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Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE LADIES' AMERICAN HOME-EDUCATION SOCIETY AND TEMPERANCE UNION.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, by authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. SARAH HAYWOOD, SUSAN B. HOLWAY, FRANCES S. KETTELLE, RUTH SEVERANCE, their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation, by the name of the "LADIES' AMERICAN HOME-EDUCATION SOCIETY AND TEMPERANCE UNION," to be established in Boston, in the County of Suffolk, for the purpose of establishing a Home and a school, to aid in the support and education of indigent youth, with all the powers and privileges, and subject to all the duties, restrictions and liabilities set forth in the forty-fourth chapter of the Revised Statutes.

SECTION 2. Said corporation may receive and take by purchase, grant, devise, bequest, or donation, any real or personal property, and hold the same for the purpose aforesaid, and may manage and dispose of the same according to their discretion, provided that the whole amount of real and personal property held and possessed by the said corporation shall not exceed in value at any one time the sum of fifty thousand dollars.

House of Representatives, April 15, 1850.

Passed to be enacted.

ENSIGN H. KELLOGG, Speaker.

In Senate, April 16, 1850.

Passed to be enacted.

MARSHALL P. WILDER, President.

Approved. April 16, 1850.

GEORGE N. BRIGGS.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, April 18, 1850.

I hereby certify the forgoing to be a true copy of the original act.

WM. TUFTS, Deputy Secretary of the Commonwealth.

AN ACT

To change the name of the "Ladies' American Home-Education Society and Temperance Union."

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. The "Ladies' American Home Education Society and Temperance Union," a corporation established in Boston, under the provisions of chapter two hundred and eleven of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and fifty, shall be known as the "Nickerson Home for Children," on and after the first day of April, eighteen hundred and eighty.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved March 11, 1880.

FORM OF A BEQUEST.

I, A. B., do give and bequeath to the "NICKERSON HOME FOR CHILDREN," the sum of for the use and benefit of said Institution, to be applied by the Board of Managers thereof to the general object of the Home. And I do direct that a receipt, signed by the President and Treasurer shall be a sufficient discharge.

CONSTITUTION.

ART. 1. This Home shall be called the NICKERSON HOME FOR CHILDREN. ART. 2. Its object shall be to provide a home for destitute children, especially half orphans, when their homes are suddenly broken up by death, where they can enjoy all the comforts of a well regulated family, and be instructed, not only physically, but intellectually and religiously. For the privilege of such a home, a small board will be required, which, although not enough for the child's support, will serve to give to parents the feeling that he or she is doing what they can for the support of their little ones. A limited number of children, which will be increased as our means shall permit, will be admitted to the Home free of charge. Parents or friends may visit the children at the Home, or may remove them from it whenever their circumstances will warrant their assuming their children's support.

ART. 3. Any person paying one dollar anuually shall be a member. The payment of twenty-five dollars at one time, shall constitute a life membership.

ART. 4. The officers of this Society shall be a President and Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer and Auditors, and sixteen Managers, one of whom shall officiate as Librarian. Five shall be chosen annually as Trustees, of whom the President, Secretary and Treasurer shall constitute a part. At any regular meeting convened, any number of the Officers and Managers present may be competent to proceed with the business in thirty minutes after the appointed hour, and five may constitute a quorum.

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ART. 5. It shall be the duty of the President, in concurrence with the Committee, to call all special meetings, and to preside at meetings of the Board of Managers, each of which is to be opened with prayer. In the absence of the

President, one of the Vice-Presidents shall preside.

ART. 6. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a record of all the proceedings of the Society and Board of Managers; and at each meeting for business she shall read the record of the last preceding meeting. She shall, on special occasions, notify the members of the Board, and shall assist in any other duties the Board of Managers may assign.

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ART. 7. The Treasurer shall keep an account of the money received and expended, and shall present the bills due against the Home at each meeting of the Board, to be approved by them and signed by the President. She shall make a written report annually to the Managers. Such assistance shall be allowed to the Treasurer in collecting of funds, keeping of books, etc., as the Board of

Managers shall deem expedient.

ART. 8. There shall be an Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers held the first Thursday in October, at $2\frac{1}{2}$ o'clock, P. M., when the officers shall be chosen once in five years; but the office of each lady will only be held by the faithful fulfilment of their official duties. An Annual Report of the Secretary and Treasurer shall be presented, the report from the Board of Managers read, vacancies upon the Board filled, and such other business transacted as may come before them. Meetings of the Managers are holden at 3 o'clock, P. M., on the first Thursday of every month; Quarterly Meetings of the Board of Managers the first Thursday of October, January, April and July, at 10 o'clock, A. M., at the Home.

ART. 9. It shall be the duty of some one or two of the Trustees to meet weekly or oftener at the Home, to see that suitable provision is made for the support and instruction of the family, and to take charge of the financial affairs generally pertaining to the Home; to transact business, so far as practicable, with individuals who may wish to place children under the patronage of the Home, together with other important daily visits made at the Home, which require to be recorded and promptly reported at the meetings of the Board of Managers for their action.

ART. 10. Amendments may be made to this Constitution by a majority of

the members present at the Annual Meeting.

LIFE-MEMBERS.

[Those marked with a * have deceased.]

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Mrs. Deacon Skinner, Windsor, Vt.
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*Miss Rebecca Bowker.

*Miss C. L. Donnison, Cambridge.

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*William F. Cary.

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Frank Goodwin, Boston.

Fuller, Dana & Fitz.

Mrs. Harvey Jewell.

Mr. John Foster.

Mrs. Dr. Ladd, Malden.

Hon. Martin Brimmer.

Hon. Alden Speare.
Mrs. N. Thayer.
Henry L. Pierce.
A Lady, Jamaica Plain.
Mr. Stephen G. Deblois.

Mrs. J. F. Haitt. Mrs. Philip Radin, New Jersey. Addison P. Wanson, Gloucester.

DONATIONS

TO THE HOME FOR 1887-88.

S. S. Pierce & Co., barrel of flour. C. D. Cobb, barrel of flour.

Austin & Graves, barrel of crackers.

Perkins Brothers, 10 lbs. of coffee. Pierce & Wayne, box of soap. Winslow, Rand & Watson, box of

raisins.

Loring Crocker, ½ dozen bottles pickles.

Puffer Brothers, barrel of turnips.

Niles Brothers, 2 hams. Peter S. Roberts, I ham.

Brock & Nash, 12 lbs. of beef.

Curtis & Co., barrel of apples.

Crosby, box of butter. H. W. Spurr, box of soap.

Thurston & Hall, ½ barrel of crackers. Fales & Lehy, box of butter. Hall & Cole, barrel of apples.

Farnum & Co., barrel of apples.

Simmons, Amsden & Co., barrel of apples.

Charles North, 1 ham. John P. Squires, 1 ham. W. Benjamin, barrel of squash.

