibility!

That woman sits in the house of God today perhaps entirely unappreciated. She is the banker of her home, the president, the cashier, the teller, the discount clerk, and ever and anon there is a panic. God

and ever and anon there is a panic. God knows the anxieties and the cares, and he knows that this is not a useless sermen, but that there are multitudes of hearts waiting for the distillation of the divine mercy and solace in their hour of trials and their home duties and their own fatigues. The world heart pothing shows and their home duties and their own fatigues. The world hears nothing about them. They never speak about them. You could not with the agencies of an inquisition bring the truth out of them. They keep it still. They say nothing. They endure and will until God and the judgment stell their groups. right their wrongs.

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They are all beautiful and poetic, but if the tombstones could tell the truth thousands of them would say, "Here lies a woman who was killed by too much mending and sewing and baking and scouring and serubing," and the weapon with which she was killed was a broom or a sewing machine or a ladle.

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A young woman of brilliant education and prosperous surroundings was called down stairs to help in the absence of the servant, and there was a ring at the bell, and she went to the door and an admirer entered. He said: "I thought I heard music in the house. Was it on the piano or the histp?" She said: "Neither; it was frying pan accompaniment to a gridiron! In other words, I was called down stairs to help. I suppose sometime I shall have lolearn, and I have begun now." When will the world learn that every kind of work that is right is honorable?

As Martha opens the door I look in and I also see the trial of severe economy. Nine hundred and ninety-nine households but of a thousand are subjected to it either ander the greater or less stress of ciacum-stances. It is especially so when a man imokes expensive cigars and dines at lostly restaurants. He will be very apt to

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The states in which the death pen-Island, Maine, Michigan and Wisconsin. In Rhode Island the only alternative is imprisonment for life. In London Missionary society. It will mais necessary to an execution.

Joseph Jefferson says that during a Ever yours truly, Albert." It was, it recent drive in Virginia he stopped at is understood, the queen's wish that a farmhouse for dinner and was this letter should be reserved in the essed to take off his coat, as his neighbors did. Refusing, the host said: "Go on; be comfortable; never mind ef yer ain't got no shirt on."

The seven principal bibles of the world are the Koran of the Mohammedans, the Eddas of the Scandinavians. the Tripitikes of the Buddhists, the Five Kings of the Chinese, the three Vedas of the Hindoos, the Zendavesta and the scriptures of the Christians.

PREPARED TO TELEPHONE. There Was a Lady at the Other End

of the Wire. Of course, it is really nothing to Jack Lawson's discredit that he is a beauty man of the ultra-British type, but the other riders of polo ponles and wielders of golf sticks at Burlingame don't exactly like his exceeding popularity with the girls, and they tell an illustrative story about him with great gusto, says the San Francisco News Letter. "Some one wishes to speak to Mr. Lawson at the telephone," said a servant at the club, in respectful accents to the tall Liverpool product. "Aw! Who is it?" was the languid inquiry. "A lady, sir," and then Lawson moved. Hastily jumping to his feet, he fastened the lower button of his double-breasted waistcoat, which, of course, like the Prince of Wales, he always wears open when he sits. Squaring his shoulders, he rushed over to the nearest mirror, adjusted his necktie and pulled down his coat, "Here, boy," he called. "Brush me off! Look sharp, now. I can't keep a lady waiting." Then, thoroughly spruced up, he dived into the telephone room conscious that he looked well enough to talk to any lady in San Mateo county.

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At last some signs are being shown that attempts are being made to impart a little novelty to social entertainments. For the last year or more we have been woefully humdrum and such a thing as a graze or fad, foolish or otherwise, has been practically unknown. Neither the girls nor the gilded youth, nor the young matrons have shown any disposition to anything of the kind until now, when there is, happily, an indication that wits are at work. In the first place an effort is being made to introduce what may be called illustrative dinners and no better time could have been chosen, as this season suggests all manner of ideas. An Egyptian dinner has already been successfully given, and a "Dickens" dinner is mentioned as having been held. It is now for hostesses to exercise their ingenuity in thinking out similar entertainments. There is also a tendency to revive "color" balls, the guests being compelled to wear only certain colors which are also employed in the Twenty-five years ago the United decoration of the ballroom and sup-States produced 70 per cent of the cot- per table. This also gives scope for

Queen Victoria has recently presented to the British museum an autograph letter written by the prince consort to the late Earl of Shaftesbury thanking him for a copy of the bible in Chinese prepared for the London Missionary society, and known as the following words: "My Dear Lord Shaftesbury: I beg to return you my alty is forbidden are Colorado, Rhode best thanks for the copy of the bible in Chinese, which has been the result of pious energy and perseverance of the Kansas the signature of the governor terially aid the spread of Christianity in that wonderful populous empire. lepartment of manuscripts in the British museum. The trustees have decided, in order that the public may have an opportunity of obtaining a facsimile copy, that the letter shall be included in the fourth series of facsimiles of autographs in the British museum, which is on the point of being issued.

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pail to get to the supper table. The prayer-meeting promise not put into practice adds a lie to your guilt. College diplomas do not go as tickets of admission at the pearly gate.

If God takes away your flowers it is because they would fade in your hot

Many men put their toys under a good roof and leave themselves out in the rain.

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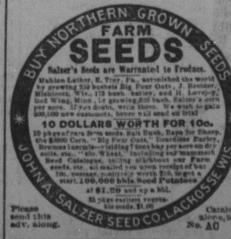
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