

Home Reading.

THE WORTHY POOR.

A dog of morals, firm and sure, Went out to seek the "worthy poor." "Dear things!" she said, "I'll find them out, And end their woes, without a doubt."

She wandered east, she wandered west, And many dogs her vision blest,— Some well to-do, some rich indeed, And some—ah! very much in need.

So poor they were!—without a bone, Battered and footsore, sad and lone; No friends, no help. "What lives they've led, To come to this!" our doggie said.

"I ought not give to them; I'm sure They cannot be the worthy poor. They must have fought or been disgraced; My charity must be well placed."

Some dogs she found, quite to her mind; So thrifty they—so sleek and kind! Ah me!" she said, "were they in need, To help them would be joy indeed."

'Twas still the same, day in, day out— The poorest dogs were poor, no doubt; But they were neither clean nor wise, As she could see with half her eyes.

'Tis strange what faults come out to view When folks are poor. She said: "Tis true They need some help; but as for me, I must not waste my charity."

So home she went, and dropped a tear. "I've done my duty, that is clear. I've searched and searched the village round; And not one 'worthy poor' I've found."

And all this while, the sick and lame And hungry suffered all the same. They were not pleasant, were not neat— But she had more than she could eat!

And don't you think it was a sin? Was hers the right way to begin? No, no, it was not right, I'm sure. For she was rich and they were poor.

O ye who have enough to spare! To suffering give your ready care! Waste not your charitable mood Only, in sifting out the good.

For on the whole, though it is right To keep the "worthy poor" in sight, This world would run with scarce a hitch If all could find the worthy rich.

—Mary Maples Dodge.

HOW TO BE MARRIED IN STYLE.

The old time fancy for distributing wedding favors is again in vogue; directly after the ceremony and while the newly wedded pair with the more immediate relatives, are singing the register, the bridesmaids dispense them.

When the service takes place in church the ceremony is generally performed entirely at the Communion rails; but in High churches the actual ceremony, in England particularly, takes place in the body of the church, and the bridal party, preceded by the officiating clergy, moves on into the chancel for the subsequent portion of the service.

The interval between the arrival of the guests at the house and the breakfast is generally employed in an inspection of the wedding presents, which are spread out for examination on a variety of tables—one for plate and another for jewelry, one for china, one for glass ornaments, &c., each gift being accompanied by a slip of paper, bearing the name of the donor.

Wedding breakfasts are now often arranged on the plan of a long buffet, where the majority of the company take their lunch standing, the tables being appropriated to the relatives of the bridegroom and the principal guests.

Very frequently, however, the custom of a sitting-down breakfast is adhered to, and if there is a wedding cake it is placed in the centre of the table and the bride and bridegroom take places opposite to it. In the former plan the cake is placed in the centre of the buffet.

When breakfast is announced, the bride and bridegroom lead the way to the dining-room, the bride's father follows with the bridegroom's mother, and seats himself next to his daughter; the bridegroom's father comes next with the bride's mother, and places her beside the bridegroom.

Very frequently the bridesmaids all sit opposite to the bride, accompanied by the gentleman who have been desired by the hostess to take them down—the best man invariably taking the chief bridesmaid. Speeches are now confined—when there are any at all—to the health of the bride and bridegroom, proposed in few words—the fewer the better—by the gentleman of the highest rank present.

In returning thanks sometimes proposes the health of the bridesmaids, for whom the best man briefly responds. There should be no other toasts, and even these may well be dispensed with. The bride puts a knife into the cake—which has been cut before the drinking of the healths and it is expected that every one will eat a small piece for good "luck."

When the bride comes into the drawing-room in her traveling dress, to say good-bye, white satin slippers and rice are thrown, the best man and bridesmaid dispensing the former, while the latter is showered upon the departing pair exclusively by matrons. The fashion of sending cards and cake has gone entirely out of style.

When a widow marries the wedding differs in several points. There are neither bridesmaids nor favors, and the lady is debarred wearing white, a bridal veil or orange flowers; indeed she must wear a bonnet, according to Eng-

lish etiquette. If a young lady, however, marries a widower, there is no difference made between the arrangements for her wedding and those described.

THE ART OF PLEASING.

The art of making a party go off successfully is by no means an easy accomplishment. Some have the happy knack of setting their guests at ease at once, and making them pleased both with themselves and each other; whilst again many well-meaning and extremely kind hearted people have a habit of putting on an over-straining company manner, most unfortunate in its effect on those whom they are anxious to please.

USING THE WRONG WORD.

People often use the wrong word in ignorance; an example is the use of depot for station. The latter is not only the proper English word, it is also the world's word. So at one time, they said saloon, supposing this word to describe something more sumptuous than a parlor. Happily the word saloon went to the bad. In other cases there is a fairly good reason for using the wrong word.

THE MYSTERY OF DREAMS.