Curtis Davis & Co., box of soap. Charles E. Moody, box of raisins. Swain, Earle & Co., box of starch.

W. W. & C. R. Noyes, barrel of apples.

C.B. Fessenden, raisins.

Lowell Brothers, barrel of apples.

D. A. Dunbar, turkey.

Geo. B. Hecker, sundries.

Dwinnell, Hayward & Co., 10 lbs. of coffee.

Dickey, box of candy.

J. Knowles & Sons, 25 lbs. fish.

H. & R. Atwood, 2 gallons of oysters.

Geo. C. Grant, box of butter. O. E. Treat, lamb and vegetables.

B. Johnson, mutton.

Swan & Newton, turkey.

John Drake, box of oranges.

Carson & Cook, barrel of vegetables. Fobes, Hayward & Co., 3 boxes of candy.

C. L. Cotton, mixed groceries.

L. J. Sturtevant, 2 turkeys. J. F. Glines & Co., 5 lbs. of coffee. James Tarr, Gloucester, box of fish.

Geo. Brown, box of butter.

Pierce & Wayne, box of butter.

Walker & Rich, 25 lbs. of cod. Wm. F. Prior, Jr., 25 lbs. fresh fish. B. F. Mills, corned beef.

Wyman Brothers, barrel of apples.

Geo. F. Jewett, poultry. P. Page, box of butter.

Calvin Ball, beef.

J. Gross, shoulder of ham.

Avery & Waldron, barrel of turnips. Barnard & Rich, 25 lbs. of salmon.

Hanson & Ricker, oranges.

Cobb, Bates & Yerxa, 10 lbs. of tea.

Geo. Brown, cheese.

S. N. Gaut, pies and cake.

Silas Pierce, tea.

Friend, turkey. Richard A. Newell, bushel of beans.

Blake & Ripley, oranges.

Rice & Holway, barrel of apples.

Alonzo Knight, preserves.

G. E. Cofran, lamb.

Fred. Hallet, mixed vegetables.

E. J. Morrison, bushel of grapes.

Pulsifer, barrel of squashes.

F. H. Johnson, 25 lbs. of fresh fish.

George Dunning, pie meat. James Prindle, pie meat.

H. L. Mudgetts, beans.

Snow & Co., bunch of bananas. H. Bird & Co, 16 lbs. of beef.

S. T. Fletcher & Co., 1/2 bushel of beans.

W. F. Schrafft, box of candy. M. Folsom, 2 boxes of candy. Carson & Cook, berries, etc. Otis Monroe, bag of meal.

W. W. Benjamin, barrel of turnips. Simpson, McIntyre & Co., box of but-

ter.

A. S. Haley, 30 lbs. of beef. Howard W. Spurr & Co., box of soap. G. W. Van Horn, disinfectants. C. B. Fessenden, raisins.

I. P. Brown, bushel of potatoes.

Walker, vinegar. George Fera, confectionery.

A. Wanson, hats.

H. M. Burr, & Co., hats.

GIVEN AT THE HOME.

Rev. D. W. Waldron, 3 turkeys at Christmas, Christmas and Easter cards, and a box of flowers.

Miss Hersey, Hingham, comforter, mittens, and stockings; also a bundle of clothing.

Mr. Frank Goodwin, of Framingham, barrel of apples and turnips.

Mr. H. B. Hersey, for Thanksgiving and Christmas, nuts, candy, apples, oranges; and kindly remembered the children Fourth of July with peanuts and a liberal supply of fireworks.

Mrs. Margaret Wilson a donation of \$15.00.

Mrs. R. Christian, fruit at different times, and remembered the children with peanuts Fourth of July.

Pleasant Street Flower Mission, flowers at different times, and fruit.

Mr. C. L. Swan, Clinton, Mass., 3 barrels of apples.

Mrs. N. B. Hunt, S. Sudbury, Mass., flowers W. C. T. U.

Mrs. R. Christian, fruit and a bundle of clothing.

Nash, Spalding & Co., I barrel of. granulated sugar.

S. S. Pierce & Co., 1 barrel of flour. Oriental Tea Co., tea and coffee.

friend, a number of yards of flannel.

Bundle of children's clothing.

Two pairs of children's shoes from friend in Boston.

Gloves and worsted from Bruce & Conant, Dedham.

Box of baking powder from a friend in Newton.

Dorcas Sewing Circle, Hanover, \$1.00. Thomas Wood & Co., coffee.

ANNUAL REPORT.

As the time has come again for our Annual Report, we find it necessary to glance backward at our work in the Home for the past year.

Labor in any direction to be successful requires three factors—power, time, and capital. Now, in any benevolent work, the individual stands for power, or motive force: hence, the greater number of individuals engaged in a good work, the greater will be the moral force and the grander the results.

Capital means brain-power as well as money: so we cannot afford to lose a single worker from our field of labor — "The Nickerson Home for Children."

Our Treasurer tells us of our success financially the past year, but the half can never be told if measured by dollars and cents.

There have been occasional cases of sickness among the children, and these have been kindly attended by Dr. Walker, as in previous years. One death occurred, that of a bright little boy, who was taken from us after a short illness in the early winter.

We are truly thankful to our kind donors who have so nobly responded to the calls of our agents during the past year. We belong to a progressive age which makes more demands upon the public, because the opportunities for usefulness are ever increasing.

The children of the Home have been kindly remembered in many ways. Rev. D. W. Waldron, in addition to the gift of Christmas and Easter cards, gave them twenty-five tickets for a trip down the harbor, and gave them also a picnic at Franklin Park.

Mr. Frank Goodwin had five of the children for six weeks during the summer at his house in Framingham.

Christmas was an especially happy time with them, as Mr. George A. Nickerson, in addition to his Christmas gift to the Home of a hundred dollars, bestowed upon the children ice-cream in abundance, and also cakes and confectionery. They attended two Christmas festivals,— one at the Bromfield Street M. E. Church and one at the Old Colony Chapel Sunday School.

Mrs. A. F. Eastman, of Somerville, kindly donated five dollars for taking the children to rides in the country, and many a pleasant hour was enjoyed in this way.

Through the Y. M. C. Union one of our girls was entertained six weeks at Mrs. Higgins, Newtonville, Mass. Three of our number visited at Mrs. W. J. Bradbury's at Hollis Centre, Maine, for three weeks. They also enjoyed two picnic excursions, one with the Bromfield Street M. E. Church at Downer Landing, and one at Canoby Lake, N. H., with the Old Colony Chapel School.

Our thanks are due to Mrs. M. Rigby, who has given piano lessons during the year to one of our girls.

When kind hearts have opened doors to the fatherless, when willing hands have ministered to the motherless, and when cheering words have been said to the friendless, does it show that there have been idlers in the Lord's vineyard? The children of our Home, returning from their vacation trips, strengthened in mind and body, would utter an emphatic "No" to all such queries.

