

JUST SUPPOSE.

If all the lads and lasses should remember for a day To do their errands and their tasks as surely as they play...

FROM INDIA.

By One on Medical Duty in that Far Eastern Country. A Hindustani Engagement. Attending a Miserly Patient. More Hot Weather, Etc.

Dear Home Folk:

I must tell you of a Hindustani engagement that has just taken place here; as it is the same all over India, you will be interested.

Our maiden is twenty-two years old, and rather decent looking. We debated as to what we should do and finally decided to tell the maiden and let her decide.

The groom then came along bringing presents—a bottle of cheap perfume, a kerchief, (mans' size) a gold ring, and three rupees (\$1.00) for sweets.

There is so little difference here from week to week that when, like last week, a nice thing occurred I had to exclaim.

It was this: Some time ago I met a very nice woman and although she was not in "peril" society I liked her and so when she came and asked me to do a favor for her—to go to see a sick woman—I agreed.

I saw three gorgeous tables standing near, covered with dust and mud inches deep and so I remarked to the woman who had called me, "when those tables are sold I would like to know."

Tonight the sky is full of clouds and as you know that means no wind, the heat is rather horrid, close and stuffy and we all wish it would rain.

ing into first leaf (April 20th) and the air is redolent with the perfume of the blossoms.

I remarked the other day that I would sure commit suicide if I was a "bishiti" in this country at this time.

Tonight my bed was taken clear out onto the front walk to see if even a breath of air might save me from again thinking I was about to be cremated.

The night in the open was very delightful; so nice and cool that I had to pull up a blanket toward morning.

Did I tell you I was invited to a house for breakfast the other morning and there I had the first cup of good coffee I have tasted in India.

History repeats itself, so we are told, and in proof of it I was awakened this morning before 4.30 by the call to prayer of the Musselman.

I have just come from Dr. W's, where we were invited to have "ice cream and a sing."

Two goals are chosen in this game. One child is "it" and stands between the two goals.

When the leader, who stands between the goals, calls out "Rain," the "Rain" party must run over to the "Sun" goal.

If the leader calls "Sun," the "Sun" party must run to the "Rain" goal, also trying to avoid being caught.

The first child caught, no matter on which side he is, becomes "it" for the next game.

An odd and useful plant of our Pacific coast is the soaproot. The grasslike, crinkled leaves appear close to the ground in the spring and are known to every California country dweller.

The young man approached the magnate, resolution gleaming in his eyes. "While I was calling on your daughter last night, sir," he said, "your dog growled at me."

Lawns Easily Cleared of Dandelions by Salt.

Washington, D. C., May 16.—The best way to kill individual dandelion plants is to cut off their tops and put about a thimbleful of salt on the surface of each exposed root.

The department's specialists say that much effort is wasted in merely cutting off the dandelion top without applying some poison to the root that remains.

The time to eradicate dandelions is in the spring, before the plants have had time to form seed. The seed spreads rapidly, blown by the wind.

When the lawn is very full of this weed it is too tedious a process to treat each plant by the salt process.

Plow up the lawn first, or spade it up if the area is small. A generous amount of well-rotted manure should then be worked into the soil.

Another weed that injures the beauty of many lawns is the plantain, of which there are two varieties—the buckhorn, or rib grass, and the common, or broad leafed, plantain.

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Eskimo Children are Never Punished.

When a Mackenzie Eskimo dies the body is taken out, the same day that the death occurs, to the top of some neighboring hill and covered with a pile of drift logs, but the soul (nappan) remains in the house where the death occurred.

When a child is born it comes into the world with a soul of its own (nappan), but this soul is inexperienced, foolish and feeble as a child is and looks. It is evident, therefore, that the child needs a more experienced and wiser soul than its own to do the thinking for it and take care of it.

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The Smile of Mona Lisa.

Leonardo da Vinci's immortal portrait masterpiece is the Mona Lisa—the woman with the smile. It is a smile that never loses its charm.

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FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN

DAILY THOUGHT.

Kind hearts are the gardens, Kind thoughts are the roses, Kind words are the blossoms, Kind deeds are the fruits.

Dresses are limited in number, for the average purse cannot meet very many changes in complete costumes, but hats can be more numerous if you can trim them yourself.

The lacquered ribbons that have the stove-polish finish are in great demand still. The French name for this finish is "niré."

Wings are the favorite feather trimming. Small wings in pointed shapes are used in clusters around the crowns of hats.

The black hat appeals to womankind because of its practical value. It comes in shiny straw and in fine hemp and is trimmed with ribbon, wings and flowers.

When the afternoon hats of the picturesque type are considered, the story is endless. The bandeau hat is the hint of Watteau that has been accepted without a murmur.

The "bird's nest" hat is a quaint modification of the Watteau idea. It has a broad band of ribbon and a double rim of black lace that has been stiffened to a straw-like consistency.

The all-white hat for warm days is going to have a great vogue. Over in Paris there is a reversion of the black idea in millinery, and the white hat has come to the rescue.

The art of being chic is entirely summed up in the few words, "Attention to detail."

The American woman who has acquired it will tell you that she will take longer, perhaps, to settle a collar or fasten a tie than another woman will to put on a whole gown.

The former are those who have the happy knack of putting on their clothes with just the small finishing touch that makes for perfection.

Costly or wonderful of style or materials their garments need not be, for whatever it is, plain or elaborate, high priced or inexpensive, they always succeed in looking well turned out, well finished and "chic" to the last little item.

The average American woman today most certainly dresses well.

One realizes that the subtle art of "finishing" is far more widespread than formerly, and that today there are few women who do not achieve an attractive appearance.

Some women still make the mistake of thinking that elaborateness of construction and a general "fussy" effect stand for good dressing, but most now fully understand the value of simplicity—that chic simplicity that is the most elusive of all qualities to obtain, and that is in itself a guarantee of good taste and perfection.

At the present moment the cape picture and eminently practical garment may be said to rule the world of fashion. It is to be seen in many different guises.

We have a voluminous cape which is almost exactly like the famous "capa" of the Spaniards. We have flowing military capes and long cloaks, equally flowing, which might have been copied from the stately Roman cape of the priests.