

#### A FEW USEFUL HINTS.

Of Particular Value to Women Who | Wife of the American Ambassador to Like to Dress Becomingly on a Small Income.

The rich girl is not always the

Of course, it takes lots of time and skill, as well as cleverness, to make court of St. James is a purely honorold things look as well as new; but then it pays to curl feathers clean ribbons when the hat is finished and the gown is donned, and it just looks lovely. For the maid who has to make over and yet wants to look nice here are a few useful hints to help her on her economical ways:

Feathers which have become soiled may be washed in hot water and Soft water should be used Rinse thoroughly to get the soap out Brush quills with a nail brush or

Wash ostrich feathers in the same way, and after rinsing thoroughly pass them through a warm solution of oxalic acid. After this they should be starched in plain starch.

The fibers of ostrich may be curled

with a curling iron that is not very Steam the fibers before curling

Feathers are also curled with a dull knife, drawing the fibers between the thumb and edge of the knife. Hold lightly and do not curl too tight. Do not curl the entire length, but only at the end of each fiber.

Light-colored feathers may washed in benzine without detriment to their curl or color.

Wings and fancy feathers are very satisfactorily cleaned by washing in benzine. After drying and pluming with a brush, white wings should be rubbed with magnesia.

Some all-silk ribbons and pieces of silk may be washed in soft water, using a pure white laundry soap. It is well to try small pieces first, for all dyes will not stand the process.

Wash gently and rinse thoroughly.

Wash gently and iron under tissue

Wash gently and iron under tissue Roll in a towel and iron under tissue paper when partially dry. Do not ring the ribbon or silk, but squeeze the water out by running through a wringer with a towel or squeeze bewringer with a towel or squeeze be-tween the palms of the hands. Ribbons and silks should be ironed while

Silks are often satisfactorily using either of these a sufficient quantity must be used to cover entirely the piece being cleaned, otherwise the result will not be satisfactory. It hardly seems necessary to repeat the caution about not using either of these inflammable liquids near fire; but it must be remembered they are very dangerous .- Chicago Tribune.

# MRS. ANNIE YEAMANS.

For Fifty-Six Years She Has Entertained Audiences in This Country and Europe.

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ninny, when she was a child, to the An annual event of much interest



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queen in Richard III, in her maturer She is perhaps best for her impersonations in the Harri-They were all her creations, for the author furnished her but a skeleton of her parts, and she developed those remarkable old women who were the features of the Of late years she has been associated with farce-comedy. Her art is literal. She is realism itself. She has the rare gift for a woman of self-consciousness in comic acting. Off the stage Mrs. Yeamans is a genuinely amiable old lady who is a genuinely amiable old lady who has given welcome encouragement to scores of young players who have since become famous. Her companions say that she is entirely free from the vice of jealousy; and a greater compliment than this no play actor could pay to another.

And even her roof, to pennicate hand, and even her roof, and the companion hand, and even her roof, and the companion hand, and even hand, and eve actor could pay to another.

Iron and look better when done.

## MRS. JOSEPH CHOATE.

Great Britain Is a Most Admirable Woman.

If Joseph Hodges Choate, ambassaonly girl who is the well-dressed one. dor from the United States to Eng-The young woman who has to make land, is a man fitted for his position, over, furbish up and remodel her Mrs. Joseph Choate is a woman quite hats and frocks is frequently as capable of holding her own as the modishly attired as her better-off sis- wife of one of the proudest diplomats



MRS. JOSEPH H. CHOATE,

ary one, for its emolument is wholly inadequate to meet the demands that are made upon it. At the same time it is one of such pride that statesmen and warriors have long considered it the plum of presidential appointments.

A poor man is never appointed to such a post. First, the poor man would never have the money to entertain sufficiently; second, he would hardly have had the necessary training; third, the wife of a poor man would not have received a sufficient amount of polite education to enable

ceived a training according to the standards of those days. When she tea better than any other young matron at the hub.

