

A Girl of the Limberlost.

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beauty became more apparent. It was one of those double brooded freaks, which do occur on rare occasions, or merely an Eagles Imperialis moth that in the cool damp northern forest had failed to emerge in June. Edith Carr drew back with a long, shivering breath. Henderson caught her hands and gripped them firmly. Steadily she looked the thought of her heart into his eyes.

"By all the powers, you shall not!" swore the man. "You have done enough. I will smother that thing!"

"Oh, no, you won't!" cried the girl, clinging to his hands. "I am not big enough yet. Hart, but before I leave this forest I shall have grown to breadth and strength to carry that to her. She needs two of each kind. Phil only got her one. You may watch me deliver it!"

"Phil may be there by now."
"I hope he is. I should like him to see me do one decent thing by which to remember me."

"I tell you that is not necessary!"
"Not necessary?" cried the girl, her great eyes shining. "Not necessary? Then what on earth is the thing doing here? I just have boasted that I would change; that I would be like her; that I would grow bigger and broader. As the words are spoken, God gives me the opportunity to prove whether I am sincere. Help me, as you always have done!"

Henderson clinched his teeth and held her hand. The moth had emerged too recently to be troublesome. It climbed on her fingers quietly and obligingly clung there without moving. So hand in hand they went down the dark forest path. A strange excitement took possession of Edith. She began to feel proud of the creature.

"Do you know," she said to Henderson, "this is growing easier every step. Its clinging is not disagreeable, as I thought it would be. I feel as if I were saving it, protecting it. I am proud that we are taking it to be put into a collection or a book. It seems like doing a thing worth while."

"Edith, if you don't stop," said Henderson. "I will take you in my arms and kiss the face half off you, here on the avenue. You are adorable!"

"There's the place, and thank goodness, there is a crowd," she said.

"Hello, every one!" she cried as she came on the wide veranda. "Only see what we found up in the forest. We thought you might like to have it for some of your collections."

She held out the moth as she walked, straight to Edith, who arose to meet her, crying, "How perfectly splendid! I don't even know how to begin to thank you."

Edith took the moth. Edith shook hands with all of them and asked Philip if he were improving. She said a few polite words to the O'Mores, declined to remain on account of an engagement and went away gracefully.

"Well, bully for her!" said Mrs. Comstock. "She's a little thoroughbred after all!"

"That was a mighty big thing for her to be doing," said Freckles in a husky voice.

"If you knew her as well as I do," said Philip Ammon, "you would have a better conception of what that cost."

"I have to take care of this," faltered Edith, hurrying for the door to hide the tears which were rolling down her cheeks.

"I must help," said Ammon, disappearing also. "Edith," he called, catching up with her, "take me where I can cry too. Wasn't she great?"

"Superb!" exclaimed Edith. "I have no words. I feel so humbled!"

"So do I," said Ammon. "I think a great deed like that always makes one feel so. Now are you happy?"

"Unspeakingly happy!" answered Edith.

THE END.

"Blood Tells."

That old saying may have many applications. When the face is blotched with pimples, the body vexed with eruptions or eaten by sores, the blood is telling of its impure condition. Just as we put out a red or yellow flag in the front of the house where a dangerous disease is rampant, so Nature puts out the yellow flag of saffron skin, or the red flag of rash or eruption to indicate the diseased condition of the blood. Whenever symptoms of a disordered condition of the blood appear, the use of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery should be begun at once. It purifies the blood perfectly. It removes the poisonous substances which cause blotches, pimples and sores. The result is a smooth skin, clear complexion and healthy blood.

Be careful about letting your neighbors use your registered bull. Many a man has lived to regret such generosity. One can never tell when contagious diseases may be brought into the herd from such a plan.

Every mother owes her child a good constitution. It is better to be born healthy than rich. With health all things are possible, fame, riches, success. Without health riches are only a mockery, opening the way to pleasures which cannot be enjoyed. The health of the child depends upon the health of the mother. The health of the mother depends upon herself. Healthy motherhood is enjoyed by those who keep the delicate feminine organs in a healthy condition by the use of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. It nourishes the nerves and so cures nervousness, it strengthens the body and makes the mind cheerful. It practically does away with the pain associated with the baby's advent. It makes weak women strong and sick women well.

