

HOUSEHOLD **TALKS**

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Food Containers

We usually think little about how our food is wrapped, being more concerned with the food itself. But very bad wrappers or very good ones attract our attention. There has been such a great improvement in delivery conditions in past few days that we take as a material.

improvement in delivery conditions in the past few days that we take as a matter of course the excellent, sanitary, attractive containers our markets send our purchases to us in.

As a matter of fact, this subject has been written and talked about a great deal by producers and manufacturers. If a man is making a first class product, he is anxious to have it come into the home in the best possible condition. It as a matter of pride with him to present it as attractive as he can. On the other hand if a food stuff is indifferently good a manufacturer or dealer will sometimes think to gloss over the imperfections by plentiful use of handsome wrappings. There is a third class of men who select wrappings and containers with deliberate intent to defraud by false appearance or added weight.

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De prosecuted, for he would do other things as careless and bad. House-keepers are too scant with their praise, they seldom speak of what meets with their approval. It is a good thing to commend your grocer if he is careful. Then, when you must suggest some im-provement along sanitary lines, he will listen with interest and respect.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Question .- Please let me know how to wash a cotton coat of rough cloth. It is like toweling and cannot be ironed. Reply.—The material your coat is made from is called ratine and it can be readily washed in soft water. If you fear it will fade add salt to the water to set it. Borax and white soap should cleanse it. When drying fill the sleeves with paper to make them keep their shape and hang the coat on a hanger in the shade. If you have a dress form it can be dried on it. If coat is brightly colored send it to a cleaner. All cotton cloth shrinks a little in washing.

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"An," breathed the girl from be-tween trembling lips, "don't go on. I shall be shown the way."

The Marquise d'Esclignac then said,

"I shall telegraph to England for provisions. Food is vile in Algiers. Also, Melanie must get out our sum-

mer clothes."
"Ma tante!" said Julia Redmond,
"our summer clothes?"

"Did you think you were going alone, my dear Julia!"

She had been so thoroughly the American girl that she had thought of nothing but going. She threw her arms around her aunt's neck with an abandon that made the latter young again. The Marquise d'Esclignac kissed her niece tenderly.

"Madame la Marquise, Monsieur le Duc de Tremont is at the telephone. the servant announced to her from the doorway.

CHAPTER XV.

Julia's Romance From her steamer chair the Mar

quise d'Esclignac asked: "Are you absorbed in your book Julia?"

Miss Redmond faintly smiled as she laid it down. She was absorbed in but one thing, morning, noon and night, waking or sleeping: when and where she should find him; how he was being treated. Had he been taken captive He was not dead, of that she was sure

'What is the book, Julia?" "Le Conte d'un Spahi."

"Put it down and let me speak to you of Robert de Tremont."

Miss Redmond, being his guest and indebted to him for her luxurious transportation, could not in decency refuse the request.

"He knows nothing whatever of our errand, Julia."

"Ah, then, what does he think?" Miss Redmond on the arm of her blue serge coat wore a band of white, in the center of which gleamed the Red Cross. The marquise, wrapped in a sable rug, held a small Pekinese lapdog cuddled under her arm, and had only the appearance of a lady of leisure bent on a pleasure excursion. She did not suggest a rescuing party in the least. Her jaunty hat was enveloped by a delicate veil; her hands were incased in long white gloves. Now she had encouraged her energetic niece and taken this decisive step, she re-laxed and found what pleasure she

might in the voyage.
"When we came on board last night,
my dear, you remember that I sat with Robert in the salon until . . . well,

"After midnight?"

"Possibly; but I am fifty and he is Moreover, I am his godmother He is enchanting, Julia, spiritual and sympathetic. I confess, my dear, that I find myself rather at a loss as to what to tell him."