Mrs. Choate was once a great beauty. But 41 years of married life or of cleaned in gasoline or benzine. In life spent in the wide world, in one country and in another, will take away one's actual prettiness, though the years will bring something else just as admirable and that is what they have brought to Mrs. Choate.

She shows refinement of the lady of society, the repose of the woman of the world, the finesse of the dip-lomat and the high polish which comes of rubbing against the best people of all countries.

Mrs. Choate's entertainments in London are as famous as the speeches of the ambassador. She gave of dinners last winter, at which the There is hardly a theater-goer in table decorations were the finest ever seen on a diplomat's table. Reathe United States who does not know soning that the feast must be partly Mrs. Annie Yeamans, who has now of the eyes, she ordered her floris: been on the stage for 56 years. She to trim the table with all the flowers has played almost every line of char- that were of the season and to use

in the ambassador's family is that of the celebration of his birthday. Then a grand dinner is ordered and Mrs. Choate dresses in a fine new gown which is made in Paris for the Although still a young man in apearance, or at least briskly young, Mr. Choate will soon be 71 years old, and when in January the birthday fete takes place Mrs. Choate will need to burn 71 candles in honor of

Throughout her husband's career Mrs. Choate has been a power, not from the standpoint of assisting him in his public work, but diplomatically and through her family connections. Like Mrs. Chauncey M. Depew, she plays the highbred lady's part and does it so extremely well that her husband is much assisted by her thor

Mrs. Choate is the owner of very fine emeralds, which are Mr. Choate's favorite stones. She obtained them while on a trip to the orient and she wears them on important diplomatic

Mrs. Choate has done a great deal for Americans in London. To the house of the ambassador go all Americans in distress, and to the ambassador's wife are turned over all cases of women requiring aid. Choate has restored runaway girls to their American homes. She has supplied money to musical students out of funds, she has extended her hand, and even her roof, to penni-

what a Little Borax Doca.
A little borax in the last rinsing water will make handkerchiefs easier to Chicago Chroniele.

#### BABY GIRL ATHLETE.

The Woman Who Knows How to ments Are Spent in All Sorts of Gymnastic Exercise.

The woman who knows how to pu away her belongings is not only neat, but economical and generally smart in appearance. When she comes in from a walk she never hangs up her coat by the loop inside the collar, if she puts it away in the closet she uses a coat hanger—if she leaves it around the room knowing she may need it soon, she disposes it over the back of the chair that will keep it in shape. The skirts of her gowns never have a stringy look, because they are always hooked and then hanger with the ends bent down a little; this keeps the skirt in excellent shape and causes it to hang in even folds. The strings of her underskirt are tied and the garment is hung by the loops, thus never showing a hump where it has rested on the hook. For the same reason her shirt waists are always hung by the armholes, unless they have hanging loops. Handsome waists have both sleeves and body stuffed with tissue paper, and are then laid in drawers or boxes.

PUTTING AWAY CLOTHES.

Take Care of Things Always

Looks Well Dressed.

Shoes are easily kept in shape by slipping a pair of trees into them as soon as they are removed from the sect. If trees are not available, newspaper will do, if it is stuffed in tight. It is well to roll each veil on a stiff piece of paper; a single fold will often spoil the set of a veil, and sometimes even mar the expression of a face. Gloves should a ways be removed by turning them wrong side out; they should then be turned back again, blown into shape and each finger smoothed out. Ties, especially four-in-hand or golf ties, should be hung to avoid creasing.

Hats, of course, should be kept of the dust and placed so that the trimming will not be disarranged. This disposition depends so much on the hat and the available space that each woman must use her own ingenuity. However, it is safe to say that no hat should be laid flat on a shelf. Furs, also, should be protected from dust, and a muff should always be stood on end .- N. Y. Times.

#### MISS ETHEL DICKENS.

Granddaughter of Famous Novelist Runs Typewriting Establishment of Her Own in London.

