

LEAD THOU ME ON.

Shed kindly light amid the encircling gloom,
And lead me on!
The night is dark and I am far from home,
Lead thou me on.
Keep thou my feet; I do not ask to see
The distant scene; one step enough for me.
I was not ever thus, nor prayed that thou
Shouldst lead me on!
I loved to choose and see my paths, but now
Lead thou me on!
I loved day's dazzling light, and spite of fears
Prince ruled my will, remember not past years.
So long thy power hath blessed me surely
still.
Twil lead me on!
Through dreary doubt, through pain and sor-
row still.
The night is gone;
And with the morn, these angel faces smile,
Which I have loved long since, and lost awhile.

A Dynasty of Cooks.

It is George Elliot, if we mistake not, who speaks of the silent tragedies, unknown and unwritten, which are constantly taking place amid thousands of human lives while the world moves carelessly along. In much the same way reference may be made to certain innumerable domestic tragedies, equally unobserved and uncommunicated upon, where cooks play not the heroic but the villainous part. The heroine in such cases invariably is the suffering housewife, whose spirit, no matter how resolute it may be when circumstances first bring it face to face with Hibernian depravity, gradually succumbs into despairing submission. A notable feature in the case of bad cooks may be called their tendency to occur in groups. A certain household may have had its kitchen affairs ably and peacefully administered for several years, when suddenly some unavoidable change brings in its wake months of protracted distress, until at last a long line of incompetent or debased cooks shall have given place to one representing "mild-mannered, puer laws," like Titus after the Imperial horrors that had preceded him. Meals served up in a condition of bleeding rawness one day, and blackened to actual cinders the next; soups that are flavorless mockeries; vegetables exuberantly underdone, or else pitifully scalded; profane outbursts; intemperance; disreputable shrinks of dissatisfaction regarding the just payment of certain wages; wild maledictions; noisy deportments—these are but a few of the most saliently unpleasant attributes that belong to some such distractingly interval as that which occasionally follows the exodus of a trusted and responsible cook.

Not long ago an interregnum of this disastrous and unhappy character took place within the family of a certain literary gentleman of New York. From week to week he kept accounts of the rapid changes in down-stairs government, and called his document when finished, "Culinary Dynasty of the house of Brown, from the Reign of Bridget the Pure down to the Present Monarch." Similarly embellished by incidental rhetorical graces, Mr. Brown's list read something after the following manner:

Bridget I., surnamed the Pure, began to reign December, 1867; abdicated October, 1876, because contemplating a life of seclusion—and matrimony. Her reign was marked by great executive wisdom, clemency and economy, and its cessation caused the most sincere regret. Succeeded by

Bridget II., a sovereign of considerable administrative power, but curiously represented asainless, but who early gave signs of the most revolting intemperance. Driven from the kitchen by an indignant people (Mr. Brown) after an alcoholic reign of only two days, and succeeded by

A Regency of Three Days, during which Jane—a valued chambermaid wielded with much ability the culinary sceptre. After which the kitchen was descended into by

Bridget III., a sovereign whose character previous to accession had been represented as stainless, but who early gave signs of the most revolting intemperance. Driven from the kitchen by an indignant people (Mr. Brown) after an alcoholic reign of only two days, and succeeded by

Mary Ellen, surnamed the Flirt, on account of her multiplicity of her suitors. A giddy, good-natured queen, but wholly unfit for her exalted position. Deposed, November, 1876, and succeeded by

Margaret, popularly known as the Fiend. Threatened to kill her prime minister two hours after coronation. On the following day refused to abdicate. Resisted even the demand of the army (a policeman), who unanimously indorsed the policy of the prime minister. Imprisoned for high treason, December, 1876. End unknown. Succeeded by

Bridget IV., the reigning sovereign, surnamed the Culinary Antoine. Modest of demeanor, gentle in speech, wise and economical in her rule. Beloved by minister and people. A slight difficulty with France (the children's foreign nurse), which occurred in the early part of her reign, has now been amicably settled. The realm is at present in a most flourishing condition, and the refrigerator has never been so prosperously administered. Long live Bridget XV!—Appleton's Journal for July.

Be Not.

Young ladies, if they only knew how disgusting to men shoddiness is, and how attractive are displays of neatness and taste, would array themselves in the simplicity and cleanliness of the lilles of the field; or, if able to indulge in costly attire, they would study the harmonious blending of colors which nature exhibits in all our works. A girl of good taste, and habits of neatness, can make a more fascinating toilet with a silken calico dress, a few ribbons and lace, and such ornaments as she can gather from the ground, than a vulgar, tawdry creature who is worth thousands, and has the jewelry and wardrobe of a princess.

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FEEDING.—One of the most important subjects to all farmers and stock-keepers is, how to feed their stock, which have always been opposed to chaff or cut feed of any kind; that is, as commonly used and understood by the public generally. Invariably this kind of food is usually malnourished, more or less, according to fancy and theory for its beneficial results. For my own satisfaction, a few weeks ago I paid a visit to Chicago, Philadelphia, and New York, and made special inquiries as to how they fed, and about the general health of their stock. I found one stable in Chicago that had sixty head of horses, and the stable had run by the same person for eight years during which time the horses fed on chaff, and grain, and not one pound of ground feed of any kind, except coarse wheat bran. The feed consisted of wheat, oat, and rye straw, whichever the market afforded most favorably. Of this they had all they wanted, and were bedded with a soft straw, and bran straws. There was not a horse in that stable, but had the general appearance of good health, and there was not a case of colic in the stable for six years, nor one that became stiffened from overdriving on the road. Both oats and bran were always fed dry. The logic of this is all in a nut shell. The horses were healthy, and well kept, heated up from his drive, is not injured by giving him a peck of dry bran to eat. You can readily conceive the expense attending this mode of feeding. It will save twenty per cent. When you buy feed of milers or feed men, ground, it is invariably composed of refined grain, such as swallows, oats, etc. The staple feed of this abominable stuff to supply the place and nutrient of four quarts of good oats. This often subjects the poor animal to distress of the stomach from gastric derangement produced by damaged grain, which readily ferments as soon as moistened. Horses that are trained will eat grain, and eat when bran dry, try, drive well. 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