



CHAPTER XVII. An after meal custom of the two ladies was that Mrs. Grace should sit in her sunny chair at one side of the window in summer, and Edith at the other, while the girl read the paper aloud.

"You stopped suddenly right under the mother's head and the gentleman who had been sitting on the horse had nearly touched him, took off his hat and apologized.

"It was a French nobleman who sat in love with Kate Grace, the beauty of the place in those times. He made love to her, and she ran away with him, and was married to him in the town of Derby, as the register, my father says, shows to this day.

"The old woman held out her hand with the young girl's in it, and Hanbury stood up and bent and kissed the two hands. "Yes, she said, simply.

"The young man bowed and sat down. In manner he was restless and excited. He glanced from one of the women to the other quickly and with flashing eyes.

"You see, Mrs. Grace, Mr. Hanbury has called and seen the young girl, said the lady's daughter from the door of the room.

"Mr. Hanbury wants to see me!" said the old lady in astonishment. "Will you kindly direct me to walk up?" "Don't stir, darling," she said as Edith rose to go. "No doubt he brings some message from Mr. Leigh."

"With a listless sigh the young girl sank back upon her chair in the window place. "I feel," said the young man, as the door was closed behind him, "that this is a most unexpected hour for a visit of one you saw for the first time yesterday.

Housewives Helps.

A little water in butter, when used for frying, will prevent it from burning. Grease spots in cloth may be taken off by applying a solution of salt in alcohol.

A glass of pure cream or glass of fresh milk, with a salt cracker or a crust of fresh bread, is a good lunch between meals for a hungry convalescent.

Liniments and ointments should always be applied to the patient with the hand; if applied with cotton or a cloth the good effect obtained from the friction would be lost.

There should never be boiled. It should be made in a china or porcelain tureen for the chemicals in it will act upon tin, not only causing the beverage to lose its flavor, but making it injurious to the system.

Coughs and sore throats may be much alleviated by glycerine and lemon juice diluted with water, taken at night. Hot flattened tea with lemon juice, sweetened with rock candy, is excellent also.

Pans and kettles will last much longer if they are placed before the fire a few minutes to get thoroughly dry inside. If put away in a damp condition they soon become rusty and in a short time are quite unfit for use.

A remedy for roaches can be obtained by mixing gum camphor and powdered borax to equal parts and scattering it around freely, but in small quantities, which must be swept up, unless, replaced, until all have disappeared.

One of the best household remedies for bruises, where the skin has not been broken, is arnica and sweet oil. Oyster shells laid on the hot coals in a stove or range will loosen clinkers on the fire brick so that they may be taken off easily, and a stove that is rubbed off will not need polishing so often.

Baroness Pudding.—Cream two ounces of butter with six of sugar; add half a pound of stale bread crumbs and six ounces of sweet shredded and chopped fine with eight ounces of seeded raisins; mix with a pint of milk and boil four hours in a mould or cloth.

Mexican Omelet.—Heat a dozen shrimps and the third of a minced, peeled green pepper, from which the seeds have been taken, in a little good, white sauce of any kind; simmer for three minutes to cook the pepper and fold half in. Stir for eight minutes, pouring the rest around.

FARM NOTES.

An excellent suggestion in a Western journal is that an old farm wagon that is of but little value for any other purpose than for holding manure near the stable and throw the manure directly into the wagon, hauling it to field whenever a load is obtained.

The freezing point of potatoes is 30.2 degrees below zero. Keep them at a temperature between 34 and 60 degrees (the lower the temperature without freezing the better) so as to prevent sprouting.

Carrots are delicious to horses and cattle. When animals are sick and refuse food they may sometimes be tempted to eat carrots, which shows that they stand at the head of all root crops as food for stock.

The larger an animal the more it costs to maintain it, as a rule; hence it will cost much more in proportion to weight, to produce a hog weighing 300 pounds than one weighing 100 pounds; consequently there is a larger profit per pound from the small hog than from the large one, and the farmer can keep more small hogs than he can of large ones.

There should be regular hours for feeding, not varying a minute, and the animals will soon learn the proper times and will come up to the barn from the fields without being driven or called.

American prunes are now shipped to foreign countries. Formerly they were bought from abroad nearly all that were consumed in this country. We will also in a few years procure our olives and olive oil wholly from California.

If there is a dead limb on a tree cut it off, as it may be diseased. If a dead limb or a diseased limb is left on a tree it should be made to discover the cause.

More money can be made from poultry as a business, in proportion to capital invested than from anything on the farm, but not by giving up such work to women and children. Some experience is necessary to success, and the business, though supposed to be easily understood, is difficult.

The San Jose scale insect is a pest to be dreaded. The remedy is kerosene emulsion, well applied with the use of a sprayer, and the work should be done frequently as they multiply rapidly.

Trees may injure the drains, as the roots will go to great depth and seek water wherever it can be secured. Frequently the drains have been completely closed by the roots of trees. In setting down drain tile, therefore, keep this fact in view and endeavor not to lay tile near trees.

THE NEW TENANT.

"NOW, Mary, I have spoken!" Mr. Peel thrust himself back in his chair as if that settled the matter for all.

"I heard you, dear," sweetly responded Mrs. Peel; "and now, listen to me. I have accepted Herr Schmidt's offer, and he will enter the adjoining house as tenant to-morrow."

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"Pretty Mrs. Peel never allowed her temper to get the better of her. She laughed softly at her husband's fears, and did not alter her determination in the least.

"Has it slipped your memory, Phineas?" she asked, "that Rhyd cottage is a portion of my property? If I choose to let it to a naturalist—even though he be a foreigner—I am perfectly justified in doing so."

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"I suppose this will be it," he remarked, producing the note and handing it to his brother. "You see, the messenger left it at the wrong door, and I er—I thought I might as well see the tui."

For some little time after Phineas was of the opinion that he had made a fool of himself. Lately, however, he had taken a different view of the matter, and is now tired of relating how he literally "dropped on" Harper, the forger, alias Schmidt, the naturalist, east door.—Cassell's Saturday Journal.

Opening the Olympic Games. The crowd, taking the king, then made a short speech, in which he touched upon the origin of the enterprise, and the obstacles surmounted in bringing it to fruition.

One of the worst features under the old management was the disposal of the sewage. It was of necessity two systems have found adoption. Under one the Health Committee collects the offal of houses, and either destroys it or turns it into fertilizers.

The Chinese Are Self-Helpful. The percentage of foreigners in our hospitals, asylums and penal institutions is overwhelming. But the Chinese make little call upon us for philanthropy, and that only for medical help.

The Resort Countries to America. Lord Russell's visit to America reminds the London Chronicle of an ancient story. It says that during Lord Russell's previous tour in this country with Lord Coleridge, he came in contact with many members of the bar, including Mr. Erskine.

Delicious Ginger Wafers. Ginger wafers may be made by creaming a quarter of a pound of butter; add half a pound of brown sugar, one dessertspoonful of ground ginger, the grated peel and juice of one lemon.

A Remarkable Clock. Japan possesses a remarkable time-piece. It is contained in a frame three feet wide and five feet long, representing a noonday landscape of great beauty.

Health Hints. Insufficient mastication and food that does not fully tickles the palate should be avoided.

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