Probably if Miss Ethel Dickens Charles Dickens' granddaughter, had happened to be his daughter instead the novelist never would have won the reputation which he did for monstrously bad penmanship.

This characteristic of the author of "Oliver Twist" might have been revealed by him in a private letter now and then, but Miss Dickens would have seen to it that his business letters and, above all, his manuscripts, were ypewritten just as neatly as possible. For typewriting is the business of this particular granddaughter of Charles Dickens, and she presides over an uncommonly busy little establishment of her own in Travistock street, Covent garden.

Miss Ethel Dickens, who is the

daughter of Charles Dickens, Jr., is an



MISS ETHEL DICKENS

attractive young woman with a delightful voice, much charm of manner and a rare amount of executive ability. She opened her first place of business in the identical office in which her distinguished progenitor edited "Household Words."

Miss Dickens makes a specialty of copying plays and book manuscripts. Dared she publish the list of famous novelists only who come to her, London would realize perhaps more generally what a first-hand knowledge current literature is in the possession of "Miss Dickens, Typewriter."

Into Miss Dickens' office inquisitive travelers often penetrate with apologies, but-

"We were passing and saw your sign, and just looked in to ask whether you were related to Charles Dick ens, who wrote, etc., etc." Miss Dick ens spent her childhood in Gad's Hill her grandfather's house, near Roches Above her desk hangs a signed ter. photograph of Charles Dickens, and her matches repose in an old-fash-ioned little receptacle which the first editor of Household Words used un

"Do you think your grandfather could have approved of your going into business in this wholesale fasl was asked Miss Dickens.

"Oh, I don't know," and then laughed, "but I know he would have preferred I should earn a living rath er than not have one.

Always Use a Match Never light a lamp with paper, for fragments of it are sure to drop off

Little Illinois Tot's Happiest Mo-

Rana Marie de Lhorbe is a baby. She is also a little more than that. She is an athlete. Rana has never been content since the day of her birth to be a mere pink and white bundle of nothingness, frilled with laces, a toy for big people to make eyes at. Rana is strenuous. She is certain to make an impression on the world long before she is 21. At the age of only four months she swung herself on a trapeze, held herself in position as shown in the illustration, and while being photographed showed hung by two folds. For a tailor-made skirt she uses a small coar-she was not yet one day old she raised herself upon her bed on both



SUSPENDED FROM TRAPEZE.

hands. She was able to sit up when three weeks old, and at five months of age could swing from a trapeze by one hand.

There may be other babies just as smart as this, just as strong, but they had better bring out their records at once, or Rona will claim all the laurels. She is the child of Mr. and Mrs. William de Lhorbe, of Chillicothe, Ill. Her mother is 21 years old, and her father 27. The latter is an actor and athlete, well known throughout the middle states. Her mother is a little woman, with no special athletic training. In her ancestry, though, she counts direct descent from Nathaniel Hawthorne and the Giddings, of Puritan fame.

The baby came into the world just about the same as other babies have. She was perfectly formed, blessed with a good appetite and a sweet disposition. That she was athletically inclined did not become conspic until her own actions indicated that she desired to do things most babies do not. She showed that she had a spine of more than ordinary strength, good lungs and strong arms and legs. She made use of them freely, almost from the moment of her birth.

Oriental children often show this activity, especially Chinese and Japanese children and those of India, but in this country the examples are Rana's case has attracted a great deal of attention, and many offers have been made to her father to exhibit her, but none has been accepted. The home life seems to be the best for her, and there she is likely to remain. Her father was born on a farm, and is strongly built himself. The mother has always had good health. The child seems to have aken the best from both parents .-Chicago kecord-Herald.

# THE BABY'S FLANNELS.

Their Comfort and Durability Depend Very Largely on the Way in Which They Are Washed.

