



myself - Half of the "wretched people" in  
London would be worse  
in both of the Misses' views as much  
about cooking, or working - as she does  
about reading, or dancing - or music -  
While in London I visited the School  
of Cooking at Kensington - & there  
met some of the most cultivated  
& refined Ladies of England - amongst them  
& Misses of No. 10, Green - who had gone  
to the Cooking School for a course of  
lessons, that they might be able to  
teach those who are less fortunate than  
themselves - for the women of Rank  
in England do not ~~appear to~~ <sup>put</sup> ~~consider~~  
careless lives - they I love in large  
States, & ~~appear to~~ <sup>feel</sup> the responsibility  
of their position - ~~all~~ ~~was~~ I was told  
at Kensington that a great deal  
of illness <sup>in England</sup> was attributable to ~~the~~ bad  
cooking done - Good restaurants were  
scarce, & spoiled by the poor because  
they did not know how to prepare them -  
Many of the Ladies in the Cooking  
School at Kensington appeared to

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many & various schools in the County  
I am sure people would at least - improve  
the Country in some new house - &  
as you will take care of your school  
& spread your knowledge of practical  
housekeeping among your own circle  
of friends & acquaintances - <sup>of so</sup> ~~and~~  
a general reformation will take  
place in all this part of the County  
I think you are very fortunate in  
having the opportunity of having all  
these things - Many of the most anxious  
& trying moments of my life would have  
been spared me, if I could have been  
been taught when I was young, what I  
have had to learn by the hardest sort  
of experience since - Now I am going to  
tell you something about the <sup>house</sup> education  
of German girls. The children from some  
poor villages they begin to do their part in  
house keeping - as soon as they can under-  
stand any thing they are taught to  
knit - & see constantly our groups of little  
children standing at the house door - & in  
the streets playing & knitting - A little  
girl <sup>of 14</sup> will be looking after a little child  
of four - & knitting away at foot or two

little finger will go - she can knit so  
well generally by the time she is six that  
she is not obliged to take on at her work -  
and now she begins to prepare her  
knitting garments - A young German  
friend of mine told me that the day  
that she was the mother's remembrance for  
a young girl in Nuremberg circumstances  
to be when she was married - & six  
days she was expected to knit herself!  
This wonder she had to begin when she  
is a baby to knit them - The German  
character of a German The German name  
of the knit dress of a woman of a family  
is "Kunst haube" - Kunst haube - and  
German books for children are always  
full of illustrations of little girls  
playing at a table - or working - or taking  
care of a horse - The one part of the  
education of German girls I do not  
approve of that is that they are taught to  
consider their ~~brothers~~ themselves as an  
inferior to their ~~brothers~~ - I have noticed a  
very German German writer says "As  
soon as a girl can <sup>write, little</sup> should be taught  
to wait upon her little brothers - the little  
brother to let her little brother for him &  
she to wait upon him as soon as he enters

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The same &c. This is just the opposite  
to what our girls are taught - as the  
Protestants - according to our Code - & all the  
laws of Christianity - are taught to wait  
upon their District - as they should  
be - The linen about some of them  
is <sup>the</sup> pride of every German woman - &  
~~part~~ & ~~part~~ of it the dowry of a German  
girl consists of length of linen - In  
some parts of Germany the good old  
fashioned custom of spinning the flax  
& weaving it into <sup>at home</sup> linen still  
prevails - but in most of the cities people  
now buy <sup>the</sup> linen - & it is not half as good  
nor does it wear so long as the hand made  
linen - I have been told it is because some  
thing is put on it to bleach it quickly - which  
ruins the thread sooner - A little  
girl will begin very early to collect  
materials for her <sup>trunk</sup> - a piece  
of linen <sup>for under clothing</sup> will be given her for a birthday  
gift - & a fine bottle of ribbon & notions - or  
some material for shorts - all of which  
she will make up when convenient &  
lay away in a big chest or trunk against  
the happy time when she will be  
married - & have her own home - for

