THE MODEL CHURCH.

Well, wife, I found a model church ! I worshipped there to-day !
It made me think of good old times, before my head was gray ;
The meetin'-house was fixed up more than they were years ago,
But then I felt when I went in, it wasn't all built for show.

The sermon didn't seem so long as back by the door ;
He knew that I was old and deaf, as well as old and poor ;
He must have been a Christian, because he led me through
The long aisles of that crowded church, to find a place and pew.

I wished you'd heard the singing, it had the old-time ring ;
The preacher said, with a trembling voice, "Let all the people sing !"
The tune was Coronation, and the music upward rolled,
Till I thought I heard the angels striking all their harps of gold.

My soul seemed to melt away, my spirit caught the fire,
I joined my feeble, trembling voice with that melodious choir,
And sang as in my younger days, "Let angels prostrate fall,
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all."

I tell you, wife, it did me good to sing that song once more ;
I felt like some wrecked mariner, who gets a glimpse of shore ;
I almost wanted to lay down this weather-beaten form,
And anchor in the blessed port forever from the storm.

The preachin'? Well, I can't just tell all that the preacher said ;
I know it wasn't written ; I know it wasn't read ;
He hadn't time to read it, for the lightnin' of his eye
Went flashin' long from pew to pew, nor passed a sinner by.

The sermon wasn't flowery ; 'twas simple gospel truth,
It fitted poor old men like me ; it fitted hopeful youth ;
'Twas full of consolation for weary hearts that bleed,
'Twas full of invitation to Christ, and not to creed.

The preacher made sin hideous in Gentiles and in Jews ;
He shot the golden sentences down in the finest pews ;
And—though I can't see very well—I saw the falling tear
That told me hell was some way off, and heaven very near.

How swift the golden moments fled within that holy place ;
How beautiful beamed the light of heaven from every happy face ;
Again I longed for that sweet time when friends shall meet with friends
"When congregations never break up, and Sabbaths have no end."

I hope to meet that minister—that congregation too—
In the dear home beyond the stars that shines from heaven's blue ;
I can't tell, I'll remember, beyond life's evening gray,
The happy hour of worship in that model church to-day.

Dear wife, the fight will soon be fought, the victory be won ;
The shinin' goal is just ahead, the race is nearly run ;
O'er the river we are nearing, they are thronging to the shore,
To greet our safe arrival where the weary weep no more.

Rules For Making Good Bread.

Dr. Holbrook gives to the readers of that excellent publication, the *New York Weekly Sun*, some useful suggestions on the important subject of bread making, which we transfer to our columns. We know that while many of our fair readers need no such advice, there are others who may profitably turn their attention to learning how to make good bread. Without good bread in the household, no matter how good the meal in other respects, the housewife is exposed to severe criticism. Indeed, the quality of the bread, with few exceptions, may be looked on as an index to the good or bad management, and industry, or the absence of it, in the household.

With good flour, a good oven, and a good, sensible, interested cook, we can be pretty sure of good, wholesome bread. Yeast bread is considered the standard bread, and is, perhaps, more generally found on every table than any other kind. Hence it is important to know how to make good, sweet, wholesome yeast bread. Good flour is the first indispensable; then good, lively yeast, either yeast cakes or bottled? the former is preferable in all respects. Then, of course, there must be the proper materials to work with. A bread bowl or pan—the pan is easiest kept clean ; a stone or earthen jar for letting the sponge ; a sieve—flour should always be sifted before making bread of any kind ; first, to be sure that it is perfectly clean ; secondly, sifting enlivens and aerates the flour, and makes both mixing and rising easier and quicker ; a clean, white cloth to cover the dough, and a woolen blanket to keep the dough of even temperature while rising ; baking pans, large and shallow ; a large, strong spoon for stirring, and a little melted suet or fresh butter for oiling the pans ; never use poor butter. If you want shortening, rich milk or cream scalded and cooled will answer the purpose, and be most wholesome. But thorough kneeding is better still, and should always be done effectually. Scalding a portion of the flour makes a sweeter bread and speeds the work. Water, milk or butter—milk may be poured boiling hot on a quart or two of the flour, stirring well, and cooling to a moderate temperature before adding the yeast—this makes the sponge. Salt should always make a little darker bread, unless we use butter-milk, which makes a rich, creamy, white bread. Yeast is fermented flour or meal—the first stages of decomposition or decay.

"Understanding this, every baker will comprehend the necessity of regulating the extent of the fermentation with the greatest care; for a sponge or bread fermented or "raised" too long is decomposing, spoiling—actually rotting! This is the language of an experienced English baker to us only a few days ago, during a talk about the delicate, foamy loaves "yeasted to death," which so many families are eating and calling "the staff of life," quite discarding the firm, sweet, substantial, homemade loaf which our mothers and grandmothers kneaded with their own skilled hands. Bread-making should stand at the head of domestic accomplishments, since the health and happiness of the family depend incalculably upon good bread ; there comes a time in every true thoughtful woman's experience, when she is glad she can make nice, sweet loaves, free from soda, alum, and other injurious ingredients, or an earnest regret that she neglected or was so unfortunate as not to have been taught at least what are the requisites of good bread making."

Burke said : "Never despair ; and, if you do, work in despair."

—Railways are aristocrats. They teach every man to know his own station and to stop there.

A gentleman has named two canaries "Wheeler" and "Wilson." His reason for this appellation is that neither of them was a "Singer."

Tramp to the lady of the house : "Please, missus, won't you give me something to drink ? I'm so hungry I don't know where I'll stay to-night."

A woman thinks a man brave if he only picks up a cockroach with his fingers, but she doesn't think it requires any courage to swear off for three weeks.

—Somebody tried to excuse a liar to Dr. Johnson, saying. "You must not believe more than half what he says." "Ay," replied the doctor ; "but which half ?"

—Pat Murphy says there are so many fish in the sea, that if you should take every fish you could catch out of it, he doesn't think there would be one the less in it.

—A judge joking a young lawyer, said : "If you and I were turned into a horse and an ass, which would you prefer to be ?" "The ass, to be sure," replied the lawyer. "I've heard of an ass being made a judge, but a horse never."

—A patron of a certain newspaper once said to the publisher : "Mr. Printer, how is it you never call on me for pay for your paper ?" "Oh !" said the man of types, we never ask a gentleman for money. "Indeed," replied the patron. "How do you manage to get along when they dont pay ?" "Why," said the editor, "after a certain time we conclude he is not a gentleman, and we ask him."

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