

Five or six quarts of biscuit flour can be prepared at a time by taking one tablespoonful of soda and two of cream-of-tartar, or three of baking powder to every quart of flour, sifting it thoroughly three times and put away for use.

To keep water cool for drinking get a common earthenware pitcher, the commoner the better, as it will be more porous; wrap it all around, leaving no inch of it bare, with wet flannel. Keep the flannel wet and the water will shortly be as cold as is good for drinking purposes, almost ice cold.

#### MISCELLANEOUS.

Most women wear the stunningest dresses they have when they travel.

About the worst thing that can happen a woman is to get married and go to boarding.

Girls sometimes have to marry poor husbands to appreciate what good fathers they had.

Every woman thinks she has a right to select the women her husband should like or dislike.

No woman weighing more than a hundred and fifty should let her hair fly loose around her face.

Girls should not tell their married friends quite so many of their secrets. The married women tell them to their husbands.

Every woman is sorry for some other woman on account of something her husband told her about the other woman's husband.

Every time a woman's acquaintances call attention to a child that is with her on the streets, she pulls out a handkerchief and wipes its nose.

Outdoor speaking and traveling has done so much to develop the masculine tendencies of Mrs. Lease that she is now referred to as "Her Whiskers."

She never asked if her hat was on straight.  
She never ran from a mouse;  
She kissed all the boys with never a blush;  
She's a wee baby girl in the house.

The real patriot Kansas girl does not tell her fortune with daisy petals. She uses a sunflower instead. The gods grant any wish to a girl with a sunflower in her hand.

An Atchison girl came down town the other day with both hands badly stained by putting up fruit, which so pleased a practical young man of the town that she is now wearing a diamond ring.

A woman lost her hat on the Missouri Pacific train coming to Atchison from St. Joe this morning. She took her husband's hat, made peculiar creases in the crown, and after putting it on her head, stuck a long pin through it, and sent her husband out to buy another for himself.

Speaking of funerals, why do sensitive persons who have had no acquaintance with the deceased attend them? Sitting behind meat at the church services over the remains of Gilmore was a woman who came entirely from curiosity, as I gathered from her remarks, and who became almost hysterical as the services continued. These people must find such affairs a species of cheap intoxicant I fancy.

The new product from common flax straw, named fibrella, is generally regarded as likely to have an important bearing on textile interests in the fu-

ture. By the new process of manipulation, as described, such straw is reduced to a short staple very closely resembling cotton or wool, and when mixed with either is found to add materially to the value of the product in beauty and strength. Twenty-five percent. of fibrella mixed with 75 percent. of wool is said to make a broadcloth superior to that made of wool alone.—*N. Y. Sun.*

*New York Recorder.*—There is a Woman's Accident Association in this city, but they don't seem to do a rushing business. I suppose they require a promise that you will not wear high-heeled shoes and risk breaking your necks on the elevated steps; that you won't grip the vital organs in bands of steel and bone, so that a little exercise will paralyze them; that you will refrain from putting belladonna in your eyes to make them bright, and that you will abjure arsenic complexion wafers and hair dyes that cause softening of the brain. With a few such precautions the risk should be an ordinarily safe one.

If girls were brought up to be married as their brothers are brought up to earn a living, there would be less shilly-shallying and more happy marriages. Every girl not an invalid expects to go into a home of her own, and it is just as much her business to keep a house and keep it well as it is her brother's business to provide one. An ignorant, shiftless woman is as reprehensible as a lazy good-for-nothing man.

The German girl gravely begins, while in short skirts and hair braided down her back, to make and put by things for her house, but the American girl must not appear to have a thought beyond her beaux or people will think her forward.

She is not supposed to make a study of the duties of wife, mother and housekeeper until she is engaged for good, and then she masters the rudiments of her trade while the wedding preparations are going on, besides devoting six out of her sixteen waking hours to her lover. No wonder she is so fagged out and nervous by the wedding day that it takes the whole honeymoon to recuperate.

*New York World.*—Lord Tennyson, who, many people think, was scarcely less a philosopher whose opinions are authoritative than a poet whose words are a delight, said in the course of his career many things about women. If he had been merely a poet the fact would not have been so important, for poets are forced to say "whatever suits the rhyme," but as he was a thinker also it is interesting to see how he interprets the puzzling bulk of creation.

One thing that he insists upon is the indissoluble bond between them and men.

"The woman's cause is man's; they rise or sink together, dwarfed or godlike, bond or free; if she be small, slight-natured, miserable, how shall man grow?"

That places quite a burden of responsibility upon women, but elsewhere he remarks:

"As the husband is, the wife is," which again places the burden on the masculine shoulders. Probably the poet meant to divide it.

About the esteem in which she should be held, he speaks in no uncertain manner:

"Who does not honor his wife, dishonors himself," and "It is the low man thinks the woman low."

Somewhat equivocal is this:

"It is hard to wife and thrive in a year."

Which probably merely means that so much good fortune does not befall a man in so short a time.

His various heroines were all a little above the ordinary.

"Her eyes are homes of silent prayer."

"Eyes not down-dropped nor over-bright, but fed with the clear-pointed flame of charity."

"By common clay, taken from the common earth, moulded by God and tempered by the tears of angels to the perfect form of woman."

"Pure vestal thoughts in the translucent fane of her still spirit."

"Happy be with such a mother! Faith in womankind beats with his blood, and trust in all things high comes easy to him; and though he trip and fall, he shall not blind his soul with clay."

"She stood a sight to make an old man young."

So much and much more did he say of women. And they in gratitude may well apply to him other lines of his:

"He rested well content that all was well," and "He crowned a happy life with a fair death."

#### DENVER & RIO GRANDE STRIKE.

The Denver and Rio Grande Railway company have issued from the office of the president and general manager a circular containing their version of the circumstances leading up to the strike of engineers, conductors, firemen and brakemen on the second division of their road inaugurated on the morning of the 15th inst. and now on.

On August 22nd Division Superintendent R. M. Ridgway ordered that train and engineers on trains 61 and 64 must not detain their trains to get meals at Malta or Glenwood; that on leaving terminals they must prepare themselves to go through as it was very desirable that the trains should make fast time.

The company says that on August 24th, two days after the issuance of the bulletin order, Engineer William Gordon was listed to take west bound California fast freight train No. 61, from Minturn to Grand Junction. As the train was ready to leave Minturn, Engineer Gordon called the trainmaster, who was in Minturn, upon his engine and informed him that unless bulletin order No. 23, relating to detention of trains 61 and 64 at Malta and Glenwood by train and engineers taking meals, was recalled, he would not leave Minturn with the train. He used violent language, and stated he "did not care a damn if he never worked another minute," he would not go out until the order was recalled, and told the trainmaster to go to the office and repeat this to division headquarters. This the trainmaster did at once. In order to avoid contention and disarrangement of the train service, the division superintendent, on being advised by telegraph of the situation, directed the trainmaster to remove the order from the bulletin board, and train No. 61 was then taken out by Engineer William Gordon.