WOMAN IN POLICE SERVICE

Country is Slowly Realizing How Valuable She is in That Kind of Work.

One of the surprises of evolution has been the discovery that women have an appointed work waiting for them in the police service. The smashing derision that used to find a special point of application in the idea of "the woman policeman" is yielding, gingerly but rarely, to the realization that the country needs women as police rather more than the women need to be police officials. The realization seems to be a part of the general realization of the human interest mixed up in the criminal's case, the realization that you don't finish with that case by merely apprehending the criminal and affixing the thumb screws, and the further realization that the case may be one of many sides and one of two sexes. A desire to reach the case having followed upon the realization, it was perhaps inevitable that women should be available instruments of salvation. In Los Angeles, the "woman policeman" has been installed in response to a distinct need in the handling of woman and girl criminals. In Maryland, she has been applied to for official help to enforce the curfew law in an effective manner. In Chicago as matrons women have long been assisting in the problem of handling the criminal. Very recently these matrons have been placed in the rank of patrolmen, and their salaries have been increased from \$1,000 to \$1,400 a year.

SET UP BOTTLES AS GODS

Burmese Natives, Relieved by "Pain Killer," Accepted What They Thought Was Deity.

There are many people in this country who are given to a worship of patent medicines; but it remained for the East to furnish an instance of actual idolatry of empty medicine bottles.

An American missionary came upon a village in Burma where an epidemic was raging. Having with him a quantity of New England "pain killer" and thinking he might at least allay the suffering somewhat, he went from house to house administering the remedy, and left a number of bottles to be used after he had gone. When he returned to the village some months later he was met by the head man of the community, who cheered and delighted him by this intelligence; "Teacher, we have come over to your side; the medicine did us so much good that we have accepted your god." Overjoyed at this news, the missionary was conducted to the house of the head man, who opened the door of a room and showed him the pain killer bottles solemnly arranged in a row upon the shelf; and before them the whole company immediately prostrated themselves in worship.

Dog Worth Owning.

J. L. Sappington of Centralia will be protected from the cold this winter by a coonskin overcoat made from hides of coons which he caught with his famous coon dog Buck.

The coat, which Sappington was wearing, was made from the skins of 30 of the 132 of the ringtailed species which he and his canine have captured in the last three years. Sappington sent the skins to a furrier with instructions to use only the best part of the hides. The consequence is his coat is the best and finest that can be made and differs from the coonskin garments of this kind usually seen.

Three years ago Sappington bagged 52 coons. Two years ago he captured 48, last year but 16 and so far this year he has captured 16.—Fulton correspondence St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Crack Filler.

Cracks in a floor, caused by the spreading apart of the boards, are objectionable because they catch dust and dirt. A simple and effective crack filler is made from newspapers. Tear the paper into small bits, soak in hot water, and mix with warm flour paste. Fill the cracks with this mixture, which should be thick, spreading the paste with a knife. Another good filler consists of a mixture of glue and sawdust. Heat the glue until melted and for one pound of glue, before melting, allow one gallon of water. When melted, stir into it fine sawdust until a thick paste results. Fill the cracks with this, packing it down solidly and smoothing it over with a knife blade. When the filler is thoroughly dried the floor may be stained.

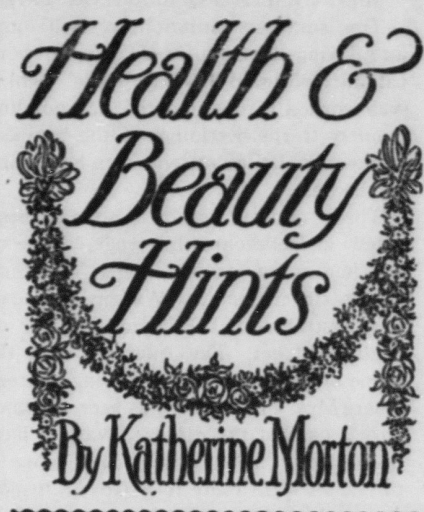
Women Journalists.

