

FOR THE WOMEN

What Makes a Home.

Lady Aberdeen, in an address before the National Council of Women of Canada, at Toronto, said:

What is that indefinable something that makes a home, that reveals itself in the books and pictures, in the arrangement of the rooms, in the preparation for a guest, in the tones of the children, in the expression of husband and wife? We cannot describe it, but we recognize it at once when it is present, and no house can be truly a home without some measure of it. We do not need just houses, where we can eat and sleep healthily, but we want homes full of rest and peace and beauty and refreshment.

Our Common Level.

"Put it in any way you choose," said a recent speaker, herself a woman, "to the vast majority of mankind home means cookery. A woman's domestic power and influence are in most instances, exact proportion to her ability to cook or to command good cooking. The old phrase, 'a notable woman,' means above and beyond everything else, skill in housewifery, and it means this just as much to-day as it ever did. It is a very democratic standard, for it applies no less to the tenement house woman than it does to the mistress of a score of servants, but it is none the less forcible for that. Like love, housewifery levels all ranks; it is common ground whereon all women, be they high or low, rich or poor, must meet, the only aristocracy that it admits being based upon excellence."—New York Sun.

The Busy Woman.

Here lies a poor woman who always was busy, She lived under pressure that rendered her dizzy. She belonged to the clubs, and read Browning by sight, Shone at luncheons and teas, and would vote if she might; She served on a school board with courage and zeal; She golfed and kodaked and rode on a wheel; She read Tolstoi and Ibsen, knew microbes by name, Approved of Delsarte; was a 'Daughter' and 'Dame.' Her children went in for the top education; Her husband went seaward for nervous prostration. One day on her tablets she found an hour free:— The shock was too great, and she died instantly!

Soft Ginger Cakes.

Rub into two quarts of flour a quarter of a pound of butter. Dissolve a teaspoonful of soda in two tablespoonfuls of water; add it to a cup and a half of molasses; pour this into the centre of the flour; gradually stir in the flour until it is a soft dough that will roll nicely on the board. Cut into rounds and bake in a slow oven.—Ex.

Weak ankles with a tendency to turn in walking require special treatment. They should be bathed in salt water twice a day and well rubbed after the bathing. If the tendency causes much inconvenience a corset shoe should be worn beside. These can be procured with whalebone supports, fitting around the ankle, so inserted in the lining of the shoe that they may be withdrawn as the ankle strengthens, and less support is necessary.—Ladies Home Journal.

Short women should not wear trimmed skirts no matter what the fashion may be. A well cut and perfectly cut skirt, made with five gores and measuring four yards in width, never looks out of style in spite of the changes of fashion. A canvas interlining and wiveteen binding finishes the edge. Line with taffeta silk, percaline or sambre.—Ladies Home Journal.

Hands are sometimes moist and clammy without exactly perspiring; they may be made more comfortable by washing and brushing them in tepid water in which a few grains of alum or a few grains of alum or a few drops of an astringent sulphuric acid have been dissolved. Dry them with a rough towel and then dust the palms with infant powder or with powdered starch and Florantine iris mixed, wiping the superfluous powder off with a soft handkerchief.—Ex.

MONEY ORDERS.

United States Willing to Make a Change in the System.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 20.—A Washington despatch to the Express says: The Post Office Department is making plans to change the free system in the drawing and paying of international money orders between the United States and Canada so as to reduce the price of such orders to the same rate as obtains in domestic orders in each country. The authorities here say that a greater number of money orders are sent from this country to Canada than from Canada to the United States, but that the Canadian orders in this country are of larger amount on the average. The fact will probably make the amount of fees collected so nearly an even matter that the Canadian Postal Officials may be willing to make the desired agreement as to rates.

Austria and Germany.

BERLIN, Dec. 23.—The substance of Emperor William's autograph letter to Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria is the subject of much speculation in Berlin court circles. From an authoritative source in his Majesty's entourage it is learned that the letter contained a detailed statement of Austrians thus far expelled from Prussia, together with the reasons for their ejection. It also refers to the manner in which Count Thun, the Austrian Premier, publicly spoke of the expulsions, and sets forth the reasons why that utterance is calculated to disturb the hitherto good relations that have subsisted between Germany and Austria. The whole letter is worded with extreme caution, but through it all his Majesty speaks with firmness, making evident Germany's desire to be friendly with Austria and on the other hand her ability, if need be, to stand alone.

Ian McLaren Again.

