## HOME DRUDGERY.



"Lord, dost thou not care that my sister hath leit me ione? Bid her, therefore, that she her me." -Luke x. 10. The man of the ouse is de d, and

his widow is takhow you also the pet of the house- insane or care. Company has come. Christ has on our best. If we did, our best throw open the door and greet Christ. They say: "Good morning, Master!

into perturbation. I suppose also the walk from the wary important department, and I supmose that Martha had no sooner greeted the guests than she fled to that room. Mary had no worriment about household affairs. She had full confilabor. Martha, you cook, and I'll sit sown and be good." So you have often men a great difference between two

There is Martha, hard working, pains a some new pastry or discovering

ad of conversation, literary, so enged in deep questions of ethics, she no time to attend to the questions thousehold welfare. It is noon. Mary is in the parior with Christ. Martha is in the kitchen. It would have been better if they had divided the work, and then they could have diwided the opportunity of listening to Jesus. But Mary monopolizes ... hrist while Martha swelters at the fire. It was a very important thing that they Christ was hungry and he did not often have a luxurious entertainment. 'Alas cae, if the duty had devolved upon this subject: Mary, what a repast that would have been! But something went wrong in the kitchen. Perhaps the fire would or Martha scalded her hand, or some thing was burned black that ought only to have been made brown, and Martha lost her patience, and forgetting the proprieties of the occasion, with besweated brow, and perhaps, with pitchor in one hand and tongs in the other. the rushes out of the kitchen into the resence of Christ, saying, "Lord, dost hou mot care that my sister bath left

erve alone?" Christ scolded not If it were scolding, I should rave his seolding than anybody lessing. There was nothing knew Martha had almost self to death to get him o eat, and so he throws a derness into his intonation s to say: "My dear woman, ry. Let the dinner go. Sit this ottoman beside Mary ger sister. Martha, Martha, careful and troubled about igs, but one thing is needful." a threws open that kitchen ok in and see a great many l perplexities and anxieties. here is the trial of nonappre That is what made Martha so h Mary. The younger sister estimate of her older sister's As now, men bothered with ties of the store and office and coming from the Stock Ex they say when they get home: n ought to be in our factory s vhile! You ought to have tage eight or ten or twenberdinates, and then you know what trouble and anxiety Oh, sir, the wife and the mother conduct at the same time a uni-, a clothing establishment, rant, a laundry, a library, while health officer, police and presi if her realm! She must do s nd things, and do them well, in to keep thing going emoothly o ber brain and her nerves are to the utmost. I know there are keepers who are so fortunate that an sit in an armehair in the li

or lie on the belated pillow and

off all the care upon subordi-

if those tombatones would speak the country makes everyb truth, thousands of them would say: are no rents to pay; every man own or a sewing machine or a ladie."