and German are just expected to be found  
where there is no more - It was <sup>an</sup> very  
characteristic present which the young  
women of Berlin gave the Princes of the  
Fair Apparent of Prussia. The oldest  
one of the Crown Prince - a <sup>copy</sup> table cloth  
& a very napkin of the finest linen  
all embroidered in red silk - The  
work was done by ~~the~~ the ladies  
themselves - I don't think French linen is  
<sup>now made</sup> ~~made~~ in France - it being <sup>the</sup> usual of  
an old fashion - In the middle ages  
as you perhaps know, the noble Ladies of  
Germany, who lived in the Castles, which  
are now in ruins on the tops of the mountains  
& by the sides of rivers - & were of an isolated  
~~from the world~~ & for months alone with their  
dependants about them, <sup>while</sup> as their husbands  
were away fighting - or sitting - & ~~could~~ could  
~~not do any thing~~ could spend their time in  
spinning & web weaving & decorating <sup>home</sup>  
linen - They could not read & study as  
we do, because they had no books - but  
a little Lady would get her maids about  
her - & while one would relate stories - or that

upon some Musical instrument for the  
amusement of the others who were engaged  
to ~~entertain~~ or ~~entertain~~ - the play - or  
having the terms - or ~~entertain~~ <sup>making</sup> it up  
into Garments - or embroidering it - a  
joint competition for the Pedlars was  
winning a flag or badge for Ben Lark  
& Master to great <sup>with which</sup> gain upon his return  
Another occupation for these Ladies  
there was the concocting of <sup>Drugs &</sup> Medicines  
for the poor were dependent upon them  
At the foot of the hills upon which a  
Castle stood there was generally a  
College composed of the Retainers - or they  
were called - of the Baron - they were  
dependent upon him - & were obliged to  
give him a certain portion of everything  
they earned - and a considerable Living  
House Master - would always look to  
them well being & returned as to those  
of his own children - & she was not above  
superintending & making herself master of  
the Customs of her three rooms - one part  
of which would be filled with Medicines &  
Drugs  
The House of meals & soup, & making  
Cocoa & Garment - in three days  
there were no count of the of the



you would for a poor woman who  
 said they would much better offer for the  
 wife what she could buy - for out of  
 old woman I don't see the least of her  
 was but that had been blessed once - and  
 she would not of it <sup>in</sup> the best way but in  
 a way to be <sup>from</sup> <sup>her</sup> <sup>own</sup> <sup>house</sup> <sup>&</sup> <sup>she</sup>  
 the best way to gain for some body who was  
 poorer than she was. I think it must  
 have been a very poor one by the time  
 she had the woman got it - nothing  
 is wasted in Germany. A boy will be  
<sup>put</sup> in a convent <sup>place</sup> & any one  
 else & ends about but no definite laws  
<sup>put</sup> in it - at Christmas time all these  
 or else & ends will be worked up in a  
 something useful for the poor - Cops &  
 Alpinist & even dresses for children - some  
 things they buy a strong excitement to  
 drops for young & old of many colors, but  
 it's gone under the poor people who  
 receive them <sup>compulsively</sup> & <sup>they</sup> <sup>buy</sup> <sup>&</sup> <sup>they</sup>  
~~are~~ <sup>are</sup> <sup>actually</sup> <sup>not</sup> <sup>getting</sup> <sup>but</sup> <sup>will</sup> <sup>&</sup>  
 ingenuity - & good will - The <sup>found</sup>  
<sup>to</sup> <sup>be</sup> <sup>done</sup> - <sup>as</sup> <sup>in</sup> <sup>any</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>best</sup>  
 families in the world - & all human  
 the prominent <sup>found</sup> <sup>in</sup> <sup>nearly</sup> <sup>every</sup>  
 city in Europe - and the <sup>found</sup> <sup>in</sup> <sup>every</sup>  
 of their future by small <sup>agencies</sup> &

<sup>When a very small boy</sup>  
The founder of the family commenced  
his business as a boy by going into the  
streets & picking up the bits of frothing  
throat which was thrown away from  
perhaps when they were drunk - and  
knitting needles with the Ladies  
lost in drinking. These knitting wools  
from one house to another - & these  
he sold me again - & he began to