NEW YORK, December 23.—It has been rumored that Dr. Watson, known to fame as Ian McLaren, author of "Beside the Bonnie Briar Bush," might be called to succeed Dr. Abbott as pastor of the Plymouth church. As a matter of fact the name of Dr. Watson like those of a host of other prominent clergymen, has been discussed by individual members of the congregation only, and it is doubtful if the committee has taken his name seriously. The members of the advisory committee have been flooded with suggestions, the majority of the names being presented to Thomas G. Shearman and Dr. Raymond, and, while Dr. Watson is much admired, and his one sermon in Plymouth church created little short of a sensation, it is hardly probable that he will be invited to take the pulpit.

The Pall Mall Magazine.

Following closely upon the splendid Xmas number of the Pall Mall Magazine comes to hand the paper for January. It contains much of promise for the coming year, and typographically and artistically it indicates even greater excellence than ever. The contents of the January number are such as to make magazine readers happy and we advise its purchase. We can well understand that the Pall Mall magazine is an eagerly looked for periodical.

An Airship Steered.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—Yesterday a balloon, which ascended at the Crystal Palace, Sydenham, London, crossed the English channel to Fecamp, France, about 27 miles north-east of Havre. The Daily Chronicle, which had a man on board, claims to have successfully tested Professor Andree's idea of steering a balloon.

Russian Railway Extension

LONDON, Dec. 23.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Times says that the first train from Merr, Russian Turkestan, three hundred miles southeast of Khiva, arrived on Friday last at Kushk, in the Jamshidd Province of Afghanistan, the line thus being completed to within ninety-five miles of Herat.

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Gibraltar's Guns.

LONDON, December 23.—It is a current belief in England that Gibraltar has already commanded the straits which bears its name. That belief, however, was till recently incorrect. The straits are 12 1/2 miles wide, and the best guns mounted at Gibraltar would not reach across. But now two of the newest 9.2in. wire guns, 36 feet long, and firing a shell of 380 pounds, are being mounted on Europa Point. These guns have a range of 15 miles, and will put their shot at close quarters through three feet of iron, so they are most formidable weapons. They can be loaded and handled by two or three men, and are so well mounted that they fire a shot a minute. Though only weighing 27 tons they are vastly superior to the old 38 and 100-ton muzzle-loading guns, which some years ago were the best guns at Gibraltar. A great deal of work is being quietly done upon the defences at Gibraltar, which now may be pronounced impregnable.

Guard a National Relic.

VIENNA, Dec. 23.—The hand of Stephen I, the first King of Hungary, and the patron saint of the nation, was conveyed with great pomp a few days ago from Sigismund chapel, Budapest, which is going under repair, to the royal treasury. There it will be guarded until the completion of work on the chapel. Cardinal Archbishop Vaszar, primate of Hungary, attended by numerous dignitaries of Church and State and the guards of the crown, all magnificently attired, in procession, carried this most sacred national relic to its new resting place.

Postage Stamps

Ottawa, Ont., December 23.—The imposition of newspaper postage on the 1st of January has induced the Post Office Department to increase the denominations of the present issue of postage stamps, in uniformity with the Jubilee issue that is up to \$5. These stamps will be placed on market as soon as the Jubilee stamps are exhausted.

News Notes

The North Sydney Herald reports that the Dominion Coal Company have dismantled and closed the coal mine at Bridgeport, C. B.

Boston has adopted an effectual, though with a fair and humane method of dealing with street musicians. The music commission mobilized all the street musicians at the North End Park and for four hours listened to their efforts. The examination was made with the object of selecting and licensing only those who played according to Boston standards. There were hurdy-gurdies, hand organs and cornets among the instruments examined and one monkey, but it is noted that the latter was examined as to musical capacity. Several musicians were instructed to have their instruments tuned. The principal tunes played were "The Banks of the Wabash" and "St. Patrick's Day." About fifty licenses were issued, and fully as many more musicians were turned away because their music was not up to the standard demanded by the judges.

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8 38 5 13	Emerald	8 18 12 53
9 05 5 47	Kensington	7 33 12 26
P. M.		P. M.
9 30 6 50 Ar.	S' Side	Lv. 7 00 12 00
12 50	Lv.	Ar 10 30
1 37	Wellington	9 47
2 19	Port Hill	9 00
3 31	O'Leary	8 00
4 34	Alberton	6 55
5 30 ar.	Tignish	lv 6 00
P. M.		A. M.
2 30 lv.	Charlottetown	ar 10 50
4 10	Mount Stewart	9 05
5 22	Cardigan	7 35
5 45 ar.	Georgetown	lv 7 10
P. M.		A. M.
4 05 lv.	Mount Stewart	ar 8 55
4 43	Morell	8 17
5 12	St. Peters	7 48
6 40	Soariss	6 20
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