You think, O man of the world, that change for you to sit down on the you have all the cares and anxieties. If banks of the river of life if in this the cares and anxieties of the house- world you had a country seat, but if harge of the premises. This is the hold should come upon you for one you have walked with tired feet in this Martha of Bethany. Yes, I will week, you would be fit for the world what a glorious change to mount sold. This is Mary, the younger sis- housekeeper arises in the morning. earth was domestic martyrdom, oh, the ar, with a book under her arm and her She must have the morning re- joy of an eternity in which you shall bee having no appearance of anxiety past prepared as an irrevocable have nothing to de except what you hour. What if the fire will not light; choose to do! Martha has had no sands outside the door, and of course what if the marketing did not come; drudgery for 18 centuries! I quarrel ere is a good deal of excitement in- what if the clock has stopped-no mat- with the theologians who want to disade the door. The disarranged furni- ter, she must have the morning repast tribute all the thrones of heaven among there is hastily put aside, and the hair at an irrevocable hour. Then the chil- the John Knoxes and the Hugh Latis brushed back, and the dresses are dren must be got off to school. What mers and the Thedan legion. Some of miliusted as well as, in so short a time, if their garments are torn; what if the brightest thrones of heaven will be Mary and Martha can attend to these they do not know their lessons; what if kept for Christian housekeepers. Oh, matters. They did not keep Christ they have lost a hat or sash—they what a change from here to there, from standing at the door until they were must be ready. Then you have all the the time when they put down the rollnewly appareled or until they had diet of the day and perhaps of several ing pin to when they take up the scepchaborately arranged their tresses, then days, to plan, but what if the butchet ter! If Chatsworth park and the Vanexpring out with their affected surprise has sent meat unmasticable, or the derblit mansion were to be lifted into as though they had not heard the two grocer has sent articles of food adul- the celestial city, they would be conthree previous knockings, saying, terated, and what if some piece of sil-sidered uninhabitable rookeries, and why, is that you?" No. They were ver be gone, or some favorite chalice be glorified Lazarus would be ashamed to ladies and were always presentable, al- cracked, or the roof leak, or the be going in and out of either of them. though they may not always have had plumbing fail, or any one of a thou- There are many housekeepers who om their best, for none of us always sand things occur-you must be ready. could get along with their toll if it Spring weather comes, and there must were not for sickness and trouble. The would not be worth having on. They be a revolution in the family ward- fact is, one half of the women of the robe, or autumn comes, and you must land are more or less invalids. The shut out the northern blast, but what mountain lass who has never had an Some in and be seated." Christ did not if the moth has preceded you to the ache or a pain may consider household come alone. He had a group of friends cheet; what if, during the year, the toll inconsiderable, and toward evening with him, and such an influx of city children have outgrown the apparel of she may skip away miles to the fields last year; what if the fashions have and drive home the cattle, and she may visitors would throw any country home changed! Your house must be an until 10 o'clock at night fill the house apothecary's shop; it must be a dispen- with laughing racket. But oh, to do ofty had been a good appetizer. The sary; there must be medicines for all the work of life with wornout conkitchen department that day was a sorts of allments-something to loosen stitution, when whooping cough has the croup, something to cool the burn, been raging for six weeks in the housesomething to poultice the inflamma- hold, making the night as sleepless as tion, something to silence the jumping the day! That is not so easy. Perhaps tooth, something to soothe the earache. this comes after the nerves have been You must be in half a dosen places at shattered by some bereavement that dence that Martha could get up the the same time, or you must attempt to has left desolation in every room in best dinner in Bethany. She seems to be. If, under all this wear and tear of the house and set the crib in the garmy, "Now let us have a division of life. Martha makes an impatient cuch ret because the occupant has been upon the library or drawing room, be hushed into a slumber which needs no patient, be lenient! O woman, though mother's iuliaby. Oh, she could pro-I may fall to stir up an appreciation in vide for the whole group a great deal the souls of others in regard to your better than she can for a part of the household toils, let me assure you, group, now the rest are gone! Though sking, a good manager, ever inventive from the kindliness with which Jesus you may tell her God is taking care of Christ met Martha, that he appreciates those who are gone, it is motherlike to semething in the art of cookery and all your work from garret to cellar, brood both flocks, and one wing she semeskeeping. There is Mary, also and that the God of Deborah, and Hanputs over the flock in the house; the nah, and Abigail, and Grandmother other wing she puts over the flock in Lois, and Blisabeth Fry, and Hannah the grave. More is the God of the housekeeper! Jesus was never married, that he might ed religion of Jesus Christ that will be the especial friend and confidant of take a woman happily through the tria whole world of troubled womanhood. als of home life. At first there may be I blunder. Christ was married. The a romance or a novelty that will do Bible says that the church is the for a substitute. The marriage hour Lamb's wife, and that makes me know has just passed, and the perplexities of that all Christian women have a right the household are more than atoned by to go to Christ and tell him of their the joy of being together and by the annoyances and troubles, since by his fact that when it is late they do not should have a good dinner that day, oath of conjugal fidelity he is sworn to have to discuss the question as to sympathise. George Herbert, the Chris- whether it is time to go. The mishaps tian poet wrote two or three verses on of the household, instead of being a

> The servant by this clause Makes drudgery divine.

tion and prosperous circumstances was the mantel ornaments of a new home. called down stairs to help in the kitchen in the absence of the servants. The gone, and then there is something to be doorbell ringing, she went to open it prepared for the table that the book and found a gentleman friend, who called "Cookery Taught In Twelve said as he came in: "I thought that I Lessons" will not teach. The receipt heard music. Was it on this piano or for making it is not a handful of this, on this harp?" She answered: "No. I a cup of that and a spoonful of somewas playing on a gridiron, with frying thing else. It is not something sweetpan accompaniment. The servants are ened with ordinary condiments or flagone, and I am learning how to do this vored with ordinary flavors or baked work." Well done! When will women in all circles find out that it is domestic happiness, and all the ingredihonorable to do snything that ought ents come down from heaven, and the to be done?

