

Home Reading.

ONLY.

- Only a babe, Kissed and caressed, Gently held to mother's breast. Only a child, Toddling alone, Brightening now its happy home. Only a boy, Trudging to school, Governed now by a sterner rule. Only a youth, Living in dreams, Full of promise life now seems. Only a man, Battling with life, Shared in now by loving wife. Only a father, Burdened with care, Silver threads in dark-brown hair. Only a graybeard, Toddling again, Growing old and full of pain. Only a mound, O'ergrown with grass, Dreams unrealized—rest at last.

MASCULINE DRESS REFORM.

We need not be surprised that with the return of hot weather the movement in behalf of dress reform among men has received a new impetus, and the hope of emancipation from trousers has grown suddenly brighter.

That the masculine dress is vastly inferior to the feminine dress as a means of protection against heat will be readily conceded. The coat, the waistcoat, the collar and the necktie form a series of folds of cloth about the back of the neck which cause that delicate part to be irritated, and thus directly tend to develop cerebro spinal meningitis, and other diseases little less formidable in point of syllables. Women, on the other hand, entirely bare her neck, or at the worst covers it with light material which in no way interferes with the circulation of air. Men, again, are compelled to wear that most exasperating of all garments, the short sock. The sock is merely mockery of the stocking. It has not strength enough to keep its position unaided, and as it is too short to admit of the aid of garters, it is constantly drooping about the ankle, and thus irritating the mind of the wearer at the very time when he needs to keep cool mentally as well as physically. This source of suffering and mental excitement is unknown to privileged sex. Far be it from us to pry into the mysteries of nature and rashly attempt to describe the origin, character and use of the true stocking. We know, however, that unlike the sock, it serves a useful purpose, and both knows its place and keeps it.

The sock is, however, a far less evil than the trousers. The latter garment is an affront to the higher degrees of the thermometer, and a clog which forbids the male sex to rise to an equality with their oppressors. Like the parasitical vines which wrap stalwart trees in their embrace and slay them, the trousers shut out light air from the legs which they surround, and rob them of their vitality. Shrouded in gloom and deprived of the air, the masculine legs fade and dwindle, and were it not that during a few brief hours at night the leg is released from confinement it would probably soon become useless for any purpose whatever. Greatness of leg has from all antiquity been associated closely with national greatness; and the leg can attain its proper development only in a state of freedom. The Romans knew not trousers, and hence reached such a development of leg that they were able to conquer the world. The kilted Highlander was the terror of Scotland until the far-seeing British government confined him in trousers, under the malign influence of which his legs withered, and his proud spirit was broken. The bare-legged warrior of the American forests was the bravest and noblest of savages; but how pitiable is the Indian of Saratoga and Niagara, who, demoralized by trousers, has sunk below the level of the hackman. The short breeches of the last century were, to some extent, a departure from the great principle of free legs, but they permitted the use of true stockings and gave comparative freedom to the leg below the knee. It was this era of partially free legs that gave us Washington and his compatriots. In an age of trousers Washington—as pictured by painters and sculptors—could never have existed.—N. Y. Times.

COLD IN THE HEAD.

This can be cured at once, if taken care of at the very beginning. Dissolve a table-spoonful of borax in a pint of hot water; let it stand until it becomes tepid; sniff some up the nostrils two or three times during the day, or use the dry, powdered borax like snuff, taking a pinch as often as required. At night have a handkerchief saturated with spirits of camphor and place it near the nostrils, so as to inhale the fumes while sleeping.

If any man is rich and powerful, he comes under that law of God by which the other branches must shade those that are lower; by which the tall trees must protect the weak plants beneath them.

You see men of the most delicate frames engaged in active professional pursuits, who literally have no time for idleness. Let them become idle, let them take care of themselves, let them think of their health, and they die. The rust rots the steel which use preserves.

It is our truest happiness to live only for the glory of Christ—to separate between "I" and "the glory of Christ."

The man will make haste to forgive an

WEDDING PRESENTS.

