

THE WAITING INSTRUMENT.

I blame no man for failure here, for he Who wins no crown is like an instrument That silent waits the Master's touch to free The noble numbers that within are pent.

THE AWAKENING. By Burton Egbert Stevenson.

Bushnell threw down his pen so savagely that the ink splashed over the blotter. "There," he said, pushing a sheet of paper covered with figures toward the other man, "you will find a full statement there of both assets and liabilities," and he leaned back in his chair with a sigh of utter weariness.

the hills to Lexington, and he grasped the hand of the old driver with real warmth. "I'm glad to see you, Jim," he said. "How are all the folks?" "Oh, they're all right, I reckon. But you look kind er peaked, Mr. Bushnell. Been workin' too hard, I 'spect."

"It doesn't matter," he said, "not here. Not a bit." "An' the leaves of the trees and the waters of the brook seemed to catch up the words and send them echoing up and down the valley."

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A SUPPER DISH. A nice supper dish is one of potted beef and mashed sweet potatoes thoroughly mixed together, moulded in the form of croquettes and fried in butter.

SHAD CROQUETTES. Flaks the remains of yesterday's fish into bits; there should be about a cupful of this. Cream together a tablespoon of flour and one of butter, and stir into a cupful of hot milk.

ORANGE CHARLOTTE. One-third box gelatine or one and one-third tablespoons of granulated gelatine, one-third cup cold water, one-third cup boiling water, one cup sugar, three tablespoons lemon juice, one cup of orange juice and pulp.

MALVINA PUDDING. Put one-half pint of graded bread crumbs in a pudding dish, add the grated rind of one-half a lemon, mix the yolks of two eggs with one pint of milk, add two tablespoonfuls of sugar and pour it over the bread crumbs.

INDIAN MEAL DISHES. There has been quite a return to nourishing Indian meal as a food. The yellow Indian meal is the kind used. It is made into puddings of all kinds and served for luncheon or dinner.

Politicians as Playwrights. That virile and versatile Frenchman, ex-Premier Clemenceau, seizes the opportunity of release from the shackles of office to indulge himself, and perhaps his people, by playwrighting.

Sailor's Trousers. The American sailor's trousers are made on the baggy pattern for reasons of convenience and cleanliness. They are, in fact, a marine institution.

HINTS. If the milk that is to be added to custard, is boiled and cooled before adding it to the beaten eggs, the custard will never curdle.

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A LESSON IN SELF-CONTROL. One day Janie was down in the yard helping mamma to hang out the clothes. To be sure, Janie wasn't big enough to help very much.

But mamma and Janie did not feel at all like laughing. Janie would have screamed out in terror when she saw the precious baby in such danger, but one look from mamma's white face made her stop before she began.

"Hush!" said mamma quietly. "Not a word, not a sound of fear." Then, as fast as she could without startling baby, she hurried across the yard and up the stairs, talking cheerily to little May all the while.

Baby thought it was all a part of the game, and crowded and shouted, and threw dozens of clothespins down on her smiling mamma. She didn't know what a prayer there was behind that smile, nor that those arms were opened wide to catch her if she should fall before the stair top was reached.

"Little daughter," said mamma, "learn self-control from this experience. If you or I had cried out or frightened baby by letting her see that we were frightened, she would have started and fallen down those long stairs, without a doubt."

Average Death Age. Dr. Ray, the medical officer for the Dorchester rural district, has reported to the district council that the average age of death in the area of which he has charge is fifty-eight.

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