

FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN.

During the past twenty-five years a considerable change has been effected in the treatment and furnishing of floors. This seems a short period in which to reckon when the history of floor coverings dates from far back before the Christian era, even to the ancient days of Egyptian splendor.

All sorts of things in old rose, verging on the orange-blossom shade, to be worn by little girls this year. There are many pretty things made up for them in wash and other materials.

It is all very well for women to be devoted to home, to husband and to children, said one of Philadelphia's nurses yesterday. "I know more than one woman who would be better physically and mentally, if they did not stay in the house so much."

"The staying indoors' habit is a very insidious one; the more you give way to it, the less inclination you have for going out. The result is, that the stay-at-home victim becomes neurasthenic, low-spirited, morbid and irritable. I know women who stay in the house through sheer indolence; they have to stir out of their rocking chair and get into a car to ride a few blocks. The art of walking among city women, at least is rapidly becoming a lost art."

"Women, too, are all the better mentally for mingling among people, getting into crowds, seeing new faces and new scenes. It is a great deal better for a woman to let the dust accumulate on the furniture than on herself, and a cobweb had better be in the corner of the room than on her brain notwithstanding that cleanliness is a cardinal doctrine of the nurse's creed. One of the distressing symptoms of neurasthenia is a chronic state of evil foreboding. The victim of nerves studies herself, for allments, her wants, her loneliness, or she is forever anticipating trouble for herself or for her children. Living much within herself, it is easy for her to fall into a habit of brooding over troubles, real or imaginary, often the latter. This condition of injury not only works injury to her health, but reacts upon her disposition, her ideas become narrowed and insular, and she loses interest in and sympathy with others."

"The home is no longer a pleasant place for anyone within it and least of all for the sufferer, whose unhappy conditions might (although she would probably not believe it) be traced to her own mistake in persistently ignoring the call of nature for sunlight, pure air and innocent diversion."

The latest edict of fashion calls for a sleeve of much larger proportions in all outdoor garments. This is more especially noticeable in evening wraps, although many of the newer coat and jacket sleeves are greatly enlarged in size particularly for the elaborate sleeve of the smart gown or separate waist cannot be crowded into a tight outer sleeve without detriment.

Women who have formed the habit of standing with their back-burned, and attitude exaggerated that had position of the body when they walk—especially if there is a shade of "hurry"—in the brain, says the Chautauquan Magazine. Cannot every woman who reads these lines call up the mental picture of some neighbor hurrying, in a sort of dog-trot gait, about her work with body bent forward nearly one-third from the upright, the head and shoulders being quite in advance of the rest of the body, as if the legs could not, or would not go fast enough for the impatient brain and body? This is the "haste that makes waste."

Such a position means straining and enfeebling the poor back, and it means interference with breathing, circulation and digestion. It is a constant heaviness of movement, heaviness of spirit and oddness of body. It announces that the woman is not master of her work; rather her work masters and drives her. Now, we all must acknowledge that this is wrong. A woman with much depending upon her should, first of all, be able wisely to direct the body in her work, and second, not let her work own her, however much it may be in quantity. When one is well-poised, free and buoyant in bodily movement one can walk rapidly, or even run, while doing one's work and suffer none of the exhaustive effects that always attend the spirit of hurry. An Arab proverb well puts it that "Hurry is the devil." Shall we not keep ourselves secure and free from his malignant influence?

Undoubtedly white shirt-waists will be the smartest of the season. Gauzy laces, India linsens and organics with smooth shoulders, all-around trimming effects of lace trims and embroidery, infinite variety of guimpe designs, and numerous variation of insertings—bayadere, lengthwise, diagonal, lozenge, etc.—mark the latest white shirt-waists.

The full length sleeve is shown in a variety of forms, easy at the shoulder and quite full below the elbow. Some have long pointed cuffs, some with tucks and again variations and modifications of the marquis, bishop and cavalier styles. For the plain tailored shirt-waist a sleeve with a very narrow wristband scarcely as wide as those used last summer will be made. Instead of fastening over on the inside of the arm as they did then, the style to engage this season is cut straight edged with square corners and opens and is fastened, as of yore, at the back of the arm with link cuff buttons or just buttons.

The front or back opening question is a burning one among those exhibiting several advance showings just now. One authority says one way and another says the other.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

OF CENTRE COUNTY FOR 1901.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES, JANUARY 1st, 1902.

Table with columns for ASSETS and LIABILITIES. Assets include Cash in Treasurer's hands, Jan. 1, 1902, and various taxes. Liabilities include Amount due M. I. Gardner, Amount due Cyrus Brungart, etc.

FUNDS NEEDED.

ESTIMATE OF FUNDS NEEDED FOR 1902.

Table listing various funds needed: General Expenses, Bridges, Improvements on County Buildings, etc.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

Wm. T. Speer, Treasurer, in Account with Centre County.

Table showing Treasurer's account with columns for DR. (Debit) and CR. (Credit). Includes items like Cash balance from 1901, County Orders paid, Assessors, etc.

STATEMENT OF TAXES.

COUNTY, STATE, AND DOG TAXES LEVIED AND OUTSTANDING FOR THE YEAR 1901.

Table listing taxes levied and outstanding for various districts including Bellefonte Borough, Centre Hall, etc.

COMMONWEALTH COSTS.

Table listing Commonwealth costs for various districts, including Bellefonte Boro., Centre Hall, etc.

ASSESSORS' ACCOUNT.

Table listing assessors' accounts for various districts like Bellefonte Boro., Centre Hall Boro., etc.

MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNT.

Table listing miscellaneous accounts for various districts, including Bellefonte Boro., Centre Hall Boro., etc.

CONSTABLES' PAY.

Table listing Constables' pay for various districts.

COMMISSION IN LUNACY.

Table listing Commission in Lunacy for various districts.

JURY COMMISSIONERS.

Table listing Jury Commissioners for various districts.

COMMISSIONERS' CLERK.

Table listing Commissioners' Clerk for various districts.

COUNTY SOLICITOR.

Table listing County Solicitor for various districts.

COUNTY PHYSICIAN.

Table listing County Physician for various districts.

JANITOR'S ACCOUNT.

Table listing Janitor's account for various districts.

COUNTY TREASURER.

Table listing County Treasurer for various districts.

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA.

Table listing Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for various districts.

EX-SHERIFF JOHN P. CONDO.

Table listing Ex-Sheriff John P. Condo for various districts.

COMMISSIONERS' ACCOUNT.

Table listing Commissioners' account for various districts.

DANIEL HECKMAN.

Table listing Daniel Heckman for various districts.

PRINTING ACCOUNT.

Table listing Printing account for various districts.

SOLDIERS BURIAL ACCOUNT.

Table listing Soldiers Burial account for various districts.

COURT EXPENSES.

Table listing Court expenses for various districts.

COURT HOUSE EXPENSES.

Table listing Court House expenses for various districts.

JAIL EXPENSES.

Table listing Jail expenses for various districts.

TURNPIKE EXPENSES.

Table listing Turnpike expenses for various districts.

BRIDGE ACCOUNT.

Table listing Bridge account for various districts.

STATE TAX.

Table listing State tax for various districts.

LOAN ACCOUNT.

Table listing Loan account for various districts.

AUDITORS' ACCOUNT.

Table listing Auditors' account for various districts.