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Girls and Their Mothers.
 It is by no means an uncommon occurrence to hear girls complain of the partiality that mothers display toward their sons. It is not usually to be supposed that if preference of any kind should be shown by a mother to her children the girls would be the favored ones, because who is better acquainted with the many disadvantages, compared to boys, under which girls are placed, and also their need for guidance and protection, than a mother herself?
 There is also the common ground of sex, which one is apt to think would draw mothers and girls into closer bonds of companionship. But how many girls are in the happy position of possessing mothers to whom they can turn in times of uncertainty, and into whose sympathetic ears they can pour without restraint and in absolute confidence all the joys and troubles, the hopes and fears and the numerous little affairs incidental to girlhood, and which, told at all, must be whispered into the ears of one of their own sex?
 That there are many mothers to whom every secret of a girl's heart can be unfolded without fear one does not deny; but there are many—perhaps more—mothers to whom their daughters are literally strangers on such subjects as is a well known fact.—London Tit-Bits.

Cultivating the Kola Nut.
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 No matter how lovely your rings may be, they certainly will not ornament but detract from your appearance if your hands are not in keeping with the flashing jewels. A clean, soft hand, with nails well cared for, is far more attractive than one upon each coarse, red finger of which their bitten ends, from the habit of carrying a small fortune. Wash your hands thoroughly with pure soap and warm water, using the nailbrush freely. Press the skin gently back from the nail, and if there is any discoloration a little lemon juice or pumice stone will remove it. File rather than cut the nails, and use an ivory or wooden pick with which to clean them, as scissors or any other sharp pointed metal instrument are very apt to roughen the under edge.
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