We again thank our donors one and all for their gifts, and in closing our year's report, would assure them that they are remembered by us at the throne of grace, and we know that the Lord is ever mindful of His own.

Mrs. G. M. DAWSON,

Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The poet sings,

"One more day's work for Jesus, One less of life for me!"

And the thought at once suggests itself: One more year's work for the poor children of this city, one less of life to labor in their behalf. But it is the Master's work, and therefore will go on, though the workmen fall. It is the Master's work, and therefore true home mission work, - not "home" in distinction from foreign merely, but "home" in its literal sense, emphatically "home," since it cares for the homeless. There is, alas! many a father among the lowly, dependent upon his daily wage for the support of his family, on whom the blight of disease descends, and, later, the heavier shadow. The band of the house is loosened when the husband falls. Now, to take from this desolate home two or three of the little ones, and assume the care of their nurture, thus lessening the heavy burden resting upon the struggling widow, is undoubtedly home mission work. And there is many a patient mother, too, who droops and sickens, and dies beneath her load, leaving tender orphans for whom she can no longer care, exposed to the uncertain treatment of a friendless world; but when an institution like the Nickerson Home opens its doors and offers its home comforts and opportunities for shelter and education, no one will hesitate to say that it performs home missionary work of the purest kind.

Visit these children thus rescued from the streets and slums, and watch their faces and listen to their talk. Their clothing is neat, and their countenances happy. They are on their way, perhaps, to one of our public schools, and you may hear them say to one another, "Haven't we got a beautiful home, and isn't the Matron good to us? Oh, I like my new home so much!" Or you may meet them on the Sabbath going to church, or look in on them at the Bromfield Street Sunday School They are learning

God's Word. They are singing hymns, and their faces are radiant as they sing,

"I love to tell the story
Of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and His glory,
Of Jesus and His love.

"And when, in scenes of glory,
I sing the new, new song,
"Twill be the old, old story
That I have loved so long."

Think how different their look and their lot if they had not been rescued. Surely, this is a grand work in which we are engaged.

A few days ago I went into a store on Tremont Street. A bright-looking saleswoman came from another counter at a distance from the one at which I stopped, and spoke to me. "Don't you know me?" she said. I replied, no. "Why, I was in your Home on Tyler Street for nine years!" She told me her name. I could scarcely realize that this ladylike young woman had been one of our children — I remembered her perfectly as a child. She told me that her father was sick, and that she was working to take care of him; that her sister, who had been with her in the Home, was in the country, and doing well; that she herself went often to see the Matron and the children at the Home, for it had been the only home that she remembered, having been taken to it after her mother's death. As I went on my way, and pondered this case of little Mary Moore, I tried to picture our hundreds of scattered graduates filling different posts of usefulness, and many, doubtless, paying back to others the help which had been extended to them.

As to our Society, there is nothing new to record in the review of the year. We have received no legacies—they are yet to come, we trust—but our donors have furnished the means to feed and clothe about the same number of children as in our last Report. Among the children themselves there has been but little noticeable change. Some have been removed by relatives who have recovered their ability to provide for them, and new ones have taken the places of the old. Our devoted Matron has lost none of her interest, and, amid the inevitable labors and perplexities of her position, has shown herself the true woman who knows how to order her household with discretion. Nothing that pertains to the comfort of the children is neglected. The Home is kept so neat and attractive that one who is weary, on entering it, might be pardoned if he felt that he had reached a haven of repose—a sort of oasis on the way to the true "rest that remaineth."

From the ranks of our donors there have been translations. Early in the year we were called to mourn the departure of Mrs. Oliver Wendell Holmes, for forty years a cordial sympathizer and helper in our work. We could illy spare her. But the Master said, "It is enough; come up hither." Later on in the year, we read in the morning newspaper the announcement of the death of Mr. Stephen G. Deblois. The tidings brought a painful shock, for we had had no previous intelligence of his illness. His conversation was, indeed, in heaven. Very intimate and close was his walk with God. His love for both his Maker and for suffering humanity was fervent, and he lived in constant anticipation of the blissful life into which he has now entered. The name of Mr. E. H. Baker stands next in the list of departed ones. It seemed too soon for him to leave us. We had known his father, and the son was like him,—walking in his footsteps and taking up the work of charity and blessing. God knows best. We shall understand better in a little while. And then the name of Hon. M. B. Spaulding - so kind, so sympathetic, so generous. It did seem for a time hard to say, "Thy will be done!" He seemed to be so much needed here. But Heaven claims all the good, and our loss is His eternal gain.

"O how sweet it will be in that beautiful land,
So free from all sorrow and pain,
With songs on our lips and harps in our hand
To meet one another again."

But while these and others have departed, many yet remain to support our Home by their gifts. Our doors would be closed to the children were it not for their generosity, as we have no fund to fall back upon.

The family of the late Joseph Nickerson — our benefactor — have not failed to help us year after year with large donations of money and other gifts. The holiday presents, especially, have brought great gladness to the little ones. We rejoice to record that our old and faithful friend, Hon. Jacob Sleeper, still lives, and his benediction rests upon our Home. He loves the children. He has blessed them often in the name of the Lord. May he receive from his adorable Saviour the final commendation, "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord!"

And now we begin the work of another year. If not spared to complete it, may others take it up and labor more efficiently than we have done.

SUSAN B. HOLWAY,

Treasurer.

				T	REA	SURER	TREASURER'S REPORT.			***
By cash on hand October 1st, 1887,	nd Octob	er 1st,	1887,	•		\$322 43	To water tax, fuel and light,	•		\$265 79
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SUSAN B. HOLWAY, Treasurer.

The above account has been examined, and found correct.

Mrs. S. E. Dawes, $\left.\begin{array}{l}\text{Mrs. C. E. Dawes},\\\text{Mrs. L. M. Tukey},\end{array}\right\} Auditors.$

PAST AND PRESENT

DONORS AND SUBSCRIBERS.

SUMS OF NOT LESS THAN FIVE DOLLARS.

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Adams, Rev. G. W., Ports. mouth, N. H.
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Andrews, E. T.
Andrews, Wm. T.
Austin, Samuel
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TOM CRIMP.

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Mr. Crimp was a wiry, stoop-shouldered, ordinary-looking little man, with a dried-up, wrinkled face, and a thin, brown beard. poor man of no particular importance in the community. He was so insignificant that society even denied him the common privilege of being addressed as Mr., bluntly and unceremoniously calling him Tom Crimp. Strange as it may appear, Tom Crimp was a member of a rich and fashionable church. And why Tom Crimp remained in it, and why he had ever entered it at all, are questions quite as impossible to answer as why he loved it with such an unfaltering devotion, and was so wonderfully true in all his duties to it.