economy. Nine hundred and ninety- of the kingdom, and it is baked in the nine households out of the thousand oven of home trial. Solomon wrote are subjected to it, some under more and some under less stress of circum- wretched home. A man cannot be hapstances. Especially if a man smoke py with two wives, much less 600, and very expensive cigars and take very he says, writing out of his own expecostly dinners at the restaurants he rience, "Better is a dinner of herbs will be severe in demanding domestic where love is than a stalled ox and economies. This is what kills tens of hatred therewith." thousands of women-attempting to make \$5 do the work of \$7. A young cences of my mother is my remembwoman about to enter the married state rance of her as a Christian housekeepsaid to her mother, "How long does er. She worked very hard, and when the honeymoon last?" The mother we would come in from summer play answered "The honeymoon lasts until and sit down at the table at noon I reyou ask your husband for money." How member how she used to come in with some men do dole out money to their beads of perspiration along the line wives! "How much do you want?" "A of gray hair, and how sometimes she dollar." "You are always wanting a would sit down at the table and put dollar. Can't you do with 50 cents?" her head against her wrinkled hand If the husband has not the money, let and say, "Well, the fact is, I'm too tired him plainly say so. If he has it let to eat." Long after she might have him make cheerful response, remem- delegated this duty to others, she bering that his wife has as much right would not be satisfied unless she atto it as he has. How the bills come in! tended to the matter herself. In fact, The woman is the banker of the house | we all preferred to have her do so, for held. She is the president, the cash-ier, the teller, the discount clerk, and prepared them. Some time ago in an there is a panic every few weeks. This express train I shot past that eld 30 years' war against high prices, this homestead. I looked out of the winperpetual study of economics, this life- dow and tried to peer through the long attempt to keep the outgoes less darkness. There was the country home. than the income, exhausts innumers. There was the noonday table. There

Divine discipline! If it were best for come back. At one end of the table, No. off all the care upon subordiwho, having have wages and
experience, can attend to all ofairs of the household. Those arrespicas. I am speaking now or
great mass of housekeepers—thcen to whom life is a struggle, and
at 30 years of age look as though
were 40, and at 40 look as though

etery and you will see that the tomb- of the white robe they never have to stones all read beautifully poetic, but mend anything, and the air in that hill "Here lies a woman killed by too much his own house, and a mansion at that. mending and sewing and baking and It will not be so great a change for you scrubbing and scouring. The weapon to have a charlot in heaven if you have with which she was slain was a broom been in the habit of riding in this world. It will not be so great a asylum. The half-rested celestial equipage! And if your life on

There is nothing but the eld-fashionmatter of anxiety and reprehension, are a matter of merriment—the loaf of bread turned into a geological speci-Who sweeps a room, as for thy laws, men, the slushy custards, the jaundiced A young woman of brilliant educa- sunlight that falls on the cutlery and

But after awhile the romance is all in ordinary ovens. It is the loaf of fruits are plucked from the tree of life, Again, there is the trial of severe and it is sweetened with the new wine out of his own experience. He had a

One of the most affecting reminiswere the children on either side of the Oh, my sister, this is a part of the table, most of them gone never to

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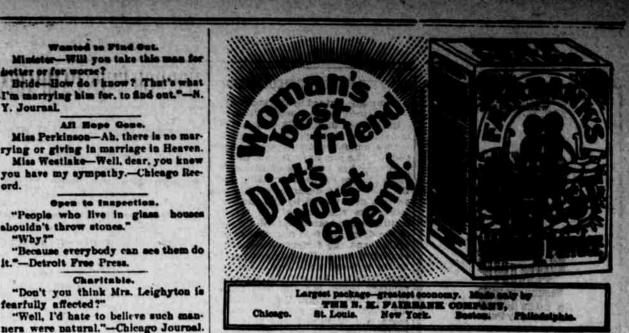
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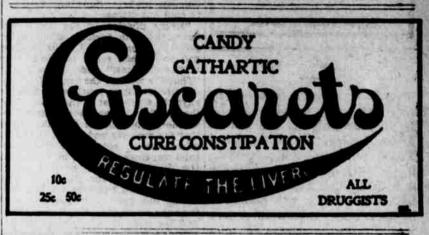
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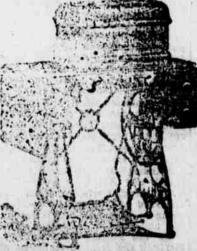


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