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HELEN.

I am Helen, and my name
Is a glory and a shame
For my beauty was Earth's crown,
And my sin shook mine down.

Oh, the days, and oh, the dreams
When I was queen,
By the glamour of my glances
And the splendor of my spoils!
My life was all romance,
And no dull days intervene.

From the golden dais
Where I reigned queen,
As a woman's way is,
I descended to a throne.
And my life, that lately
Leapt as a mountain stream,
Now crept still and stately
As a river in a dream.

He came:
In his eyes was dawning
And a new desire,
Unknown by season,
The gallant dire
To gain my room,
Took all my frame
With him.

Six years, the ten swift years, are fled;
They to fall's, and on my head
Lies the guilt. For princes dead
In the darkness flying me stood,
Showing each his bleeding wound:
No word speaking,
No wrath wreaking,
They pass in silence one by one;
And when I think the dream is done,
Lo! the white haired king appears,
Kneeling, as he believes in tears
The hands that slew his son.
—F. W. Bourdillon in London Spectator.

HOUSEHOLD ECONOMY.

The Prevailing Fault Among Americans of All Grades Is Extravagance.

If the question were asked what one quality in a woman most conduces to a happy home I should say frugality and economy, and if what quality in a man most conduces to home happiness I should repeat—economy and frugality. The great American crime is waste of national economy. The woman wastes in the parlor and kitchen. The man wastes everywhere. There is no class that is careful of outgoes. No one man or woman in one hundred keeps an account of personal expenses. If our schools, instead of the rule of three, would teach the children the simplest elements of plain bookkeeping, commercial arithmetic would be of some value. The farmer who sees pure dawn in figures his expenditures and his income and honestly writes down his losses by bad management—carelessness—will be on the road to amendment. Every housekeeper should have a slate hanging in the kitchen, on which to jot down daily expenses, and a pocket memorandum book to see how quickly pennies away.

When statistics prove that average life is provided with far more comforts than fifty years ago, and I look about at the amount now expended in a year compared with what was formerly needed, I wonder how much it will take to satisfy the wants of a family fifty years hence. There is not a question but half of our boys and girls are scarred by too free use of money and the other half by being jealous and dissatisfied.

Where will be the end of indulgence? The antidote is twofold. We must educate them to restrain their desires and very early to earn in proportion to their expenditures. Every child should be brought up to feel a responsibility for the household. I see girls daily that are sorely preparing for misery. Heaven help a man who is inveigled into marrying such a woman. She has not and can have no idea of earning or saving. She only considers a husband as a purveyor and provider. He in turn sees his highest aim in life. Home is a hopeless idea never to be gratified. His ideals drop down. He becomes a gladiator if rich, a sneaked man if poor. This one thought ought to be uppermost in training—to make our young people helpful, and the girls to comprehend the duty of being helpmates.

But short necessity: It is true that most of those who are supposed to be above the necessity of kitchen work really are not. I know the inside truth about many families, and the share, in the majority of cases, is the husband's. He has no leisure to life from money making. We women are creating a detestable class of money makers. On a moderate income they know that their family is not constituted to be happy. The outgoes are from one-fourth to three-fourths for things that could be spared without suffering.

There is nothing so honorable as toil, and this every one without exception should be made to feel. The work of the world should heavenly distributed as a privilege and a joy. As for menial work, it is generally such by inference; it is that which shows skill. Why should so many thousands of our women consider cooking and cleaning as out of their province? A woman that does not need to scrub a floor should nevertheless do it, and do it well.

Into Vassar not two our common schools must go the inculcation of a nobler spirit. It makes very little difference whether it be in a rich home or a poor one, but a complaining spirit and a wasteful one spoile all comfort. Some one has said that one-half of the production of the United States gets wasted. He laid special stress on the bad habits of those who cultivate the soil and handle crops. My special trouble is with those of us who waste in the household. I say not urging penuriousness, but economy there is no escape from. Our young couples should be trained specially to a study of ways and means. It is insanity to start out in life ahead of income, or even flush with it. I wish all young married couples were compelled by law to go to a school of domestic economy for one year after marriage.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Scarf in Place of the Tidy.

The day of the tidy is over. In its place is the silken scarf, which may be just as troublesome, but which has this good feature, that it is not the work of the toil of hours, perhaps of days, as the old tidy was, embroidered affair often was. Many women had spent months and pleasure in doing piles of fancy work, though it seems to be a fact that embroidery is not such a hobby as a few years ago. The beautiful for decorative purposes are the manufactured fabrics, designed solely for this purpose. Dull women are finding out it is foolish to spend their time in counting stitches and cross stitches when they might be reading a book or riding a bicycle. Men have made to like to see women sleeping over intricate patterns of fancy work. They think it is wasted time.—Brooklyn Eagle.

Worse Than Heathen Parents.

There are heathen parents who expose their weak and sickly children to wild beasts. How much worse are those who give the parents to our land who do not provide wholesome nourishing manna for hungry children.—Louis Harris.

"German Syrup"

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