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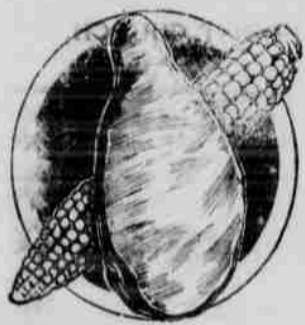
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PURITY OF MOTIVE.

The Taint of the Poison is in Us All

How apt are we, in this suspicious world, to question the purity of motive. We are in the habit of judging men's actions—for it is the only way by which we can form any estimate of character—and yet in forming that judgment we are too prone to be critical and censorious. Scandal is not confined to the gossiping old maid; it has a free range throughout all the departments of life. We would much rather discover a mote in a brother's eye, than extract the beam which may be found in our own. Faust gazed on Margaret, and thought her to be all purity yet the Devil whispered that purity was not unapproachable; so the same devil at our elbow stands ready to hand his glass wherewith to discover specks in a character which, to us, seemed well-nigh perfect. What a proof of a fall from pristine purity, confounding the man upon the assumed perfectibility of his nature. The taint of the poison is in us all; this caviling and questioning; this unwillingness to attribute right action to right motive; this turning the sweet waters of life into bitterness, by casting in the word of manevence and envy.—Exchange.

WOULD TAKE BACK HIS RIB.

Tommie Planned Dire Vengeance for the Faithfulness of His Fickle Playmate.

Little Tommie, a precocious six-year-old, had been disappointed in love. He had a date to play with little Mary Ann in her house across the way. When he got there he found she had forgotten all about him and was sliding down hill on his rival's new sled.

Tommie returned home, disgusted with all girls in general and one in particular. He didn't cry nor did he contemplate suicide. Instead he went straight to his mamma and with childish naivete said:

"Mamma, d'you know what I'd do if I was Adam? I'd go right up to heaven and I'd say, 'Please, Mr. God, if it's just the same to you, I'd like to have my rib back.'"

NO LADY AT ALL.

Albert, aged five, had been severely punished by maternal hands. His father on arriving home, found him in tears.

"What's the matter, son?" he asked.

"Daddy," replied Albert, pointing an accusing finger at his mother, "all I have to say is that I'm completely surprised at that lady."

WHAT SHE COULD BE.

Two tots were recently overheard discussing their plans for the future.

"What are you going to be when you get big?" asked one.

"Well, I am not going to be married and I am not going to be an old maid," was the reply.

"You will have to be one or the other," said the first.

"I won't, either," was the rejoinder, "I guess I can be a nurse."

A Tonic For Women

"I was hardly able to drag, I was so weakened," writes Mrs. W. F. Ray, of Easley, S. C. "The doctor treated me for about two months, still I didn't get any better. I had a large family and felt I surely must do something to enable me to take care of my little ones. I had heard of

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ROCK-A-BYE BABY.



Rock-a-bye, baby! On the tree top,
When the wind blows, the cradle will rock;
When the bough bends the cradle will fall—
Down tumbles baby, cradle and all.

Rock-a-bye, baby! The meadow's in bloom;
Laugh at the sunbeams that dance in the room,
Echo the birds with their own baby tune,
Coo in the sunshine and flowers of June.

Rock-a-bye, baby! As softly it swings
Over the cradle the mother love sings;
Brooding or cooing at even or dawn,
What will it do when mother is gone?

Rock-a-bye, baby! So cloudless the skies,
Blue as the depths of your own laughing eyes,
Sweet is the lullaby over your dear nest
That tenderly sings little baby to rest.

Rock-a-bye, baby! The blue eyes will dream
Sweetest when mamma's eyes over them beam;
Never again will the world seem so fair;
Sleep, little baby! There's no cloud in the air.

Rock-a-bye, baby! The blue eyes will burn
And ache with that your manhood will learn;
Swiftly the years come with sorrow and care,
With burdens the wee dimpled shoulders must bear.