The baby's underwear should be of flannel, as soft and fine as the purse can buy, and kept in the best possible condition by washing it properly. A careless laundress can ruin the best woolen garments in two or three washings, making them so shrunken and rough that they irritate the tenflesh almost beyond endurance. The following method has been used for years with unvarying success, the little garments retaining their soft. fleecy look until worn out.

Use water that is as hot as you can bear your hand in comfortably, for flannel cannot be boiled and hot water cleanses and purifies it. solve a little borax in it, and add soap to make a strong suds, wash the flannel through two waters prepared in this way, plunging them up and down and rubbing gently be-tween the hands. Rough usage thickers the texture. Soap should never be applied directly to the flannel. Borax softens the water, make ing very little soap or rubbing neces ary. Rinse through clear water of the same temperature as that used for washing and press through rubber wringer. Then just before hanging them out pull and stretch every piece in shape, for if this is neglected, the tiny wool fibers interlace, causing it to become badly shrunken. Place them smoothly on shrunken. the line in the sunshine where a tle breeze will blow through them. Every part of the work should be one as speedily as possible.-New Hampshire Farmer.

# How to Wash Milk Pans.

Wash vessels which have contained milk in cold water first, and after ward scour them with hot water and oda. The use of cold water first in ures greater cleanliness, for plunging at once into hot water is apt to set the milk and cause it to hang about the cans and pans to the det riment of the milk which is afterward placed in it.

### MRS. ANNIE BESANT.

English Prophetess of Theosophy Has Not Yet Lost Her Hold on Her London Followers.

The end of Annie Besant is not vet. This seems to be the feeling which has been created in England, where the most famous of living theosophists has been making a three months' visit. Mrs. Besant left England a few days ago, on her way to India, where matters connected with the school for natives which she founded at Benares several years ago claim her attention. She is going by way of the continent and will hold theosophical meetings in Switzerland and Italy Germany, evidently sailing from a southern port. Mrs. Besant will return to England in June and pursue her calling as a latter day Blavatsky in the vicinity of London.

A few years ago it was prophesied fully that Annie Besant was about to be ignored by the world at large and England in particular. But this prophecy has not been fulfilled. In fact, the little part of the universe represented by this island, at least, thinks more kindly of Mrs. Besant than it ever did before. She seems to have lived down much of the antagonism her earlier life aroused and to have inspired a kindlier feeling among her countrymen than they were wont to show her. While in England Mrs. Besant held many lectures and it was only a few days before her departure that she spoke to a great audience in

She retains her marvelous charm and while she does so she will not cease to affect multitudes visibly; while she pursues her present discreet and intelligent educational methods in India she will not cease to win the approbation of a large portion of the English people.

It is now Mrs. Besant's annual programme to spend nine months of the year in India and the other three in England strengthening the theosophi-cal society with the learning she brings fresh from the birthplace of theosophy. Mrs. Besant is the power of her cult in England, to-day, say what else people may of her. is who arranged for the various courses of theosophical lectures which leading English theosophists are this winter delivering in America. In fact, every missionary influence the society is exerting emanated primarily from

Mrs. Besant thinks theosophy ought to be assimilated rapidly by the Americans, because she considers Americans "a very psychic people." She says, however, in the same breath: Your materialism is against you. Too many of your religions seek the support of the spirit to enrich the



MRS. ANNIE BESANT. (High Priestess of Theosophy in Her Lec-turing Robe.)

