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# The Women's Nook

JOAN SELKIRK

In Search of Health

We have boiled the drinking water, We have sterilized the milk, We have strained the prowling mic-

Through the finest kind of silk, We have bought and we have borrowed Every patent health device, And at last the doctor tells us

Signs of the Times

Sign Painter-I understand you want some painting done. Editor —Yes. I want a notice painted at the foot of the stairs. It is for poets to read as they are leaving, and as they generally light on their heads cut flowers for all oc- | you had better paint it like this Don't Slam The Door.

> Another Household Hint How to keep fish from smellingcut off their noses.

Robbing Peter to Pay Paul They say it's all right to rob Peter In order to settle with Paul, But some of us merely rob Peter, And Paul never sees us at all.

Lady (engaging cook) And why did you leave your last place? Cook-I couldn't stand the dread-

ed to quarrel, Mum. Lady- What did they quarrel about?

Cook-About the way the dinner was cooked, Mum.

#### A NEW VIEWPOINT

Sometimes when everything seems to go dead wrong it is a good thing to step aside, as it were, and look at these things from a different angle.

This was brought to my notice once in our early years of farming. It was a day of mishaps which began early in the morning and lasted well into the afternoon. One small misfortune piled on top of another until they loomed before me like a mountain. Now looking back across the years, I can hardly remember the things which seemed so overwhelming at the time. I have a faint recollection of a line full of dingy looking washing, done in too great a hurry of cross children and a crosser mother and of threshers in the neighborhood likely to swoop down on us at any time, like a swarm of locusts as it seemed to me then; of a hot day and a garden which drooped in the scorching sun. And of an untidy house which I hated-hated completely and desperately with everything and everybody therein.

So after dinner I put the baby to bed and gave the other two children bubble pipes and a bowl of soapsuds. And I ran away. I seized a hat and with a berry pail for an excuse I ran blindly through a field, stumbling along as tears of self-pity rained down my cheeks; threw myself face downward in the long grass on a little hill and lay motionless while my brain raced and throbbed like an overworked engine.

After a long time I got up and, still feeling very sorry for myself, began to pick my berries. Then I happened to look down at the home I hated and-how lovely it looked! I had never, in all my berry-picking wandered up this hill before and the view of my home was so different it made me gasp with astonishment. How pretty it looked, shining white against the dark cedars, the vine clambering over the verandah and the sun setting behind it, throwing long, soft shadows across the garden. I could see the children playing happily with their bubbles, their nerves quieted simply by the removal of my own frazzled nerves and the washing, fluttering from the line looked from that distance white enough to fill me with housewifely pride. The whirr of the threshing machine which had filled me with dread now changed to a gentle humming which told me that threshers were only neighbors who were coming in the good old fashioned way to help us prepare for winter. I picked enough berries for tea and strolled down the hill through the garden where now in the cool of the day the flowers were raising their drooping heads—their troubles like my own had only been temporary. The children forgiving little things, were delighted to see me, the baby was awake, rosy and smiling after her long sleep. The old house welcomed me, it was still untidy of course, but as if it had been one of the children lifting a dirty face for a kiss I loved it because it was mine. I soon had a fire in the stove and a simple meal on the table-a dinner of herbs,, as it were, but love was there. And until my children read this they will never know they were once deserted by their mother who ran away from them with hatred in her heart, left that hatred in a little hill in a field and came back to them in a few hours loving them more than ever.

This just shows what a new view point will do. If you can run away from your troubles for a little while climb a hill and get a good look at them from a new angle you will find that they are very small and perhaps have vanished altogether.

SEASONABLE RECIPES

Cherry Compote

like jam and put in jelly glasses.

Spiced Currants

4 pounds currants, 2 tablespoons

cinnamon, 2 tablespoons cloves, 2

pounds brown sugar, 1 teaspoon salt,

1 cup vinegar. Remove the stems wash currants, add remaining ingred-

ients and boil twenty minutes. Keep

Cherryade

in two quarts of water. Strain and

Cherry Duff

Put 2 quarts cherries, 2 cups sugar

and 1 teaspoon vinegar in bottom of

batter made with 2 cups flour, 1 tab-

lespoon butter, 4 teaspoons baking

powder, 1 teaspoon salt and scant

cup of milk. Steam for forty-five

minutes and serve in dish in which it

Spiced Gooseberries

Just Like Poor Pa

Nothing the Matter With Him

barn, quick, Pa's hung hisself.

the chores not done yet!