Now it happened one Sunday evening, as Tom Crimp stood in the doorway of the church, that he espied a black bundle upon the stone step that led to the pavement; and, curiosity drawing him nearer, he

found it to be the figure of an old woman.

As Mr. Crimp observed her curiously, she beckoned to him with a bony hand.

"It must be a splendid church," she said. "Inside, I mean. How

I should like to see it!"

"Why, that you may," exclaimed the little man with hearty kindness — "that you may."

But the old woman shook her head.

"No, no!" she said. "It's no place for me. Ah, me! how times have changed! You don't believe it, sir, perhaps, but I've seen better days."

"And will again, I hope," said Mr. Crimp.
"No, that can never be," muttered the old woman. "I'm seventytwo years old, and not long for this world. But fifty years ago I knew this church well, and it was smaller then. I was so happy in it."

"And there's no reason in the world, mother," said Tom Crimp cheerily, "why you should not be happy in it now. Come, go in with

me."

"Not tonight, sir!" she said, rising hastily,—"not tonight."

"Next Sunday, then," persisted Mr. Crimp.
"We'll see," she said,—"we'll see!"

"And I'll be here," continued he, "and we'll go in together." And

then she said, "Good night," and left him.

On the following Sunday evening, true to his word, Tom Crimp stood waiting in the doorway. Out of the shadows beyond came a figure which his keen eyes quickly recognized. He would have led her to his own modest pew, but she shrank back into the farthest corner of the church. And Mr. Crimp was wise enough to respect her wishes, and left her undisturbed. But after the service, he stepped down beside her as she left the church, and raising an umbrella over her head, said, "Mother, it's beginning to rain. Let me take you home."

"Don't put yourself to any trouble, sir," she answered, hurriedly.

"I'm used to bad weather."

"But there's a storm a-coming," persisted Mr. Crimp; "and it won't do, you know." Not that Mr. Crimp meant to imply any criticism of the weather, but simply to express his conviction that it was not right to let her go home unprotected in the rain.

"You are too good to an old woman," she replied. "Well — if you

will — part way — and many thanks, sir."

At the corner of an alley, in an obscure quarter of the city, she stopped him.
"We must part here, sir," she said.

"Let me go with you to the door," said Mr. Crimp.
"No, no! It's not a good place for gentlemen; but nobody will hurt the old woman."

"Take my umbrella, mother."

"No, thank you kindly, sir; it's but a little way. Good night."

And Mr. Crimp was left alone.

The acquaintance thus strangely begun was continued several months. He soon discovered that she made her livelihood — precarious, indeed, it seemed - by selling soap and matches. She had, or claimed to have, no living relatives — or friends, except Tom Crimp. She was old — very; no doubt as old as she had said. After a while he noticed that she was not only very old, but very weak, and growing feebler every day. One day,—well, he remembered it long afterward, for it was their last walk on the earth together,—she leaned heavily upon his arm, and tremblingly exclaimed:

"Mr. Crimp, how good you are to this poor, friendless body! You are the only friend I have."

"Why, mother," he answered, with tender heartiness; "surely there is another,—a better one than I!"

"I do not know him," murmured she,—"I do not know him."
"Ah, yes, you do!" he smilingly responded; then gently added,
there is a Friend that sticketh closer than a brother."

She looked up quickly, with a sharp glance at his face, then let her eyes droop, and walked on, strangely silent, by his side. But when they reached their parting-place, she seized his hand with both of her own, and exclaimed, "Mr. Crimp—O Mr. Crimp! your voice is like an angel's. That Friend you speak of—I have forgotten him so long! But I will try to think of him. long! But I will try to think of him,—I will, indeed; and perhaps he will not cast me quite away."

"Nay, never that," said Mr. Crimp, softly. "Him that cometh to

me I will in no wise cast out."

The tears of gratitude were in her eyes; but she only pressed his hand without another word, and then passed slowly out of

sight.

On the next Sunday night she did not appear; and Tom Crimp, going home with heavy forebodings in his heart, was not surprised to find awaiting him a well-known physician, whose benevolent work among the poor had made him famous.

"Mr. Crimp, I believe?" said this gentleman, rising, as Tom Crimp

entered.

"Yes, sir."

"Mother Shelton, the old lady whom you have befriended, was taken suddenly ill today — "

"Is she very sick?" cried Mr. Crimp.

[&]quot;It is over," said the doctor; "she is dead."

After the first solemn hush which succeeded these words, the doctor drew Mr. Crimp aside, and showed him an iron box upon a table in

the corner of the room.

"When she knew that she was about to die," said the doctor, "she gave into my keeping this iron box, which she charged me to deliver to you. She said that all this box contains she freely and gladly gave to you, because you have been so kind to her, and especially because of the last words you spoke together. She wanted me to tell you that she believed on and trusted the friend you spoke of, - what she meant I cannot say,—and that she died happy. Therefore, my dear sir, I now hand you the key to the box, in accordance with her last request."

With conflicting emotions, in which sorrow for her sudden and lonely death mingled with joy that she had found her better part before she died, Mr. Crimp thrust the key into the lock, and opened

the iron box.

What was his astonishment to find it packed completely full with

money!

"Mother Shelton's savings," explained the doctor. "I have long suspected that she was not as poor as she seemed to be. She has evidently been hoarding for years, and this money has slowly accumulated. She will not need it now."

"No," said Mr. Crimp, earnestly. "She has a better fortune." "A snug little sum for you, though," continued the doctor. "What

will you do with it?"

Tom Crimp thought a moment. Then he answered: "I know what I will do with it."

On the corner of a block, in a quiet and retired but withal beautiful part of the city, stands a large brick house. It has no architectural adornment, but it is very commodious, and looks extremely comfortable. Sunning themselves at the open windows or upon the broad, stone steps, or leisurely strolling through the spacious grounds around the house, one may see on pleasant days certain superannuated people of both sexes who seem to have nothing further to do in this world but to take life easy and prepare for the next. Over the door is a broad, white stone upon which are engraved these words:

> HOME FOR THE AGED AND FRIENDLESS. Founded by THOMAS CRIMP With the bequest of SUSAN SHELTON.

And thus has honest Tom Crimp continued his kindness to the old and helpless. It must not be supposed that he was able to carry on this enterprise alone. But when the story had been told, and it was known that he intended to use his suddenly acquired wealth for this purpose, it was proposed that others should help him in his undertak-

And the movement became at once immensely popular, especially in Tom Crimp's church, which, from having at first simply tolerated him, now began to honor him, and extol his virtues in a manner that was both very pleasant and very embarrassing. And to this day there is no name in all its membership so honored and respected as homely,

simple, plain Tom Crimp.— Golden Rule.

JUST FOR TODAY.

The first, third, fourth, fifth, and last stanzas of this beautiful hymn, are every morning offered by Canon Wilberforce, as his morning prayer before entering upon the labor of the day.