body, rather than the body to enrich

the spirit."
"Mrs. Besant is undeniably clever," he said, "and her theories on the sub ject of education are sane and scholarly. Moreover, I think her object in ing colleges in India is the single one of giving the Indians what she considers England owes them, namely, assistance in developing their method

proved Annie Besant to be more than ever the friend of the London poor. a quart of flour, sifted, with sympathy too frequently put to the stir to a dough with enough milk to friends him or her. No one denies that Mrs. Besant has tried nearly every religion from strict evangelical doctrines to her present liberal faith in theosophy. No one forgets her a nice tea cake, to be cut in slices in theosophy. No one forgets her a nice tea cake, to be cut in slices brilliant defense in court against the with a hot knife and eaten hot with slanderer which sought to rob her of her good name. Her avowed dislike of her husband, her separation from him and his priesthood in the Church of crust. of England, are details in her life history long since written. Her children nity, and even fresh brown bread i are grown and married, but both of be sent to table in nice slices if the them now yield their mother the loy- knife is thrust into boiling water or alty and affection which in youth they otherwise heated before using. When were forbidden to show her

his sister-in-law and canneed the pro-nunciation of his name that he might dlings," which now comes to market not be called by hers. But she has moved on in her chosen path, solitary If bread made from this is kneaded and scorned much of the way, but as carefully as white and a keeping always as her guiding star an sugar or molasses added abiding trust in the necessity of being enough to be detected), it will true to herself. will live to see her complete vindica-tion and the cordial recognition of the sandwiches, and if sprinkled into the Those of us who have seen her hand, while stirring with the this summer, are agreed, as I have said until of proper consistency, them above, that the end of Annie Besant cooked for 20 minutes, it is a delision of yet.—From a London Letter.

## GIRL CORNET PLAYER.

Nine-Year-Old Edna White Has Womderful Command Over Biffleult Instrument.

Little Edna White, a New England lassie, now residing in Brooklyn, New York, is considered the champion cor-

netist of the age.

Only nine years of age, this mresical prodigy has mounted the ladder of fame several rounds higher than musicians three times her age; sha is queen of the horn and has already gained a reputation as a soloist which has even reached Europe.

There is no more sought after lit tle girl in America than Edna White;



leaders of bands and orchestrats, entertainment societies and churchez are bidding for her services. Society leaders are endeavoring to tempt her to play at banquets, receptions and teas

It has not been two years since Edna first handled a cornet. Until 18 months ago she showed no sign whatever of possessing extraordinary musical talent.

Edna worked faithfully for over an hour. Coming quietly into the room Mr. White was astonished to hear daughter play "Yankee Doodle "Home, Sweet Home" and "Nearer, My God, to Thee."

This was the commencement of her musical career. She took weekly lessons and was allowed to take her own time in learning a selection. At the end of six months she made her first appearance at their home church in Brooklyn, using her father's cor-

She is familiar with most of the great cornet soloists of the day, quaintly discussing the merits of their rendition and of their instruments, of which she is herself capable of good judgment. Of cornets she has a decided opinion, formed by testing and using the various makes on the market. Her present instrument was purchased with the first \$50 earned.

She is able to accompany the human voice in difficult selections and but needs to hear a piece once to be able to play it. It is marvelous how readily this little cornetist can transpose. She can follow at sight a classcal selection for the voice or any instrument

She is wholly unaffected and childish Small with much dark hair and intellectual brown eyes. She is quite pretty.

# OUICK AS LIGHTNING.

A Rapid Recipe for Making Soda Biscuit, Together with Other Kitchen Hints.

If hot biscuit are fancied for teaen has been cleared up: Grease the This last summer in England has muffin rings slightly and put them quart of flour, sifted, with a small These same poor always have and, I teaspoonful of salt and two heaping believe, always will, love her. Her charity has been too practical, her cup of half-and-half lard and butter, sympathy too frequently put to the test by the needy, to permit of their doubting her. A matter of minor importance to a hungry man or ragged beggar girl is the changing religious beliefs of the woman who bedouble in rising. Stir the dough to double in rising. mound shape with tip of the spoor. By stirring a well-beaten egg inter this dough and rubbing a generous sweet butter, is made. round pans; a quart one should

Hot cake may be cut with impury and an ection which in youth they were forbidden to show her.

Sir Walter Besant cordially disliked season don't fail to insist that your (not Perhaps Mrs. Besant once become a family favorite. When work she has sincerely attempted to "eye" of boiling water with the right