

styles of skirts? I am just asking for information, for I haven't. Not that I would seriously object if some rich dressmaker would offer to make me a present of the material and make me also a present of the making, but to impart to you a state secret—I have not been able to afford myself a new skirt of any sort this summer. It is highly entertaining to me to read the papers about other women's skirts, and I enjoy walking to meeting and observing live women wearing real new skirts. But the truth is I have had no money to buy new skirts and I am so constituted that I haven't the heart to ask the head of the firm for money to buy new skirts when I know the safe is guiltless of money. So, the old skirts which were on fairly good terms last summer, most of them having been acquaintances for two or more summers, have grown into such positive intimacy with me that they feel and look like old friends, very old friends indeed, I might say; too old, I would say only that I am charmed to be able to look every one in the face and know that even if money is short my bills at stores are a great deal shorter. Do you know what I think when I see my sisters with new skirts on? I am wondering where on earth they got the money to buy them with, for it does seem as if there is neither gold nor silver in the town in which I live. Credit, oh yes, but one's self-respect binds one from making short friends with long credits. How is it with you? I saw a woman the other day with a white wrapper on at church. Other women looked at her with some scorn, but the men, especially those who knew her well, said she looked very cool and nice. You see, the wrapper is a remnant of better days, and as it was mended, every one could see that economy and independence looked out from every fold. Another friend showed her worn-out mittens to her husband, and asked what was to be done. Cultivate skin gloves, was the reply. She was offended, but needs must you know when poverty drives. My dears, anything on earth that is your own and paid for, no matter what its style or make may be, no matter how new or how ancient, it will be fashionable this summer if it never was before nor ever will be again.

Our Children.

SHALL MOTHERS KEEP THINGS UNDER LOCK AND KEY?

What is the chief lesson for all human beings to learn? The lesson of obedience to law and order. Now, a great many, nay most, children are born with a tendency to pry into every thing, and a further determination to get everything they want. This makes them mischievous and meddlesome. I hold that the man or woman who locks away anything from the touch of their children are educating thieves and liars. This may seem a harsh statement, but I venture to say that the mother who understands the principles of government so little as to fancy that her children will let things alone only when compelled to has so much laziness and laxity of discipline that her children will never learn anything good from her. One of the most important things to a child, is that the rights of others must be respected. This can never be done in families where the children are allow-

ed to rummage the drawers and to help themselves to everything they may want; or, on the other hand, where things not in general use are locked away from them. Show me a girl whose mother has kept pins, scissors, thread, and jewelry locked away from her youthful, meddlesome fingers, and I will show you a girl whose sense of honesty is dull almost to deceit. Show me a father who finds it necessary to lock up his money and his cellar from his boys, and I will show you a family of unnatural prigs. It is a poor way to teach children honesty, to make them feel that force rules the universe, and that the only restraint possible is the restraint of locks and bars. Girls will take liberties, they will wear mother's ties and ribbons, will lose mother's comb and scissors, will take clean handkerchiefs when theirs are all soiled. That is the savage nature of the being showing itself. And Col. Parker says we are all born savages, and civilization is cultivation. A boy will help himself and his companions to the cherries, will use the best tools for his play, and will even take the nickel he sees accidentally in his father's drawer. It is trying, it is aggravating in the last degree. And the first impulse of the parent is to give way to the savage promptings of his own nature and hide the tools and scissors and to lock up the ripe fruit. But halt! What are we doing? We are teaching our beloved children that we have no confidence in them, that they must be treated as a common thief and that force is the ruler of our household. Mother, take your little girl, and after you have bought her everything she needs for herself, talk gently to her, and keep it up even for years. The time will come when, even if she has inherited meddlesome characteristics, she will have overcome the grievous fault, and she will respect not only your right but the rights of every human being. Never lock up your things, no matter what they may be; leave them open. Tell the children they must be let alone. Try by every honest means, even to a sound thrashing if necessary, to see that they are let alone; but don't lock them up. No matter if you lose your thimble every day, and if your pins are always gone, nor even if valuable things are taken and lost; better to lose a king's jewel than to lose the precious opportunity of teaching your child to respect law, order and the rights of others.

Infant's Diseases.

THRUSH.

This simple but oftentimes troublesome disease is not uncommon in this Territory. I have nowhere seen in books that the nature of this disease is the same as canker, but I am sure that it is so. We are told that it is caused by the child having too much artificial sweet given in its food, or by the overheating of the mother's blood, etc., etc. I think there is oftentimes a cankerous condition of the mother's blood existing before the birth of the child, which leads to this disease. Of course this is greatly increased by giving babies sugared food or medicine. If children must be fed or doctored, let it be without the addition of cane sugar. And above all, let the feeding be done with regularity and at not too frequent intervals. If the mouth should appear to be covered with white spots,

looking like curdled milk, you may be sure that thrush has set in, and if not properly treated, it will increase until it is very troublesome. Sips of cold water are recommended, but I should prefer to give the water as warm as could be comfortably taken. Also wash out the bowels with free enemas of warm water, and see that the child's diet is altered, and that it breathes perfectly pure air, night and day. The mother's diet also should receive some attention, as undoubtedly she is eating or drinking unsuitable articles of diet. If she is using too much sweet, grease, or meat in her diet, it must be corrected, and she should take such cooling remedies as cream of tartar or salts. To cool the blood means in other words to thin out the surplus of carbon and rich materials, and to give the system a chance to get to healthy work unencumbered with impure materials. The mother herself should drink hot water before eating, and if she wishes to take medicine, let her take some golden seal or other old-fashioned remedy for canker. If medicine must be used, it is much better for the mother to take it than to put it into the delicate stomach of a child. It will reach the child, depend upon that, even if taken by the mother. Modern doctors claim that it is unnecessary for babies to have the old-fashioned dose of saffron, but my own experience proves to me that unless the mother has and does keep strictly the laws of life and health in eating, drinking and living generally, she needs the old-fashioned physic on the third day, and perhaps sooner, while the baby is much better able to throw out the cankerous rush attendant upon its over-rich supply of food from the mother if it has some saffron for a few days, than it is if it is left to get along without anything. To be sure, if you as a mother have kept the Word of Wisdom strictly before the birth of your child, if you have refrained from sweets, pastry, meats and greasy foods, and if you are of a strong natural constitution, you can safely refuse to take the physic, and leave the saffron untouched for both you and the baby will be all right without either. There is reason in all things. I am assured the time is not far distant when the Saints are going to arise from the physical darkness which has so long overshadowed us and kept us from advancing spiritually.

Hard Times.

WHAT SHALL THE MEN DO ABOUT IT?

Some one asks me if I have the temerity to undertake to advise the men. Well, I won't promise to do that, and I won't promise not to, for I am not always certain just what I will do at any given time. But just now, I want to tell you, and the men too, of a whole lot of things I would like to see them do, and a whole lot of things I would like to see them stop doing.

I would like to see our men-people stop congregating in stores and on street corners to "talk over the situation." A meets B and there they stand, hour after hour—for there it seems to be nothing for tradesmen of business men to do in the way of regular work—talking, talking, talking, repeating what this one said, "that times are sure to liven up because so and so said so and so," and that one said, "that