Lord, for tomorrow and its needs
I do not pray;
Keep me, my God, from stain of sin,
Just for today.

Give me the soft answer, gentle speech
Just for today:
Just give me, O Lord, I beseech,
Each word I say.

Let me both diligently work
And duly pray;
Let me be kind in word and deed
Just for today.

Let me be slow to do my will— Prompt to obey; Help me to sacrifice myself Just for today.

Let me no wrong or idle word Unthinking say; Set thou a seal upon my lips Just for today.

Remove all fear and anxious thought
Just for today;
Help me to trust Thee as I ought
Just for today.

So, for tomorrow and its needs
I do not pray;
But keep me, guide me, hold me, Lord,
Just for today.

MISTAKEN CHARITY.

BY KATE UPSON CLARK.

A SMALL STORY WITH A LARGE MORAL.

"I call it extravagance," said Mrs. Mopley, with some heat. "Mrs. Darrow is well able to bake her own cake and do her own mending, yet she hires Mrs. Tate by the day to mend stockings and do such light work for her, and pays her seventy-five cents apiece, or fifty cents, or even a dollar, as the case may be, for cakes. I call it sheer extravagance, for Mr. Darrow's none too well off."

"Mrs. Darrow works hard enough," put in little Miss Vest, mildly. "Ye-es, I know, she always seems to be busy," admitted Mrs. Mopley. "But she seems to be embroidering a great deal."

"I have heard that she sells her work in the city, and gets a large

price for it."

"H—m," said Mrs. Mopley, doubtfully, "the market for fancy work is dreadfully overcrowded, I understand. I should hardly think anybody so far away as Red Wing would stand much of a chance of selling things."

"But I understand that Mrs. Darrow is what they call an expert."

"At any rate, I would manage in some way to do my own baking

and mending. I call it shiftless not to."

Mrs. Mopley spoke severely, and as the richest woman in Red Wing, a small town situated not so far west as its name might indicate, she felt that her influence should be given strongly against shiftlessness.

"But," went on Miss Vest, who was making a morning call, for business purposes, on Mrs. Mopley, "I must not forget that I want

you to head the subscription for the home missionaries."

"I will do so gladly," said Mrs. Mopley, who was proud of her charitable disposition. "Let me see. How much did I give last year? I think it was ten dollars."

So Mrs. Mopley put down ten dollars, and little Miss Vest moved

It was perhaps an hour later that a shabby but respectable looking woman rang Mrs. Mopley's bell, and was shown into her parlor by the one house servant that Mrs. Mopley kept. It was the height of luxury in Red Wing to keep one house servant and a coachman — Mrs. Mopley's "establishment."

"Good morning, Mrs. Tate," said Mrs. Mopley, rather reservedly, as she entered the parlor. "I hope your husband is better."

Mrs. Tate and Mrs. Mopley had been to school together, but that was a long time ago, too long for the friendly old relations to last

really, and they had not seen each other often of late years.

"No, he is not," began Mrs. Tate, her voice trembling a little. "We had saved up a little something, besides paying for our house, but this long illness has used up everything we had. I have sewed a good deal. Mrs. Darrow very kindly employs me for one day each week, and I could even do more than that if there was anybody else to employ me. Then, you know, I have paid a good deal of attention to cooking, and if you want anything done in that line I wish you would let me try to do it."

Mrs. Tate's voice had grown firm before she finished. She had thought the matter over so much that she had hoped to get through

without an instant's wavering.

"I'm not one of the extravagant kind, you know, Mrs. Tate," said Mrs. Mopley, somewhat coldly. "But I cannot see an old friend

She drew her purse from her pocket. Mrs. Tate rose with dignity. "I do not ask for charity," she said. "I merely wish for work."

"But I cannot afford to put out my work," insisted Mrs. Mopley.
"Very well, then," said Mrs. Tate. "I do not wish for anything but work."

"I—I wish you would take this five-dollar bill, really," stammered

Mrs. Mopley.

"I need it badly enough, heaven knows!" exclaimed Mrs. Tate, with a burst of tears, which she could not help. "But I cannot take it without returning something for it. Why would it cost you any more if I should give you five dollars' worth of work for it than if I gave nothing at all? Is it not a truer charity to give the poor work than to give them money, and so take away their self-respect?"

Mrs. Mopley stood irresolute, holding the five-dollar bill in her hand. "I — I don't know but you are right, Esther," she said, her friend's heart-broken eloquence leveling for the time the barriers between them. "I have been trying to do something for you for a good while. I thought I would send you a basket of things"—

"But I am well and strong," interrupted Mrs. Tate. "My children are old enough to take care of themselves, and to go to school All that I want is work. I am a fair seamstress and a good There are my baked beans, my fishballs, my crullers. and different sorts of cake and pies. I think I could suit you with any of them."

"You may send me up some fishballs and baked beans every Saturday afternoon, Esther," said Mrs. Mopley, hastily. And as though she was afraid her resolution would give out before she finished speaking; "and I have promised to contribute two cakes to the sociable tomorrow evening. Make me two of your nicest, please. a silk dress I am just ripping and sponging for a comfortable. might do that if you like; I'll send it down to your house. But I can't help feeling as though this were rather foolish for me who am so well able to do it all myself."

"I don't want to urge you to extravagance," said Mrs. Tate, rising, and looking harassed and nervous.

"No, no," exclaimed Mrs. Mopley, seizing her hands impulsively.
"I am sure you are right. I believe I have had some vain and silly notions about 'charity' and helping others. I am always complaining that I have no time to read, nor to practice my music, nor to entertain my friends. I have done too much of this work which others might do, and which would help them — and then I have given money and thought I was doing all I ought. But you have said just the right thing to me. I shall know better how to help people after this."

"You see what we poor people want is work, and that is better for

everybody than just the money; don't you see that it is?" said Mrs. Tate, her worn, anxious face lighting up with her earnestness.

"I am sure of it," said Mrs. Mopley. — Selected.

HIS SECOND CHOICE.

"Hester," exclaimed Aunt Susan, ceasing her rocking and knitting, and sitting upright, "do you know what your husband will do when

"What do you mean?" was the startled reply.

"He will go and marry the sweetest tempered girl he can find."

"Oh, auntie!" Hester began.

"Don't interrupt me till I have finished," said Aunt Susan, leaning back and taking up her knitting. "She may not be as pretty as you are, but she will be good-natured. She may not be as good a housekeeper as you are, in fact I think she will not, but she will be good-She may not even love him as well as you do, but she will be more good-natured."

