









HOUSEHOLD.

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HER FIRST CAKE.

She measured out the butter with a very solemn air. The milk and sugar also; and she took the greatest care.

A friend was spending the day with me. We were discussing woman's in- clination towards self-martyr-

dom, and what an almost tragic thing it is. In some instances it is deeply tragic. You and I have known self-

constituted martyrs whose martyrdom was entirely useless; the necessity for it existed only in their minds, or their

mistaken ideas of duty. It is no woman's duty to be a martyr to domestic duties, to husband and children.

What to Leave Undone. Mrs. Whitney, I believe it is, says a writer in an exchange, who has made one of her original characters utter these truthful words: "Something must be crowded out."

Pen Names for Writers. Perhaps no novel writer of the present day is more widely known than "The Duchess," and yet there are comparatively few who know that the

nom de plume covers the personality of Mrs. Marguerite Holley, whose home is in Ireland. She is a woman past middle age, and has kept her literary self so distinct from her personal self that many of her neighbors do not

know her to be "The Duchess." John Strange Winter is Mrs. Arthur Stannard, while Mrs. Partington was first known as "Dame Partington," and is, in truth, Benjamin P. Shillaber, a Boston newspaper man.

Some Good Recipes. Fried bread—Cut the bread in medium-thick slices and fry brown in hot-buttered spider.

Helpful Hints. Bits of toilet soap which are very small may be utilized. Make a bag of Turkish toweling about nine inches square and put in it all the small pieces

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of soap. When three-quarters filled sew up the end and use the same as if it were a cake of soap.

Paper torn into small pieces make a comfortable stuffing for a cushion, especially if a layer of cotton wool is placed over it.

Do you know that the ordinary way of placing an umbrella on its point to drain is all wrong? The water collects about the center and rusts the ribs, and rots the silk.

Though papers for pantry shelves look very dainty when fresh, cloth in white or a light color is much better to use in every place that is to come in contact with the food.

Letting clothes hang after they are dry, or letting them hang through a storm, or in windy weather to slat about, is not conducive to long wearing or to help the good man's pocketbook.

It is necessary to meet good luck half way, but good luck will chase you.—A. T. Chisholm Globe.

Men's and Women's Homes. In England the establishment is carried on with a prime view to the comfort of the man. In America the establishment is carried on with a prime

view to the comfort of the woman. Men's homes are more selfish than women, consequently the English home is more comfortable than the American home.

A Fire Place Fernery. Look after your deserted fireplace. It offers great possibilities in a decorative way. At present it is the most forlorn spot about the house.

A Hospital Garden. We must all have fads, and one of my neighbors is enthusiastic over the care of withered and almost dead plants.

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