

The Household.

In using oil-paints with silk or satin, begin by squeezing out the tube colors on blotting-paper, which will absorb the oil in the paint and prevent a stain upon the material.

The headquarters of Cashmere shawls at Bombay continues to send them out in all grades and qualities in prices varying from ten dollars to one hundred dollars, not to be used as shawls, but for curtains and portieres.

CHARCOAL.—The value of charcoal for other purposes than fuel is hardly understood by the public. When laid flat, while cold, on a burn, it causes the pain to abate immediately; by leaving it on for an hour the burn seems almost healed when the wound is superficial.

UNOCCUPIED ROOMS.—Many people have to leave their homes for a time, during which period, especially in damp seasons, not only the furniture, but also the walls and the paper on them are liable to get damaged by the moisture in the atmosphere.

TO RENOVATE CASHMERE.—Black cashmere which you wish to make over can be made to look very fresh and new by the following treatment: To a pailful of water add two ounces of aqua ammonia and enough blueing to make the water dark blue.

There is no freedom in a home where things are too expensive and choice to be freely handled and easily replaced. Life becomes a series of petty embarrassments and restrictions; something is always going wrong, and the man finds his fireside oppressive.

Bi-carbonate of soda can always be used in place of saleratus, and is better because it is less likely to be impure. It can be found at any drug store. When mixed with sour milk it forms lactate of soda, a salt whose acid is the natural acid of the stomach.

SUBSTITUTE FOR CREAM.—Beat well the yolks of two eggs, and strain them into a pint of new milk; add a little sugar, and place it over the fire, stirring very carefully in one direction until the mixture is of the consistency of cream.

HOW TO GIVE CHILDREN AN APPETITE.—Give the children an abundance of out-door exercise, fun and frolic; make them regular in their habits, and feed them only upon plain, nourishing food, and they will seldom, if ever, complain of a lack of appetite.

If you object to bread made of Indian meal and graham on account of its coarse grain and consequent crumbling, sift the Graham. The usual proportion to use is one-third of graham and two-thirds of meal.

Always stand a wet umbrella with the handle down; one trial will convince you of the rapidity with which it will drain, and your umbrella will last longer if dried quickly.

The best duster with which to clean carved furniture is a new paint brush; you can remove absolutely all the dust with it. Try it.

If you flavor a rhubarb pie with nutmeg it will improve it greatly, and make it taste like a fresh apple pie.

Whatever you dislike in another, take care to correct in yourself.

A Child's Evening Prayer.

Now the daylight fades away, Children, leave your happy play, Think before you kneel to pray At evening time.

Kneel in presence of your Lord, He, by angel hosts adored, Waits to hear your every word, At evening time.

Pray him to forgive you all This day's faults, however small; On His love for pardon call, At evening time.

"By Thy grace I'll try to be Day by day more like to Thee; Living Lord, give ear to me, At evening time.

For my home and parents dear, Here to Thee I make my prayer; Guard us with Thy tender care, At evening time.

May we know and do the right, And hereafter walk in white, Where there ever shall be light, At evening time."

—My Sunday Friend.

BIBLE STUDIES.—NO. XXIV.

Written for the Living Church.

A word that occurs but once in the Holy Scriptures. The article which it represents was very highly esteemed by the ancients, and is in great demand in modern times. It is brought from Madagascar, the East and West Indies, and the Cape of Good Hope.

What is the article? F. B. S.

ANSWER TO BIBLE STUDIES NO. 22.

The name of the woman was Abigail. The King, her husband insulted, was David. Abigail averted the king's anger by meeting him with a present for the young men.

ANNIE S. MORROW.

Anecdotes of Archdeacon Kirkby.

AN INDIAN SERMON WITHOUT WORDS.

Written for the Living Church.

In a certain locality in British America, some Indians, who had become Christians under the influence of Archdeacon Kirkby, were engaged in felling trees. It was the sporting season, and several young men from Canada had gone out there for the pleasure of hunting in those wild regions.

One day an Indian was singing continually of Jesus, and the young infidel hunter being somewhat annoyed at it, said, in a tone of displeasure: "What are you always singing about Jesus for? What did He ever do for you?"

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A sick child, being laid upon her bed and asked if it was not good that we could go to sleep and forget our troubles, answered, sadly, "Yes; but we wake in the morning and remember them all again."

Music in the Tree Tops.

Written for the Living Church.

The bright red Maple puts forth its blossoms in the earliest spring-time. It is a peculiarly beautiful tree, not only for this first promise after the seeming wintry death, but also for its brilliant autumn foliage.

How golden these winged creatures are, with the yellow dust upon them; and what a contented song they make as they work, work away! What they gather from the opening buds of the poplar and other trees, is called "Propolis," and is used for lining their hives, and stopping holes.

Shepherds and their Dogs. I am never weary of hearing the stories of the sagacity of colley dogs. The tales that are told of Scotch Shepherds and their dogs are marvellous. One of the most interesting that I have ever heard was related by Charles Hancock, Esq., the celebrated animal painter.

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