Father- No, absolutely NO.

Take 6 quarts of gooseberries and

in stone jar.

sweeten to taste.

was cooked.

Three quarts currants, 3 quarts

### MORE ABOUT THE TWINS

For twenty-four hours after Jean-

"Well, you are lucky this time, twinnies, but don't ever try putting that stuff in a bouquet again. Now what are you going to play to-day?" "Could we play in the creek all day and have our lunch down there?'

"And wear our bathing suits all

It was a nice warm day so Aunt Madge packed a lunch basket for them and off they went. The stream wasn't far from the house, in fact Aunt Madge could see them from the upstairs windows as they played, and they were soon busy at their dam.

They built a dam about once a week as each big rainstorm would fill the pond so full that the whole thing would be carried away. They hammered in stakes across the little stream and piled rocks and sods behind them until the dam kept the water back and the pond began to fill. What fun it was to watch the water rise inch by inch, then launch little boats made of chips and watch them dive over the falls and sail away down the stream.

"Won,t we get nice and brown being in the sun all day like this?"

"Mother will be glad because our doctor says that a good coat of tan does children more good than all the nasty tasting tonics in the world."

At last when the sun was getting low and they heard Uncle John calling the cows they collected their treasures and went home. They hurried into their clothes and began doing their little chores around the barn. But oh, how funny their arms and shoulders felt! They held whispered consultations in corners but decided that they wouldn't tell anybody about it until morning. But when Aunt Madge went to kiss them goodnight she found two eight-year-olds sobbing into their pillows.

"We kept our hats on so our heads wouldn't get sunstruck," sobbed Jeannie, "but we never thought about our shoulders getting sunstruck."

"Old Mr. Sun did his job too thoroughly," said Aunt Madge, "but we red raspberries, 2 quarts cherries; can soon make you more comfortable." Add an equal measure of sugar, add | She went down the cellar and got 6 oranges cut as for marmalade and a saucerful of cool, thick cream. Then 1 lb. raisins seeded and chopped, with a piece of absorbent cotton she Boil all together until it is thick spread it gently on the red burning shoulders, arms and necks of the twins. When that dried she put a thick dressing of vaseline which kept

> When Granddad heard about it in the morning he smiled sympathetic-

"I am too busy now," he said, "but some day soon I will tell you a story about a little boy who made clay marbles by that same creek more than fifty years ago and who got

#### DO YOU KNOW THAT

Stains may be removed from the buttered baking dish. Cover with inside of teacups by rubbing with

> To remoe stains from a white sink sprinkle dry chloride of lime in the

Mustard water will remove odor of

9 pounds of sugar. Cook an hour The stains that black cherries and a half. Add one pint of vinegar make on the hands may be removed and two tablespoons each of cloves, cinnamon and allspice and boil for by rubbing with the juice of sour red cherries. To remove from cloth five minutes longer. Seal when cold. stretch the stained part over a bowl and pour boiling water through.

Suitor-I want to marry your daugh- Life's a mirror, when we smile Smiles come back to greet us, If we're frowning all the while

Children's Story

nie and Jock picked up the Poison Ivy Aunt Madge watched them for signs of rash, but when at the end of the day their skins were still cool and pink she breathed a sigh of relief.

they asked eagerly.

"And build a new dam?" added Jock.

day?" said Jeannie.

This was a favorite game of theirs.

They ate their lunch in the shade of a big tree and then went back to make clay marbles on the bank and dry them in the sun.

said Jock.

said Jeannie.

the air away from the burn and helped them to get to sleep.

One pint cherries, boil until soft sunburned just the same as you did.

sink and leave over night.

fish or onions from the hands.

Small Boy-Ma, come out to the To cut fresh bread without its Ma (disgustedly)-Well, ain't that crumbling the bread knife should be just like your Pa! Hung hisself and dipped in boiling water for each

Suitor-Why, whats wrong with her? Frowns will always meet us.

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