

HOUSEHOLD NOTES.

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A HOUSEKEEPER'S ORIGINAL IDEA.—When fitting up our chambers last spring for summer boarders I was impressed by the fact that a little shelf was needed here and brackets there, so I studied over the matter, and this was the result: In the shed chamber I found a box cover minus a rim, and sawed it apart exactly in the middle. An upright bracket cut from a half-inch board, and all painted cherry and varnished made the foundation. The top was securely fastened with two wire nails to the upright bracket. The drapey must be inexpensive to match, so pieces of brown flannel from remnants of mother's dress lined with cambric were found heavy enough. Black velvet ribbon an inch wide, worn years ago for dress trimming, was neatly basted over the edge and in fancy stitches with bright colored silks sewed to the flannel. In the centre was placed a blue velvet leaf snipped from artificial flowers, and on each side, from near the lowest point of the drapey, a little spray in outline and fancy stitches in common use runs nearly to the top side. A row of flannel stitch was applied on the edge of the velvet across the top, and it was ready to tack on. If one has brass tacks it is better, but small common tacks can be put underneath and will answer every purpose. These two little brackets were placed one on each side of the mirror, and have evoked many appreciative remarks. For another room was used the largest piece of a flour barrel head, the edge being smoothed so tacks could be driven in, then painted and varnished the same as the small ones. For the upright support one can be cut from a thin board, or ten cents will buy iron ones. This being larger, more cloth is required, and in order to use what could be found stored away, I made the drapey in three pieces—the middle section in the form of a shield—and all edged with black velvet ribbon that had been a household treasure for years, put on with bright silks similar to the others. After all is finished the middle piece is placed underneath to fit the vacant place. On one side is a morning-glory, buds and leaves, the other a little bird on a branch, and the centre piece has a rose with leaves and stems done in outline stitch and French knots. Of course the designs are small, and one can use her own taste in decorating. They are all quite useful, and cost not more than ten cents, all the materials having been found about the house.—Ethel Morse.

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A Higher Hand. A little boy sat in front of his father, and held the reins that controlled a restive horse. Unknown to the boy, the reins passed around him and were also in his father's hands. He saw an occasion to pull them. With artless simplicity the child looked around, saying "Father, I thought I was driving; but I am not, am I?" "Thus it is often with men who think they are shaping a destiny which a bigger hand than theirs is really directing. They do their own will because it is also the will of God. A stronger hand guides them; a mightier power holds the helm of their vessel, and saves from rock and wreck. Happy are they who yield to the guidance of the Almighty hand.—Golden Words.

A Sprit-ed Discussion. "What was the subject of your debate this evening?" "Whiskey." "Was it well discussed?" "Yes, most of the members were full of the subject."

The Fallacy of Simile. Ponsby.—My business is going like clockwork. Popinjay.—That can't be. What reason have you for saying so? "Why if you wind up a clock it goes; if you wind up your business it stops."

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The Deceased Wife's Sister. A widower married a sister of his late wife a few weeks after the death of the latter. An acquaintance who had just returned from a long journey sympathetically inquired whom he was in mourning for. "For my sister-in-law," was the hesitating reply.

It takes a philosopher to consider when he is bounced that he is the left man in the right place.

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