"Why, auntie - "

"That isn't all," continued Aunt Susan. "Every day you live you are making your husband more and more in love with that goodnatured woman who may take your place some day. After Mr. and Mrs. Harrison left you the other evening the only remark made about them was, 'She is a sweet woman.' "

"Ah, auntie — "

"That isn't all," composedly resumed Aunt Susan. "Today your husband was half across the kitchen floor bringing you the first ripe peaches, and all you did was to look and say, 'There, Will, just see your muddy tracks on my clean floor. I won't have my clean floor all

tracked up.' Some men would have thrown the peaches out of the window. One day you screwed up your face when he kissed you, because his mustache was damp, and said, 'I never want you to kiss me again.' When he empties anything you tell him not to spill it, when he lifts anything you tell him not to break it. From morning till night your sharp voice is heard complaining and fault-finding. And last winter when you were so sick, you scolded him for allowing the pump to freeze, and took no notice when he said, 'I was so anxious about you that I could not think of the pump.' "

"But auntie —"

"Hearken, child, the strongest, most intellectual man of them all cares more for a woman's tenderness than for anything else in the world, and without this the cleverest woman and most perfect housekeeper is sure to lose her husband's affection in time. There may be a few men like your Will, as gentle and loving and chivalrous, as forgetful of self, and so satisfied with loving that their affection will die a long, struggling death; but, in most cases, it takes but a few years of fretfulness and fault-finding to turn a husband's love into irritated indifference."

"Well, auntie-"

"Yes, well! You are not dead yet, and that sweet-tempered woman has not yet been found; so that you have time to become so serene and sweet that your husband can never imagine that there is a bettertempered woman in existence." — Advocate and Guardian.

THE CROSS-BOX.

It was a rainy day, and all the children had to stay in the house. Ned had planned to go fishing, and Johnny wanted to set up a windmill he had made. Susie wanted to gather her flower-seeds, and Pet was anxious to hunt for her white kitten in the barns. So all were disappointed, and before the night, had become cross and peevish and snappish. Mamma called all to her and talked very gravely. They were quiet for a while after it. In half an hour Ned brought a small box and showed his mother. He had cut a little hole in the top, just large enough to let a cent through, and under it were the words, "Cross-box."

"Look, mamma," he said, "supposing, whenever any of us speak cross we make ourselves pay a cent for a fine? Susie and Johnny and Pet are so cross, it would be a good thing. We'll try who can keep out of the box longest."

Mamma laughed, and said it might be a very good plan, if they all

agreed to it; but if they did agree, they must do as they promised. "I'll agree," said Susie; "I'm not going to be cross any more."

"And I," said Johnny. "And I," added Pet.

"What shall we do with all the money?" asked Susie.

"We'll buy a magic lantern," replied Ned.
"No, we'll buy a whole lot of candy," said Johnny.

"No," added Susie, "we'll send it for a bed in the Children's Hos-

"I tell you," said Ned, angrily, "if you don't do as I want to, I'll pitch the box out of the window."

"Where's your penny, Ned," asked mamma.

Ned looked very foolish, but brought the first penny and dropped it into the box.

Mamma thought the box really did some good. The children learned to watch against getting angry, and little lips would be shut tight to keep the ugly words from coming through. When school began they were so busy that the box was forgotten. Weeks later,

mamma was putting a closet in order one Saturday.

"Here's the cross-box," she said.

"I'm going to see how much money there is," cried Ned. "Seventeen cents. That's enough to buy lemons and nuts, and play peanutstand. Let's do it."

"Oh!" said Susie, "there goes poor little lame Jimmy. I think it

would be nice to give it to him."

"I say," whimpered Pet.

"I won't!" whined Johnny
"I"—No one knows what Ned was going to say, in a very crabbed voice, for just then he clapped one hand on his mouth, and with the other held up a warning finger.

"Look out," he half whispered, "or there'll be more cents in the

cross-box for Jimmy." — Our Little Ones.

DUCE DAWSON'S BELT.

A STORY FOR GIRLS.

BY AUGUSTA DE BUBNA.

Duce Dawson lost her belt.

That of itself was not such an important affair; the belt was merely an ordinary wide morocco one, and Duce had lost many a one before, but when it was the cause of her losing a delightful visit, the matter

really assumed a certain degree of importance.

This was the way of it: A letter from Aunt Roland had been received, and naturally had caused great excitement in the Dawson family, for Aunt Roland was their great Mogul. She was a widow, rich, childless, and lived in Boston; three most important facts. She was on her way South, and had written to her brother, Mr. Dawson, that she should make them a little visit as she passed through their city, and perhaps ask his permission to take with her on her trip, and possibly "borrow for a year or more," one of his daughters; the youngest she recollected was her namesake, Ducelina, and she hoped she should like her for a protege.

This proposition, as well as the invitation, made a decided sensation. "Times" were very "hard" in the Dawson family; the two elder boys were off at college, and it took the greater part of Mr. Dawson's income to keep them there, and find bread and butter, to say nothing of bonnets and dresses for his two girls and wife at home. Therefore, when Aunt Roland hinted at adopting one of the girls "for a year or more," the proposition received a warm welcome.

Mrs. Dawson looked up from the letter, and gazed admiringly at Duce's pretty face and figure, and thought with a grateful sigh that her girl really deserved to have all the pretty adornments that would naturally follow Aunt Roland's adoption. There was only one thing to be feared!

Duce was a most careless and untidy girl. Now if it had been Annette Mrs. Roland had designated, Mrs. Dawson would have had no qualms; for she, like her mother, was the very personification of order and neatness, but Duce!

"At any rate," thought Mrs. Dawson, "Duce is very pretty, and Aunt Roland is such a warm admirer of beauty, perhaps she will be

blind to all but her loveliness.

To do her justice, Mrs. Dawson had endeavored to "bring up" both her daughters to habits of methodical neatness; but Duce was incorrigible. Her things "never stayed put like Annette's;" she would excuse herself in declaring, when her mamma lifted her eyebrows and scolded Duce for the whirlwind state of chaos her bureau drawers and wardrobe were usually in.

"How can you expect to have pretty, fresh ribbons and laces and skirts, Duce," she had exclaimed that very morning in despair; "you never seem to think of smoothing out or folding up or shaking anything you take off. Aunt Roland will be shocked to find you a slovenly, careless young lady, and depend upon it, she will not desire such

a companion, for she is fastidious to a fault herself."

Duce shrugged her plump shoulders, pulled her twisted overskirt around straight, and thrust a pin through her tangled curls, and

laughed out good-naturedly.

"Oh, mamma dear, please don't scold any more; I'm going to turn over a new leaf and blossom into such a prim little Quaker lady that

Aunt Roland will fall in love with me at once."

Poor Duce! she did try; but, oh dear! it was so much easier to just toss hat and gloves down on to a chair, or over on to the piano, when she came in from a walk; or jump out of a little flutter of lace and ruffles and leave them lying a white pile on the floor all night. And everyone knows, feathers and fringes and ribbons and ruffles will not look pretty and fresh very long if cared for in that manner.

Aunt Roland arrived in due season and "took" to her niece Duce-

lina at once.

"She looks as you did at her age," said Mr. Dawson to his sister when he saw the admiration in Mrs. Roland's eyes.

