

WOMANLY WISDOM.

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ON VARIOUS SUBJECTS FROM VARIOUS SOURCES.

Far off From Where?—A lady was visiting a friend whose home was remote from her own, and from great centers of population. It was in a secluded place, moreover, and its seclusion and remoteness struck the visitor forcibly. "I should not think," she said to her friend, you would like living so far off." "So far off from where?" was the interrogative answer, to which reply was not easy. Great cities might be at a distance, there might even be no large towns in the immediate vicinity, but this place was her home, the center of her life. Why should not the view be reversed? Why should not the thought be, These places are far off from me? Surely, on many accounts, this is the wiser way of reckoning. The home, wherever Providence has ordered that it should be placed, is the center. When one is there he is not "far off." It makes all the difference in the world where we run our meridians. He has learned the lesson of contentment who runs his through his home. "Far off from where?" He is not far off, he is at what ought to be for him the very centre of the universe. There are inconveniences and privations attendant upon residence remote from other men; but the family, under such circumstances, can wisely make itself its own centre, and not add the evil of discontent to other and necessary inconveniences.—*The Housewife.*

Working Dresses.—To make a remarkably pretty and serviceable dress, much more becoming than an ordinary wrapper, take a plain basque pattern for the upper part of the dress, line it and at about seven inches below the waist line gather the dress skirt upon it. This should simply be five plain breadths (of calico) hemmed on the bottom and gathered at the top with an inch wide heading, made by turning in the goods. It should be long enough to clear the feet. The neck may be finished with a standing frill of the material or a turn-over collar.

To Remove Grease.—An excellent grease eradicator is made of the following ingredients: Ammonia, two ounces; soft water, one quart; saltpetre, one teaspoonful; fine soap, in shavings, one ounce; mix thoroughly and keep in a covered vessel. This recipe is a simple one, yet has made millionaires of four men who have successively controlled proprietary rights to use it.—*Good Housekeeping.*

To Peel Onions.—Keep them under water while peeling, and thus avoid making the eyes smart.

Whitewash Spots.—Goods spotted with whitewash or lime can be restored by washing immediately in vinegar.

Good Rat Trap.—A barrel half filled with water, chaff spread over the water and delicate bits laid thereon to tempt the appetite of the rats, makes a safe and good trap for them. They quietly sink without alarming their friends, it is said.—*N. Y. Tribune.*

Alum for Cement.—A good cement to fasten on lamp tops is melted alum; use as soon as melted, and the lamp is ready for use as soon as the cement is cold.

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It is unfortunate for any community, for any portion of this country, when the desire to become rich in a brief period amounts to a craze. There can be but one ending to such a craze. History repeats itself, and so does everything else in this world. "The thing that hath been it is that which shall be." Some men will make money out of this speculation and keep it; some will stop at the right time and make large profits; but many will hold on too long, and many will reinvest their gains and in time become sadder but wiser men.

There is but one safe way for a young man to endeavor to become rich. It is by hard work and economy. Of course there should be prudent investment of the money saved yearly by economy and, in our opinion, such investment can be found right here in Mobile. Whenever a man once enters the whirlpool of speculation, whatever he picks up in one swirl is apt to be lost in another. He may make a fortune but there is no telling how long he will keep it. He becomes convinced often that his judgement is infallible, that he has but to engage in an enterprise to make a success, that he is a Napoleon of finance, that he has been born under a lucky star. And then some day he finds that he is only a "poor critter" like the rest of us, and that his boasted judgement is no better than that of other people.

We do not wish to be understood as discouraging investments in the mineral lands of this State, or judicious and prudent investments in the cities and towns of that section, but it is apparent to even the casual observer that the prices now ruling in some localities have discounted the growth and improvement of years, and we cannot think that any community will be permanently benefited by an unhealthy and wild rise in values.—*Mobile Register.*

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