Mrs. Chang, widow of a Chinese official, is the editor in chief of the Peking woman's paper, which is devoted entirely to subjects interesting to her sex. Besides Mrs. Chang's paper there are eight others in Peking edited, printed and sold by women. In Canton there are four, in Shanghai six, and in Foochow three.

Mrs. de Aens Janculescan is to edit the first woman's paper published in Rumania. This journal is to be called Rights of Women, and is to be the official organ of the suffrage clubs in Rumania.

Doom of the Army Mule.

The army mule is doomed, according to Capt. E. A. Williams, quartermaster, United States army, who had charge of the auto trucks recently tested by the army. He said that the animal, which has been as important to the army as ammunition in the past, eventually is to be supplanted by the auto truck.



"Please write something about treatments for disfigured finger nails. Mine are very tender and ugly from a long course of housework, but now I've got some help I want to improve my hands."

"A COUNTRY READER."

The working housekeeper's hands have many injurious influences to encounter, but the very worst of them is the constant immersion in water which dishwashing and other cleaning up involve. Rapid changes from hot to cold water, and the reverse, are very hard on the hands, the changes of temperature making the nails brittle and scoring them with the ridges so often seen on much-used hands. The texture of the skin is also coarsened, while the soaps used in all forms of housework, being full of alkali, may so attack the delicate flesh about the nails as to loosen them. So a proper care of the nails certainly means a proper care of all the hands, and it is easy enough to protect them when doing some forms of coarse work. There are heavy white cotton gloves for sweeping and dusting which cost only ten cents a pair. Before putting these on, the palms and nails should be greased with olive oil or vaseline, either unguent rubbed well into the skin and all about the nail scarf. The gloves should also be regularly washed, for when they are grimed with dirt they are certainly useless for beautifying purposes.

With these gloves and a mop, dishes and cooking utensils may be washed without injury to the hands, or, if preferred, rubber gloves could be used for the dishwashing.

The first care of hands injured with housework begins with the cleansing bath, with soft water barely more than tepid, and the soap of a very good sort. If the water used is hard soften it with a teaspoonful of borax, and before using the soap shave it up and boil it down to a jelly. Get a cake of good old castile for the purpose, and after the soap is dissolved pour in about half a cup of benzoin, stirring it well into the jelly. Begin the bath by wetting the hands, and then rub the jelly on them, working the hands together in the usual way as when using soap. Wash off in one water and then rinse in another of the same temperature, drying the hands at once on a clean, soft towel.

Such a hand bath should be taken every night before going to bed, and when the hands are dry some unguent must be rubbed at once over and about the nails—either olive oil or vaseline, as hitherto stated.

As numerous baths, even with the best soap and softest water, are not always good for sensitive nails and delicate skin, it is wise to clean the hands several times during the day with olive oil or palm oil; if the hands are well rubbed with either of these, then dusted with talcum powder, and wiped off with a coarse and yet soft towel, the soil will be entirely removed. Coarsened nails are much improved, too, by the wearing of loose old white kid gloves, both during the day and at night, while the regular gloves worn should also be fairly loose and of a soft leather such as chamolite or doeskin.

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Social Forms and Entertainments



Budget From "Newly Wed."
I am a very interested reader of all your good advice and suggestions to the many asking aid from you. May I, too, ask a few questions? Am just married and moved into our dear little bungalow, and look to you for advice. For which foods are finger bowls used, and does a finger bowl stand in a glass plate? When are the finger bowls placed on the table? When individual salt dishes are placed on the table with salt spoons, is the salt conveyed to the plate with small spoon? Please give me a recipe for a fruit salad containing grapefruit and one without, also a cabbage salad recipe, if not too much trouble for you. In having cards printed shall I have my husband's name on my card, such as "Mrs. H. B. Jones" (or Harry B.)? Is it good taste to have a door plate with name on on our new home?—V. G. N.

Finger bowls are necessary when fruit is served or corn on the cob, and many hostesses have them brought in with the dessert service or after it. Each bowl rests on a glass plate to match or on a china plate on top of a fine finger bowl dolly. The salt spoon is used by the individual to put the salt on his plate. I cannot take the limited space to write out recipes unless for some very unusual dish that will be a novelty. What you wish will be found in any up-to-date cook book. Your cards should be engraved with your husband's full name. Door plates are seldom used now.