"Yes, I believe she does, thank you," replied Mrs. Roland, with a smile.

For a few days Duce was very particular and nice in her toilette, but before long she forgot her new-made resolution, and a soiled collar, rumpled overskirt, or frowsy head would cause Aunt Roland to look quite shocked. She noticed, too, that Annette was always watching her sister, and putting a pin in here, or pulling a string off there, and at last Aunt Roland began to feel qualms over the feasibility of selecting Duce as her companion for the trip South — or as a protege

Annette was always exquisitely neat in her dress, and so orderly and methodical in her ways — but then Duce had such a sweet, coaxing way, one could forgive her everything, and besides she was so very pretty—and everyone said looked so "like her Aunt Roland!" Mrs. Roland was quite torn in her mind as to which of the girls she

should invite to accompany her, when a little thing decided the matter. One of her Boston friends, a Mrs. Bruce, was to join her in Philadelphia, and with a party of six, start for the South. She was in daily expectancy of a note announcing her friend's arrival at the Continental Hotel, and Aunt Roland felt a secret delight in anticipating the pride and pleasure with which she should introduce Duce to her friend

as her pet and protege.

After warm greetings and final arrangements for the journey, Mrs. Bruce exclaimed, "And now, my dear, let me see your pretty protege! "

With not a little fear lest her darling should not be prepared to be presented thus unceremoniously, Aunt Roland sent word for her two

nieces to come to her room.

They appeared directly,—Annette exquisitely neat and dainty in a pretty garnet morning dress that fitted her fine figure to perfection. Her dark hair smoothly rolled off her brow, and in her hand a strip of embroidery. Altogether a pretty picture of neatness and industry.

Behind her lounged Duce. Poor Duce! She had been reading on the bed; there were a thousand wrinkles in her blue cashmere morning robe; unbelted, the skirt hung and trailed in ungraceful folds along the floor, the lace at her throat was torn, her hair was one golden, tangled mass of bangs and braids, and her lips and cheeks were daubed with chocolate caramels. She was not an attractive picture.

Aunt Roland bit her lip, but presented the girls to her friend, who she felt was severely criticising Duce — as she herself would have done

Duce blushed, painfully conscious of her disgrace; she had not understood there was a stranger in her aunt's room. Thoroughly, ashamed, however, of her slovenly appearance, she glanced down at her dress and said in a deprecatory tone, as she lifted the trailing folds of her mussy gown:
"I lost my belt, auntie."

Mrs. Bruce chatted a while with both girls, but Duce was quiet and She felt that she was under a cloud. When Mrs. Bruce bade

good morning to her friend down stairs at the door, she said:

"The other one has the prettiest face Ducelina, but I don't wonder that you have chosen the exquisitely neat and pretty-spoken little girl as your companion and protege. I envy you her company. It's too bad, though, that she hasn't the beautiful face of her slovenly sister; but of course you never could put up with the companionship of a slattern."

Mrs. Roland did not correct her friend's mistake. She corrected her own, and that day invited Annette to be her companion in her trip South, and her protege for a year, adding severely, "Perhaps at the end of that time, Duce may so far have corrected or outgrown her untidy habits as to warrant my inviting her to visit me, without my having any fears of feeling ashamed of her careless appearance."

It almost broke Duce's heart, but she could not help feeling she

deserved the reproof.

It was all because I lost my belt, and looked so lanky and horrid beside Annette's trim figure," she cried, when her mother told her what Aunt Roland had said.

It served as a good lesson, however, for in the year of her sister's absence she so assiduously cultivated habits of order and neatness, that when Aunt Roland brought Annette home she discovered the change at once, and was so pleased, she kept her word and took Duce back to Boston with her, and says she shall keep her until some one

Duce is very well contented to make her home with a kind, indulgent aunt. She talks sometimes of her old, careless habits, and says she hopes all the girls who hear her story will profit by the lesson she learned when she "lost her belt." — Ladies Home Journal.

THE OLD HYMN-BOOK.

Yes, wife, we're going to move once more; The last time, I declare, Until the everlasting shore Sends word it wants us there! Some things this time with us we'll take, Some leave here in disgust. And some we'll lose, and some we'll break, As movers always must. The family Bible we will find Devoutly carried through; But also, wife, don't fail to mind And save the hymn-book, too! Though finger-marked and cup-board worn, And shabby in its looks, I prize that volume, soiled and torn, Next to the Book of books; When David trimmed his golden lyre With song forget-me-nots, He left a flame of sacred fire For Wesley and for Watts. And many other singers, wife, Have made God's glory known In hymns and tunes that drew their life From echoes round the throne! I've sung them when, on lofty track, My heart soared through the sky, And every word and tone brought back A telegraph reply; I've hummed them when my soul with grief Feared all its prayers were vain, Till they have braced up my belief, And soothed my doubting pain; I've told them to the woods, and stirred The trees up to rejoice; I've joined in meetings where God heard Ten thousand in one voice! I've paused — those sacred words to hear – When life was gay and bright, And every sound that charmed the ear Brought glory to the sight; I've heard them when the sexton's spade Had cut my life in two, And my sad heart, by their sweet aid, Has walked the valley through. Ah, wife! when heaven's great music burst Awakes my senses dim, I humbly hope they'll give me first A good old-fashioned hymn! I trust when our last moving day Has shown us God's good love, And we have settled down to stay In colonies above, We'll find a hundred earthly things Our hearts had twined about, And which — so tight the memory clings — Heaven wouldn't be heaven without. And somewhere, in that blessed place, God grant I may behold, Near by the precious word of grace,

My hymn-book bound in gold.

-Will Carleton, in Christian Advocate.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS.

HOW TO ACT AT A FIRE.

In a lecture before the Society of Arts, London, A. W. C. Ghean gave the following concise and simple directions how to act on the occurrence of fires: Fire requires air; therefore, on its appearance every effort should be made to exclude air — shut all doors and windows. By this means fire may be confined to a single room for a sufficient period to enable all the inmates to be aroused and escape; but if the doors and windows are thrown open, the fanning of the wind and the draught will instantly cause the flames to increase with extraordinary rapidity. It must never be forgotten that the most precious moments are at the commencement of a fire, and not a single second of time should be lost in tackling it. In a room, a table-cloth can be so used as to smother a large sheet of flame, and a cushion may serve to beat it out; a coat or anything similar may be used with an equally successful result. The great point is presence of mind — calmness in danger, action guided by reason and thought. In all large houses, buckets of water should be placed on every landing, a little salt being put into the water. Always endeavor to attack the bed of a fire; if you cannot extinguish a fire, shut the window, and be sure to shut the door when making good your retreat. A wet silk handkerchief tied over the eyes and nose will make breathing possible in the midst of much smoke, and a blanket wetted and wrapped around the body will enable a person to pass through a sheet of flame in comparative safety. Should a lady's dress catch fire, let the wearer at once lie down. Rolling may extinguish the fire, but if not, anything (woolen preferred) wrapped tightly around will effect the desired purpose. A burn becomes less painful the moment air is excluded from it. For simple burns, oil or the white of an egg can be used. One part of carbolic acid to six parts of olive oil is found to be invaluable in most cases, slight or severe, and the first layer of lint should not be removed till the cure is complete, but saturated by the application of fresh outer layers from time to time. Linen rag soaked in a mixture of equal parts of lime-water and linseed oil also forms a good coating. Common whiting is very good, applied wet and continually dampened with a sponge.

