PRACTICAL POINTS OF LAW.

BY A LAWYER.

SERVANTS.
Every servant is entitled to receive a month's wages in lieu of a month's notice.
A servant who is insolent, insubordinate or incapable may be dismissed at a moment's notice.
The wages of such a servant must only be paid up to the time of her dismissal.
A mistress is not bound to give a servant a character.
If a mistress gives a servant a bad character, the latter will not succeed in an action against her mistress unless she can show malice on the part of her mistress.
It is now a criminal offence to give a false character or to assist another person in counterfeiting a certificate of character.
Or to add to or to alter or erase any word, date, matter, etc., in any certificate of character.
Or to personate any master or mistress whether by writing or otherwise.
It is the duty of a servant to be diligent.
An upper servant has no right to chastise a lower one.

TRUE ECONOMIES IN HOUSEHOLD MANAGEMENT.

BEING THE ESSAY FOR WHICH THE PRIZE OF TEN POUNDS HAS BEEN AWARDED BY THE PROPRIETORS OF "CASSELL'S FAMILY MAGAZINE."

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PASS on now to the enumeration of a few articles—for which we are chiefly indebted to the Americans—that will save time and labour, though not strictly necessary; but if you once possess them you'll look back and wonder how you managed so long without their assistance. First among the low-priced goods stand the apple and potato-paring machines; one of the former, costing 8s., will peel, slice, and core in one operation; but I give the preference to the "Diamond Combined," that will serve for paring anything and everything similar in shape and size; the cost is only 12s. You must have a cook's knife, with a sharp-pointed end; you may get one with a saw-back for 2s.; and don't omit the sharpener. Buy one called the "Victor;" it will sharpen all kinds of knives and scissors, will serve as an ice-pick, and cut glass: 2s. will buy this useful article. A "Rotary" grater will grate to perfection bread, lemons, vegetables, horse-radish, &c., to the last bit, in less time than the hand-grater, though it costs a shilling or two more. A pestle and mortar may be bought for a few shillings; they are now made of a "composition," and answer as well as the expensive marble ones. Their use is almost too palpable and manifest to need any recommendation; if nothing more, the advantage of deriving the maximum of flavour from the minimum of material by pounding is considerable. First, "let the ticking clock guide the boiling crock." And with regard to kitchen requisites generally, scales and weights must not be forgotten; they will save their cost soon in preventing many a dish being spoiled by superfluous quantities of ingredients being thrown in haphazard, besides checking the weight of all goods purchased. I regard a cinder-sifter as an absolute necessity, though its use is far from universal. I recommend the "Rockery" as cheap, excellent, and cleanly in use; it may be bought for 8s. and upwards. The advantage of cinders at hand to make a fire burn quickly and clearly, to say nothing of the saving, is apparent to all. A meat-chopper and a "digester" are indispensable; the latter will enable you to get all possible nutriment and flavour from bones and vegetables for your soup.

I presume your family washing is done at home; besides being cheaper, you run no risk of clothes being ruined by the injurious washing-powders so often used by laundresses, for many of them contain chemicals that rot the fabrics very quickly. But I assure you that if your labour is to be lightened, time and fuel saved, and washing effectually and expeditiously performed, machinery must step in to assist you. You will never regret the cost of a really good machine. One of the best, however, is a washer and wringer combined, that will also serve as a bath for your children, and, with a top, as a kitchen table. Ironing is, to put it mildly, anything but a pleasant occupation; but by means of a gas-heating stove, or, better still, a gas-iron, you need not get uncomfortably warm, or soil your fingers.

The author of the truism, "The apparel oft proclaims...