Rock-a-bye, baby! There's coming a day
Whose sorrows a mother's lips can't kiss away—
Days when its songs will be changed to a moan—
Crosses that baby must bear alone.

LOVE NOT.

BY ELIZABETH SHERIDAN NORTON.

The writer was born in England, 1808. She was the daughter of Thomas Shearidan and granddaughter of Richard Brinsley Shearidan, the dramatist. At the age of 19 she married Hon. George C. Norton. Her works in prose and poetry obtained a large circulation; her most familiar poem, is "Bingen on the Rhine."

Love not, love not, ye hapless sons of clay!
Hope's gayest wreaths are made of earthly flowers—
Things that are made to fade and fall away,
Ere they have blossomed for a few short hours
Love not!

Love not, love not! The thing you love may die—
May perish from the gay and gladsome earth;
The silent stars, the blue and smiling sky,
Beam o'er its grave as once upon its birth.
Love not!

Love not, love not! The thing ye love may change,
The rosy lip may cease to smile on you;
The kindly-beaming eye grow cold and strange,
The heart still warmly beat, yet not be true.
Love not!

Love not, love not! Oh, warning vainly said
In present hour as in the years gone by;
Love flings a halo round the dear one's head,
Faultless, immortal—till they change or die.
Love not!

ALL IN GOOD TIME.

It was at a children's picnic, and they were playing at farmyard, each youngster pretending to be his or her favorite animal. The woods echoed with grunting, barking and crowing—but one little girl sat silent.

"Why don't you play?" asked one of the teachers.

"Please, miss, I'm playing," she replied.

"What are you, then?"

"Please, miss, I'm a hen, and I'm laying an egg. When I've finished I shall cackle!"

OUR LUCK.

If the fool killer were always on the job, few would live to grow wise, since most of us gain our wisdom through our experience in folly.

SAD FATE OF LAMB.

Teacher—You see, had the lamb been obedient, and stayed in the fold, it would not have been eaten by the wolf, would it?

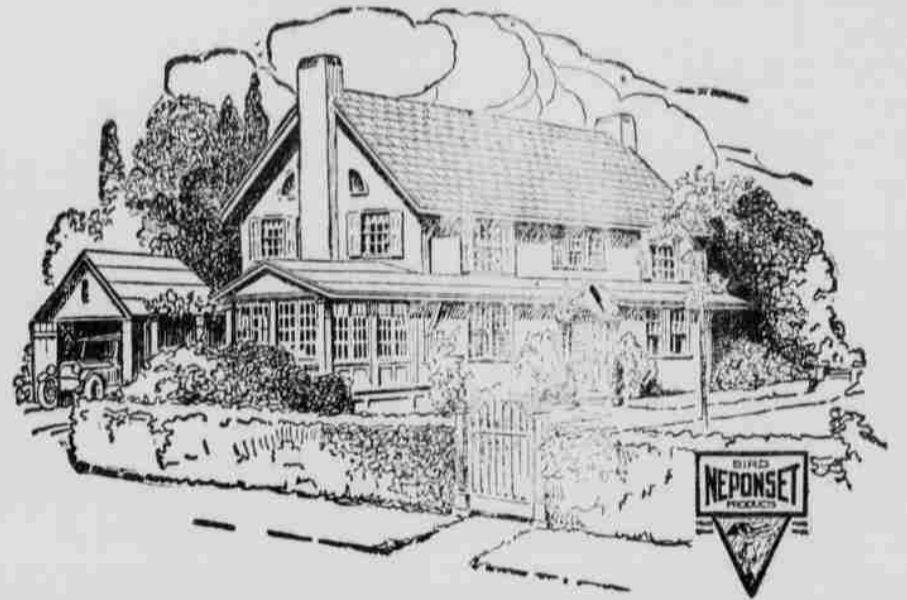
Boy—No, ma'am; it would have been eaten by us.

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HOPE AND PRAY.

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