Miscellaneous.

Happy at Home.

The little straw of every day habit, floating slowly and silently down the stream of life, shows very plainly which way the tide sets. And when Mrs. Purple says, with a groan, "My husband never spends his evenings at home," it is natural to inquire within one's self why it is that Mr. Purple finds other resorts so much more attractive than the household altar!

"I don't see why he can't be a little more domestic," says Mrs. Purple.

Well, why is it? There is a reason for everything in the world, say philosophers, and there must be a reason for this.

In he first place, Mrs. Purple is one of those unfortunate housekeeper whose work is never done. There is always something dragging—a room to be swept, lamps to be trimmed—fretful babies to be put to sleep, while one eye is on the broiling meat and the other on the muddy footprint unwittingly left by Mr. Purple, on the doorstep, "There, Purple, I knew just how it would be. I wonder if you know the use of a scraper or a door mat. I should think after all the time I've spent in cleaning up—"

And Mrs. Purple goes off into a monotonous recapitulation of her troubles and trials that has the effect of a lullaby upon the baby, however trying it may be to the feelings of the baby's father.

Moreover, Mrs. Purple, with all her "cleaning up," does not understand the elementary principles of keeping a house neat. Things are always "round in the way;" table-covers put on awry; dust ashes under the grate; curtains torn away from their fastened and pinned up until Mrs. Purple can "find time" to readjust them. Somehow it looks forlorn and desolate, and unhomelike when the master of the house comes in at night. Mr. Purple, manlike, can't tell where the defection lies—he don't analyze the chill that comes over his heart as he crosses the threshold—he only knows that "things don't look shipshape!" And so he takes his last when his wife's back is turned and sneaks ignominiously off, glad to get away from the dead-alive fire, the dusty room, and Mrs. Purple's tongue. Who can blame the man? Mr. Purple may be "lazy," and "careless," and "selfish," very likely he is—most men have a tendency that way—but nevertheless he don't like to be told of it over and over and over again, in that persistent, illogical sort of way that reminds you of an old hen running from side to side in her coop, and poking her head through the bars in the same place every seven seconds! Mr. Purple naturally wonders why his wife don't occasionally allude to the few good qualities he happens to possess! Mr. Purple has every inclination to be happy at home, if his better half would only give him a chance.

Of all the sweet-tinted pictures of domestic happiness that we find in the pages of Holy Writ, there is none that suggests more comfort than Abraham sitting in his tent door "in the heat of the day" under the shadow of the palm trees of Mamre. Depend upon it, the good old patriarch never spent his evenings away from home. He didn't believe in "just going across the plains to Lot's house," or "running over to Sodom to hear the news." No, Abraham liked to sit quietly by his tent door, and very likely Mrs. Sarah would come and lean over his shoulder and chat with him after the Oriental fashion! We have the very best of testimony for knowing that she was very amiable under the ordeal of "unexpected company," when "the calf tender and good" was dressed, and the "three measures of fine meal" baked on the hearth!

The idea of looking beyond the sphere of home for enjoyment is at the root of our modern evils. Home should be the very centre and sanctuary of happiness; and when it is not, there is some screw loose in the domestic machinery! If you want to surround a young man with the best possible safeguard, don't overwhelm him with maxims and homilies as to what he is and is not to do, but make his home happy in the evenings. Let him learn that however hard and cruel the outside world may be, he is always sure of sympathy and consideration in one place! Woe betide the man, whatever his lot or position, who has in his heart of hearts no memory of a home where the sunshine never faded out and the voices were always sweet. Were he as Rothschild, he is a poor man.

One Way to Tell.

A traveler called lately at a farmer's house in Alabama; the owner being from home, and the mother and daughter being alone, the refused to lodge the wayfarer.

"How far, then," said he, "is it to a house where a preacher can get lodging?"

"Oh! if you are a preacher," said the lady, "you can stop here."