There are at least six persons, possibly more, in New York city engaged in the purchase of superfluous wedding presents, three of whom deal exclusively in a certain class of articles. One of these dealers, interviewed by a reporter carries on business in the Bowery, where he has a large store ostensibly for the sale of un-redeemed pledges, but his most lucrative business is in the purchase and sale of wedding presents that are only so much old lumber to the owners. When asked how he conducted the business, he replied: "You see when a young couple belonging to good families get married, their friends all make them presents, and in nine cases out of ten the young folks find themselves in possession of certain kinds of household stuff enough to last several generations. The young wife often discovers that she has a set of jewelry for almost every day in the month. Why, some time ago I did business with a newly-married couple now living on Lexington avenue, where the young bride—and a beautiful girl she was—had eight opera-glasses. Of course she didn't want 'em; so I bought five of them. Here's one of them left [showing a small but handsome pearl-mounted opera glass.] Silverware and china are other things that newly married people generally find they have too much of, but I don't do anything in that way. There are other men in business who deal in that and nothing else. I confine myself to jewelry and trinkets."

"But how do you know on whom to call and when?" "That's simple enough. You see, the marriages are all published in the papers, and where it is a wedding between two rich folks, a report is made of it and a list of the presents given. You see when I have got the names and residences I am right. O, no; I don't go to them as soon as they are married; that wouldn't do. They'd kick you out of the house if you went on such business for the first few weeks. You have to let them settle down to housekeeping and find out how much useless stuff they have got, and even then if you call they may not be willing to sell. The husband generally is, but the wife is sure to object at first. 'O, no, dear, she'll say; 'I can't sell that. You know Aunt Martha gave it to me and it wouldn't be right to sell it,' and so on with everything else; but, after seeing them two or three times, they fall in with the idea and are willing to sell anything they don't want."

"I suppose you purchase such articles very cheap?"

"Well [laughing] you may be sure I don't give more than they are worth. You see, I often have those things in my store for a year before I sell them, and on some things, such as fans, I often lose money. Sometimes I sell things in that way to gentlemen wanting to make wedding presents; for you see I buy from the rich people, and they are first-class goods. When I get them they are as good as new, but can sell them for much less than they cost at first, and people who can't afford to pay high prices come to me for their wedding presents."

EVENINGS AT HOME.

The long evenings, which follow the short days, are made in some families, the happiest of all happy times. The cares of the day are ended; the mother's resting-time has come; the father has dropped all sorts of business worries and perplexities, and the whole family throw themselves with zest into the innocent pleasure of the home circle.

Solomon tells us that there is a time for all things; a time to weep, and a time to laugh, to play, and to dance comes most appropriately in the long pleasant evening hours, when

The cares that infest the day Fold up their tents like Arabs, And silently steal away.

It is well for the woman of the household to remember that the pleasant evenings at home are strong antidotes to the practice of looking for enjoyment abroad, and seeking for pleasure in by and forbidden places; for relaxation and recreation will be indulged in somewhat by most men, and happy are they who find in the home circle the diversion they need. A lively game, an interesting book read aloud, or, in musical families, a new song to be practiced, will furnish pastime that will make an evening pass pleasantly.

A little forethought during the day, a little pulling of wires that need not appear, will make the whole thing easy, and different ways and means may be provided for making the evening hours pass pleasantly, and a time to be looked forward to with pleasant anticipations. We visited once in a large family where it was the duty of each sister, in turn, to provide the evening's occupation, and there was a pleasant rivalry between them as to whose evening should be the most enjoyable. The brothers entered fully into the spirit of the simple home entertainments, and were as loth to be obliged to spend an evening away from home as their sisters and parents were sorry to have them absent. Every one spoke of this family as an uncommonly united one, for each and every member showed such a strong attachment for the home to which each one contributed so much pleasure.

FRIENDS AND FORTUNE.

With a clear sky, a bright sun, and a gentle breeze, you can have friends in plenty; but let Fortune frown and the firmament be overcast and then your friends will prove like the strings of a lute, of which you will tighten before you will find one that will bear the stretch and keep the pitch.

Deal gently with those who stray. Draw them back by love and persuasion. One kiss is worth a thousand kicks. A kind word is more valuable to the lost than a mine of gold. Think of this, and be on your guard, ye who would chase to the grave an erring brother.

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April 18, 1877.—6m

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