It is related that a man fell asleep as the clock struck the first stroke of twelve. He awakened ere the echo of the twelfth stroke of twelve had died away, having in the interval dreamed that he had committed a crime, was detected after five years, tried and condemned; the shock of finding the halter around his neck aroused him to consciousness, when he discovered that all these events had happened in an infinitesimal fragment of time.

THE LESSON OF A SNEEZER.

As a rule, a sneeze is the warning nature gives that some part of the body is exposed to a cooler temperature than the other parts, that the sneezer is "catching cold." Next to the warning, what is the use of the sneeze? It throws open the pores of the whole body, and induces a gentle perspiration; in a word it throws out the cold. A child rarely sneezes more than twice—perspiration is readily induced in a youth; an old man, to a dozen times with a loud "catchogue." It is harder to set him perspiring. When one is sitting by an open window, and finds himself sneezing, nature tells him he is taking cold. He should get up instantly, walk about, and take a full tumbler of cold water to keep up the perspiration that the sneeze set in motion.

Bring distinctly before your own mind the well-known fact that children delight as much in exercising their minds as their limbs, provided only that which is presented to them be suited to their capacities, and adapted to their strength.—Dunn's Principles of Teaching.

Why is a man who marries an heiress a lover of music? Because he marries fortune.

GRAND OPENING!

John Schiff Has Opened a NEW STORE - NEW STORE 52 Court St., BINGHAMTON, and has stocked the same with a full assortment

OF MENS' AND BOYS' READY MADE CLOTHING!

Being a branch store of a New York wholesale house, I can undersell any clothing house in Binghamton or vicinity. Also a full line of Gent's furnishing goods. Call and examine my stock and prices before going elsewhere.

All wool cassimere pants to order for \$5 00 JOHN SCHIFF, 52 Court Street, Binghamton, N. Y. April 18, 1877.

VEGETINE.

HE SAYS IT IS TRUE. SENACA FALLS, Nov. 9, 1876.

Mr. R. H. STEVENS: Dear Sir—As you are an entire stranger to me, I want you to know what VEGETINE has done for me. Only those who have been raised from death's door can know the value of such a good medicine. I am 58 years of age. Three years ago I was taken sick with what the doctors called Lumbago. For weeks I was confined to my bed. I had three different physicians, without any help. I received no relief. I was a great sufferer; finally I became entirely helpless. The last doctor told me there was no help; he said he might possibly save my life by ejecting morphia in my arms and legs.

VEGETINE.

ALL DISEASES OF THE BLOOD. If Vegetine will relieve pain, cleanse, purify and cure such diseases, restoring the patient to perfect health after trying different physicians, many remedies, suffering for years, is it not conclusive evidence that you are a sufferer, you can be cured? Why is this medicine performing such cures? It works in the blood, in the circulating fluid. It can truly be called the GREAT BLOOD PURIFIER. The great source of disease originates in the blood; and no medicine that does not act directly upon it, to purify and renovate, has any just claim upon public attention.

VEGETINE.

WILL CURE CANKER HUMOR. ROCKPORT, March 31, 1876.

H. R. STEVENS: Sir—Last fall my husband got me two bottles of your Vegetine to take for the Canker Humor, which I have had in my stomach for several years. Took it, and the result was very satisfactory. I have taken a great many remedies for Canker Humor, and none seemed to help me but VEGETINE. There is no doubt in my mind that every one suffering with Canker Humor can be cured by taking Vegetine. It gave me a good appetite, and I felt better in every respect.

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NOTHING EQUAL TO IT. SOUTH ALEM, Mass., Nov. 24, 1876.

Mr. H. R. STEVENS: I have been troubled with Scrofula, Canker and Liver Complaint for three years. Nothing ever did me any good until I commenced using the Vegetine. I am now getting along very well, and still using the VEGETINE. I consider there is nothing equal to it for such complaints. Heartily recommend it to everybody.

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Just published, a new edition of Dr. CUTLER'S Essay on the radical cure (without medicine) of Spermatorrhea or Seminal Weakness, Involuntary Emission, Loss of Power, Impotency, Mental and Physical Debility, Impediments to Marriage, etc. Also, Consumption, Phlegm, and Flia, induced by self-indulgence or sexual extravagance, &c. Price, in sealed envelope, only six cents. The celebrated author, in this admirable Essay, clearly demonstrates, from a thirty years' successful practice, that the alarming consequences of self-abuse may be radically cured without the dangerous use of internal medicine or the application of the knife; pointing out a mode of cure so simple, certain and effectual by means of which every sufferer, no matter what his condition may be, may cure himself cheaply, privately and radically.

VALUABLE FARM FOR SALE.

IN NEW MILFORD TOWNSHIP. The undersigned proprietor of the estate of Simon Van Fleet, do hereby offer for sale the farm of said decedent, one-fourth mile north of the Moxley church, New Milford township, Pa. It contains about 112 acres, well watered, fenced and under a good state of cultivation. I must dispose of said farm, and will sell on EASY TERMS.

For further particulars inquire of the subscriber Summerhill, Pa. P. O. Address, New Milford, Pa. E. A. ALDRICH, July 19, 1876.

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