From "N. B. D."

Will you kindly answer through the paper whether it is proper to bring a box of candy or chocolates when taking a lady to the theater? Also which side should a gentleman be on (right or left of lady) in escorting her across the ballroom floor, and on which side should he seat himself?—N. B. D.

There is nothing improper about taking a box of candy to the theater, but it should be eaten during the intermission and not during the play. A man walks at the left of a lady and sits at her left, offering his right arm when occasion requires it.

Glove Etiquette.

Is it necessary to remove the glove before shaking hands? Are there certain occasions when this is or is not necessary?—"WAITING."

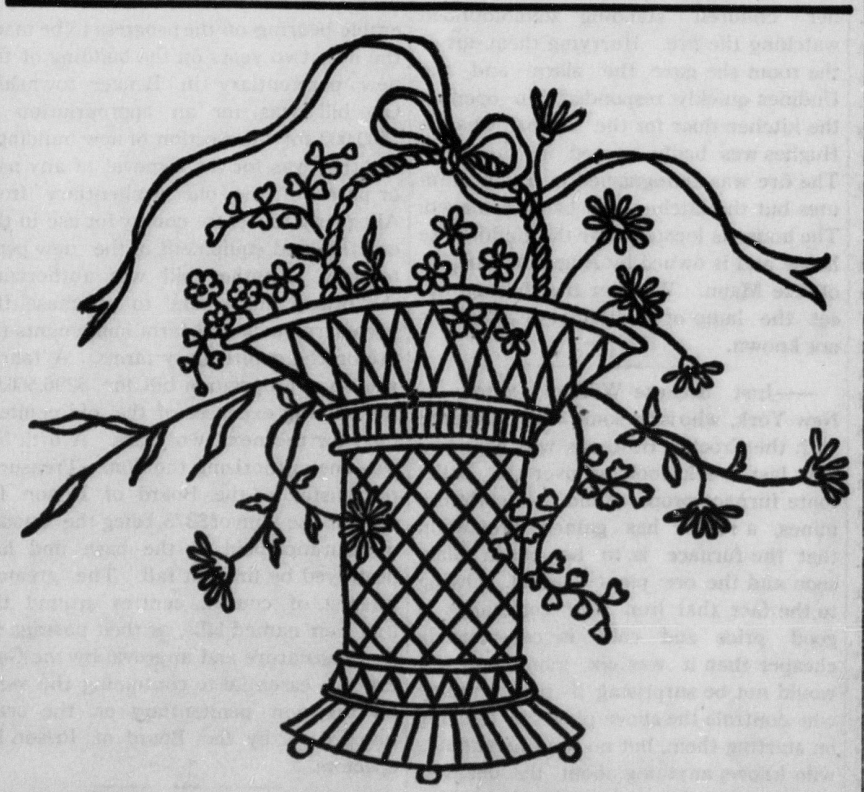
If a man should be working and have on heavy soled gloves he should remove them before shaking hands, otherwise it is not necessary. MADAME MERRI.

Breeze Baskets.

The bedroom that is redolent of the old-fashioned scent of lavender suggests refreshment and peace. It is not enough to line the wardrobe shelves with lavender sachets, though to do so is a step in the right direction.

Very pretty are the hanging "breeze" baskets which every breath of air from the outside encourages to send forth a delicious scent. The baskets are hung upon ribbon and slung upon the looking glass or upon the handle of an escritoire, out of sight maybe, but not out of mind.

Pretty Decoration for the Handkerchief or Glove Case



A white silk glove or handkerchief case may be charmingly decorated with this little basket, worked in colors. The daisies are worked solid in white with yellow centers; the forget-me-nots in blue with yellow centers, and the leaves and ferns in green. The stems are done in the outline stitch in green. The basket is also worked in the outline stitch in a light shade of brown, and the ribbon is done in the solid satin stitch in pink, blue, lavender or green. Use fine floss for the embroidery.

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