Accordingly he dismounted, deposited his saddle-bags in the house, and led his horse to the stable. Meanwhile the mother and daughter were debating the point as to what kind of a preacher he was.

"He cannot be a Presbyterian," said one, "for he is not well dressed enough."

"He is not a Methodist," said the other, "for his coat is not the right cut for a Methodist."

"If I could find his hymn book," said the daughter, "I could soon tell what sort of preacher he is." And with that she thrust her hand into the saddle-bags and pulling out a flask of liquor, she exclaimed, "La! mother, he's a Hard Shell Baptist."

Paris Fashions—The Very Latest.

It is almost impossible to imagine to what an inordinate length trained skirts are now worn. When dresses are not short, or looped up, as it is the fashion to wear them out of doors when no calls are in prospect, the skirts are cut very nearly, if not quite, as long as court trains. Those who are moderate, wear their trains one yard, *ultra-elegantes* two yards long. The crinoline expands considerably from the knee downward; but with the *fourreau* or *Princesse* form of dress, which is now the most popular, no steels are worn from the knee to the waist.

With a description of two new dresses prepared for the *demi-saison* at Paris, we close:

One for afternoon wear was *poult de soie* of the turtledove shade. The skirt was trimmed so as to simulate a tunic, and this was managed, not by a straight cross-piece, as formerly, but with *rouleaux*, which described miniature banners. The *rouleaux* were made of white satin. The bodice was plain, and cut with a round waist; at the back were two basques, ornamented to correspond with the simulated tunic. The sleeves were tight to the wrist, where they were fastened with three silver bell buttons. The bodice was trimmed with *rouleaux* of white satin, and was fastened with silver buttons. The epaulettes consisted of heavy silver *aiguillettes*. These silver *aiguillettes*, which are about four inches long, are very fashionable at the present moment. They are exceedingly pretty, especially on blue and bright green silk dresses, the two colors most in vogue at present.

The evening dress was of this spring green shade, only shot with white, the material a rich *poult de sote*. It was in the form of a *fourreau Empire*, the bodice being cut in one place with the skirt. The bodice was trimmed in straight lines with cross bands of the same silk, studded with large pearls in the form of nails; round the bottom of the skirt was a deep flounce of *Point de Angleterre*, which was sewn on almost plain, and then crossed at intervals with bands of green silk studded with pearls; a small *berthe* of white lace completed the toilette. This make of dress is worn without any waistband, and is buttoned the entire length of the front.

Large Shop.

In the early days of mining, before roads had been laid out and saw-mills built a black-smith located on one of the river bars in California, and, erecting a forge of stones and clay, set the anvil on a stump which he had sawed low for the purpose, and sharpened the picks and drills of the boys who worked in the vicinity. He worked at mining himself in the day time, and did his blacksmithing at night; and, not knowing what day his claim might fail, and he be compelled to pull up stakes and leave, did not think it worth while to build a roof over the "shop." One day Bill S. and two others left the bar for Weaverville, the county seat. As they came into the main trail leading to that place they met a disconsolate looking chap, leading a horse, that stumbled at every step. The man at once inquired:

"Stranger, can you tell me how far it is to a blacksmith's shop?" My hoss has lost a shoe, an' goes powerful lame."

"Oh, yes," answered Bill, "you're in the *shop* now, but it's about four miles to the *anvil*."

Paternal Duty.

The father who plunges into business so deeply that he has no leisure for domestic duties and pleasures, and whose intercourse with his children consists in a brief word of authority, or a surly lamentation over their intolerable expensiveness, is equally to be pitied and to be blamed. What right has he to devote to their pursuits the time which God has allotted to his children? Nor is it any excuse to say that he cannot support his family in their present style of living, without this effort. I ask by what right can his family demand to live in a manner which requires him to neglect his most solemn and important duties? Nor is it an excuse to say that he wishes to leave them a competence. Is he under obligation to leave them that competence which he desires? Is it an advantage to them to be relieved from the necessity of labor? Besides, is money the only desirable bequest which a father can leave to his children? Surely, well cultivated intellects; hearts sensible to no domestic affection; the love of parents, and brethren and sisters; a taste for home pleasures; habits of order and regularity and industry; hatred of vice and vicious men; and a lively sensibility to the excellence of virtue—are as valuable a legacy as an inheritance of property—simply property purchased by the loss of every habit which could render that property a blessing.