DRINKING BEFORE MEALS.

Recent authorities favor the free drinking of water before meals; by this means the mucus secreted by the stomach is thinned and a healthy action of not only that organ but the whole alimentary tract is favored. The flow of mucus is constant, and is especially noticeable during the intervals between the periods of digestion. Mucus is normally secreted during the night, and gastric walls in the morning are covered with a thick, tenacious coat of this substance. If food enters at this time, it will become covered with a coating of this tenacious mucus, which may for a time hinder digestion. The contracted stomach with its puckered mucus lining, always normal in the morning before breakfast, is not in a condition to receive food. The mucus it contains interferes with proper digestion, and its firm contraction is an obstacle to the free circulation of blood through its vessels. A goblet of water taken before breakfast washes out this mucus, partly distends the stomach, stimulates it to a healthy action, and thus prepares the alimentary canal for the morning meal.

TWO VALUABLE DOMESTIC COMFORTS.

One of these is a stool about two feet high. With such a stool a person can do many kinds of work sitting at a table, which is usually done standing. My own better half has made use of such an article for several years, and she would not now be willing to dispense with it for quite a consideration. To any husband that may chance to read these lines, we would say: let this be one of the first things that you get for your wife. And if, after she shall have used it a brief time, she does not cordially thank you, she is not the good wife that I take

The other article to which I refer, is a flannel blanket about four feet in length and three in width. On getting into bed wrap this about your feet, and draw it up over your body; and within three minutes you will be comfortably warm, and will keep so during the night. I have made use of such a blanket for several years, and can cordially recommend its use. Try these articles, and report. SENEX.

SLEEP A MEDICINE.

The cry for rest has always been louder than the cry for food, not because it is more important, but because it is often harder to obtain. The best rest comes from sleep. Of two men or women otherwise equal, the one who sleeps the most perfectly will be the most healthy, moral, and efficient. Sleep will do much to cure irritability of temper, peevishness, and unhappiness. It will restore to vigor an overworked brain. It will build up and make strong a weary body. It will cure a headache. Indeed, we might make a long list of nervous disorders and other maladies that sleep will cure.

Sleeplessness is best cured by a clean, good bed, sufficient exercise to produce weariness, pleasant occupation, good air, not too warm a room, a clear conscience, an avoidance of stimulants and narcotics. For those who are overworked, haggard and nervous, who pass sleepless nights, we recommend the adoption of such habits as shall secure sleep; otherwise, life will be short, and what there is of it, sadly imperfect.

HOME-MADE REMEDIES.

Try a sun-bath for rheumatism.

. Try clam broth for a weak stomach.

Try cranberry poultice for erysipelas.

Try swallowing saliva whan troubled with a sour stomach.

Try eating fresh radishes and yellow turnips for gravel.

Try eating onions and horseradish to relieve dropsical swellings.

Try the croup-tippet when a child is likely to be troubled in that way. Try hot flannel over the seat of neuralgic pain and renew frequently. Try buttermilk for the removal of tan and walnut stains and freckles.

Try a cloth wrung from cold water put about the neck for sore throat.

Try taking cod liver oil in tomato cutsup if you want to make it palatable.

Try walking with your hands behind you if you are becoming bent forward.

Try snuffing powdered borax up the nostrils for catarrhal cold in

Try breathing fumes of turpentine or carbolic acid to relieve whoop-

ing cough.

Try taking a nap in the afternoon if you are going to be out late in

the evening.

Try a silk handkerchief over the face when obliged to go out against the cold, piercing wind. — New York Mail.

THE IMMEDIATE CURE OF WHOOPING COUGH.

Dr. Mohn, of Christiana, communicates to his Norwegian confreres a new method of treatment for whooping cough, for which he claims remarkable results, the disease being cured in a single night. His plan consists simply in the thorough disinfection, by means of burning sulphur, of the rooms, clothing, etc., used by the affected children. The children are taken out of the room, the bedding, furniture, and playthings are exposed, and two ounces of sulphur are burned for every one hundred cubic feet of space in the room. After the room has thus been exposed to the sulphurous acid fumes, the affected children are allowed to return and occupy it. As a result of this treatment, it is claimed that attacks of coughing are immediately alleviated and often entirely disappear.

BABY' NAP.

A mother writes to Babyhood that she has found an unfailing remedy for sleeplessness in her young children — fresh air. If babies are bundled up well, and protected with a sunshade, they will hardly be able to keep their eyes open out of doors, and will drop off to sleep quickly. She recommends that the mothers also take refreshing exercise in the open air, saying: "If I failed to be in the fresh air some time each day, when I was nursing a baby, I could always see the result in increased nervousness and fretfulness in the child." We have seen one baby raised with the happiest results on the plan of taking its naps out of doors all the year round. There is a ridiculous notion that, when babies are allowed to sleep in the open air, they are apt to be troubled with wind on the stomach. There is no sense or reason in it.

A NEW HAMPSHIRE woman, aged eighty years, when asked recently how she had kept herself so vigorous and healthy, replied: "By never allowing myself to fret over things I cannot help; by taking a nap, and sometimes two, every day of my life; by never taking my washing, ironing, or baking to bed with me; and by oiling all the various wheels of a busy life, with an implicit faith that there is a brain and a heart to this great universe, and that I could trust them both "—Boston Journal.

CANE CHAIR-BOTTOMS. — To clean and restore the elasticity of cane chair-bottoms, turn the chair bottom upward, and with hot water and a sponge wash the cane; work well, so that it is well soaked; should it be dirty use soap, let it dry well in the air, and it will be as tight and firm as new, provided none of the canes are broken.

Never enter a sick room in a state of perspiration, as the minute you become cold your pores absorb. Do not approach contagious diseases with an empty stomach, nor sit between the sick and the fire, because the heat attracts the vapor.

To clean bottles, put into the bottle some kernels of corn, a tablespoonful of ashes, pour it half full of water, and, after a vigorous shaking and rinsing, you will find the bottle as good as new.

A SAYING IN ROME. — "Where the sun enters, the physician never does."

Dr. Rush thought the Germans kept off consumption by singing so much.

Do not indulge in excesses of temper; they ruin health and make man prematurely old.

Air and sunshine cure more than physic.

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