Miss Redmond listened politely. She was supremely indifferent as to what had been told to her host. This was Tuesday; they should reach Algiers on Saturday at the latest. What news would meet them there? She held in her book the last dispatch from the ministry of war. Supposing the Cap-tain de Sabron had been taken captive by some marauding tribe and was be ing held for a ransom! This was the Romance of a Spahi, in which she was absorbed. Taken captive! She could not let herself think what that might

"Robert's mother, you know, is my closest friend. His father was one of the witnesses of my marriage. I feel that I have brought up Robert it would have been so perfect."

"Ma tante!" warned Miss Redmond, with a note of pain in her voice.

"Ves ves" accepted the marquise "I know, my dear, I know. But you cannot escape from the yacht except in a lifeboat, and if you did it would be one of Robert's lifeboats! You must not be too formal with him."
She tapped the nose of her Pekinese
dog. "Be still, Mimi, that man is only a sailor! and if he were not here and at his duty you would be drowned, you little goose!"

The Pekinese dog was a new addition. Julia tried not to dislike her; for Julia, only Pitchoune existed. She could not touch Mimi without a sense

The boat cut the azure water with its delicate white body, the decks glistened like glass. The sailor at whom Mimi had barked passed out of sight, and far up in the bow Tremont, in white flannels, stood smoking.

"I had to be very circumspect, my dear Julia, when I talked with Robert. 'The sentimental woman in me," her

"Ah," breathed Miss Redmond, open-ing her book, "ma tante, let me read." "Nonsense," said the marquise affec-tionately. "The most important part of the whole affair is that we are here -that we are en route to Algiers, is it

The girl extended her hand grate

'And thank you! Tell me, what did

has the slightest desire to marry you

Miss Redmond sat up in her chair, and flamed.
"Do you want to make me miser

able? "I intend to let my worldly wisdom equal this emergency, Julia. I want

Robert to have no suspicion of the 'How can we prevent it, ma tante?' "We can do so if you will obey me." The girl started, and her aunt, look-

ing up at the Duc de Tremont where he stood in the bow, saw that he showed signs of finishing his smoke and of joining them. "Ma tante," said the girl quickly, "have you brought me here under false colors? Have you let him

think "Hush, Julia, you are indebted to him for accomplishing your own de-

sire.' "But I would never, never . ."
"Petite, sotte," cried the marquise,
"then you would never have been on
this yacht."

Intensely troubled and annoyed, Julia asked in a low tone:

"For heaven's sake, ma tante, tell me what the Duc de Tremont thinks!"
Her aunt laughed softly. "The intrigue and romance of it all enter-tained her. She had the sense of having made a very pretty concession to her niece, of having accomplished a very agreeable pleasure trip for her-As for young Sabron, he would self. be sure to be discovered at the right moment, to be lionized, decorated and advanced. The reason that she had no wrinkles on her handsome cheek was because she went lightly through

"He thinks, my dearest girl, that you are like all your countrywomen: a little eccentric and that you have a



"You Must Not Be Too Formal With

strong mind. He thinks you one of the most tender-hearted and benevolent of girls."

"Ma tante, ma tante!"
"He thinks you are making a little mission into Algiers among the sick and the wounded. He thinks you are going to sing in the hospitals." "But," exclaimed the girl, "he must

think me mad.' "Young men don't care how mildly mad a beautiful young woman is, my dear Julia."

"But, he will find out . . . he "No," said the marquise, "that he

will know."
"No," said the marquise, "that he

will not. I have attended to that. He will not leave his boat during the excursion, Julia. He remains, and we go on shore with our people." "How splendid!" sighed Julia Red-

"I'm glad you think so." said her



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you say to him?"

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"Leave that to me, ma tante."

"You don't know," said the determined lady ouite sweetly. "that he

aunt rather shortly. "Now 1 nave a favor to ask of you, my child." Julia trembled. "Ma tante!" "While we are on board the yacht Sister: Read My Free Offer!

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The girl crimsoned and bowed her

are his guest, and all I ask of you is

that you make the voyage as agree able to him as you can, my dear."

Tremont was coming toward them

"I think you for everything. I shall

"That is, as far as my honor

do what I can." And to herself she

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as well as passions.

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