Voices—What they Indicate.

There are light, quick, surface voices that involuntarily seem to utter the slang, "I won't do to tie to." The man's words may assure you of his strength of purpose and reliability, yet his tone contradicts his speech.

Then there are low, deep, strong voices, where the words seem ground out, as if the man owed humanity a grudge and meant to pay it some day: That man's opponents may well tremble, and his friends may trust his strength of purpose and ability to act.

There is the course, boisterous, dictatorial tone, invariably adopted by vulgar persons, who have not sufficient cultivation to understand their own insignificance.

There is the incredulous tone that is full of a covert sneer, or a secret "You can't dupe me, sir" intonation.

Then there is the whining, beseeching voice, that says "sycophant" as plainly as if it uttered the word. It cajoles and flatters you; its words say "I love you—I admire you: you are everything you should be."

Then there is the tender, musical, compassionate voice, that sometimes goes with sharp features (as they indicate merely intensity of feeling) and sometimes with blunt features but always with genuine benevolence.

If you are full of honesty, strength and purpose, your voice proclaims it.

If you are cold and calm and firm and consistent, or fickle and foolish and deceptious, your voice will be equally truth-telling.

You cannot wear a mask without its being known that you are wearing one.

You cannot change your voice from a natural to an unnatural tone without its being known that you are doing so.—*Agnes Leonard.*

A Fast Horse.

Dave C——is one of those characters that are to be found in almost every place. He is always driving a horse that he imagines is fast, and putting on even more style than the speed of the horse will warrant.

As he was driving into town recently, he overtook "Uncle Ike," who was well known as a dry joker, and who resolved to "take a little of the conceit out of him," if opportunity offered. As Uncle Ike was afoot, Dave stopped his horse, and asked him to ride.

"No," replied Uncle Ike, "much obliged to you, but I guess not."

"You had better do so," said Dave eyeing his fast horse with much complacency, "I am going straight into the place, and will take you right through."

"Well," responded Uncle Ike, as he commenced to climb in, "I don't care if I do, as I have plenty of time, and am not in much of a hurry to get there!"

The horse went ahead, but Uncle Ike never again received an invitation to ride with Dave.

An Example to Mothers.

Queen Victoria, when at home, regularly teaches a Sunday school class and Bible class for the benefit of those residing in the palace and its vicinity. How attentive she is to her own children, may be inferred from a late pleasing circumstance. The Archdeacon of London on one occasion was catechising the young princes, and, being surprised at the accuracy of their answers, said to the youngest prince, "Your governess deserves great credit for instructing you so thoroughly in the catechism." Upon which the royal boy responded, "Oh, but it is mamma who teaches us the catechism." Many American mothers may take a profitable hint from this queenly practice.

Anomalies of Literary History.

One of the Anomalies of Literary History is that it has often been the lot of those men who have contributed largely to the mirth or recreation of others to endure more than any ordinary share of misery and want in their own lives. The most entertaining portions of literature have been written by men whose hearts have been bowed down by sorrow, and at moments when that sorrow has been heaviest. It was in the gloom of a mother's death, deepened by his own poverty, that Johnson penned the charming tale of "Rasselas;" it was the chill desolation of a bare and fireless garret that poor Goldsmith, the beloved vagabond of literature, sketched the highest picture of domestic happiness the world ever had; it was from a sick bed, in sore distress, and in a necessitous exile, that Tom Hood shook all England with laughter. The enchantment of Scott, the satire of Jerrold, half the gems of English wit and humor, have been thrown out by genius in its most sorrowful moments. *Dublin University Magazine.*

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