



SMALL WAIST CRAZE.

Twenty Inches Quite Enough and More Than Twenty-Two Not to Be Endured.

Since it has been decreed that the shall-waisted, short-hipped figure is the only one acknowledged by fashion...

To such an extent has the evil grown, it may be mentioned, that at certain famous modiste's orders for gowns from ladies whose waist measurements are over 22 inches are delicately, but firmly declined.

'We dare not risk our reputation by gowning any but the most fashionable women,' explained the principal recently...

'We have heaps of customers whose measurements are three and four inches smaller than they were last year, and in almost every case this is due to the tight-lacing demanded to acquire the new figure.'

Until women are brave enough to defy fashion the evil will doubtless grow instead of lessen, and the practice will continue to add appreciably to the death roll...

Putting the Baby to Sleep.

'I had tried everything to make my little one sleepy at the right time,' said one of the progressive mothers...

How to Renovate Bronze.

Bronze may be renovated and recolored thus: Mix one part of muriatic acid and two parts of water.

How to Open Oysters.

To open oyster shells easily, just place the oysters on the warm kitchen stove for a second, then insert the knife between the thin portion of the shell...

MORE BEAUTY DON'TS.

Secrets of Having Shapely and Pretty Nails and Soft and Delicate Fingers.

Don't over-manicure the hands, or they will become so tender as to be easily reddened and roughened.

Don't wash the hands oftener than necessary, and dry them thoroughly after every washing.

Don't neglect the palms of the hands. They need attention as much as the backs of the hands.

Don't neglect massaging and kneading of the hands, in order to secure good circulation, which helps to keep the hands white and make the skin pliant.

Don't forget to pinch the ends of the fingers now and then. This will do a good deal toward making the fingers taper.

Don't polish the nails too highly, or they become so brittle that the slightest contact with anything hard breaks them down to the quick...

Don't file or scrape the nails; either process only helps to thicken them. They should be rubbed down with the very fine emery and cinnabar powder...

Don't allow the nails to remain long soiled with anything that will stain them.

Don't always use a nail polisher or buffer. Once in awhile try polishing the nails on the palm of the hand.

Don't trim the nails to sharp points. If there is anything that will set the teeth on edge it is to shake hands and feed a slight graze from such claws.

Don't always use scissors to trim the nails; a file is better to round off the edges. Nothing tends to injure the nails so much as persistent trimming with a pair of scissors.

Don't think that one rule applies to all finger nails. No two sets of nails can be treated quite alike, not alone because of their texture, but of their formation.

Don't wear rings that are too small. The inevitable result is disfigurement from red and swollen hands and knuckles.

Don't wear gloves stitched with colors. They make the hands look larger.

Don't wear gloves that are a size too small or that fasten too tightly. This prevents free circulation and makes the hands red.

Don't think the appearance of the hands a trifling consideration. A beautiful hand may be even more fascinating than a beautiful face...

Setting Colors in Fabrics.

It is impossible to tell whether a color is fast before washing, but by far the safest plan is to "set" the color before it goes to the tub for the first time.

Getting Around a Difficulty.

Ward Worker—No, sir; I'd never sell my vote. I'd— Candidate—Ah! but won't you rent it to me for a day? Ward Worker—Well, that's different. —N. Y. Mail and Express.



HANDY FRUIT PICKER.

For Occasional Use It Can Be Recommended, But It Doesn't Do Hand Work.

The cut is engraved partly from a wide model of the hook part, sent us by a correspondent. It consists of a pronged wire hook, with small, open mouthed bag beneath, both attached to a long handle or pole.



EMERGENCY FRUIT PICKER.

on sale (except the handle) at most large hardware stores. Its principal use is for picking a few very fine specimens, not otherwise accessible, except by shaking, and too valuable to shake and bruise.

GREEN FOOD FOR PIGS.

English Farmer Gives His Ideas of How to Make Cheap and Excellent Pork.

A writer in the London Live Stock Journal, who seems to be talking out of his own experience, says:

'Now, it is questionable whether there is a better and cheaper way of making pork than to grow a field or two of rape, clover or grass and clover root mixed, and run therein a number of strong young sows during the summer months, shutting them up for a period of from six to eight weeks in the autumn and feeding them on some good fattening food, when they will be ready for the butcher.'

A pig should make good pork, running from 11 to 12 stone, in seven months from birth, it is asserted. In no way can he do it better than on the lines indicated. Frame, bone and form can be developed to perfection, and good pasturage, combined with a daily feed of grain food or milk and meal.

'While good grass, clover or vetches and clover make excellent pasture, rape gives still better results. Pigs thrive and feed on it amazingly. A farmer, a neighbor of mine, who keeps a herd of approximately 200 pigs, speaks in the highest terms of rape as a green food for them. It is a useful crop in other ways, as lambs do exceedingly well on it.'

'It would really appear that the system of grazing pigs could be extended from its present narrow and restricted limits with decided advantage. A field or two of rape, clover, etc., for summer pasturing, with, perhaps, an acre or so of artichokes in addition, would well repay cultivation where pigs are kept in any numbers.'

SEVERE ROOT PRUNING.

System Has Many Advocates and is Especially Applicable Where Climate is Dry.

The advocates of severe root pruning for trees being transplanted seem to be increasing in number. According to Luther Burbank this system is especially advantageous for planting in dry climates. In a recent issue of the Rural New Yorker he says: Every experienced nurseryman trims all the small side roots off his nursery stock before planting.

This is a universal custom, and in my experiments I have found that seedlings and very young trees should always be treated in this way under all circumstances. A young seedling tree which has had its roots cut off to within a few inches of the collar, and the top almost wholly removed, will in all cases make a far better growth than the one planted with all its roots, even if the top should be removed. Of course it is necessary to remove the top in proportion to the amount of roots removed, and, strange as it may seem, it is especially necessary to prune the roots short when they are to be planted on land that has little moisture near the surface.

The man who takes care of your dairy cows should be a gentle man.

CHAIN OF SUGGESTION.

One Barber After the Other Had an Idea to Offer the Pertinacious Customer.

'A man up in my country had a melancholy experience,' declared Senator Frye, of Maine. 'This man determined to get a shave every other day and to let every barber cut his hair who suggested it. At the end of a week three different barbers had intimated that the hair needed trimming and were told to go ahead and trim.'

'Did you ever try Dr. Comeup's hair restorer?' questioned the barber as he took up a bottle. 'The Indians had a quicker way of getting at a man's scalp than these barbers,' commented Senator Chandler.

'For a Bad Back.' Sabra, Montana, Oct. 19th.—A great many men in this neighborhood used to complain of pains in the back, but now scarcely one can be found who has any such trouble.

Mr. Gottlieb Mill is largely responsible for the improvement, for it was he who first of all found the remedy for this Backache. He has recommended it to all his friends and neighbors, and in every case it has had wonderful success.

'For many years I had been troubled with my kidney and pain in the small of my back. I tried many medicines but did not derive any benefit until last fall, when I bought a dozen boxes of Dodd's Kidney Pills. After using them a few days I began to improve, my back quit aching and I felt better and stronger all around.'

'I will keep them in the house right along, for in my opinion they are the best medicine in the market to-day, and if my back should bother me again, I will use nothing else.'

Never Again.

Biway—Use an alarm clock nowadays? Jigsaw—No; never tried one but once. 'How was that?'

'Well, you see, the first time it went off I didn't exactly know what it was, and so I said: 'O, for heaven's sake, Maria, shut up!' Maria happened to be awake, and—well, that is how it was.'—Stray Stories.

Here Is the Evidence.

That the Great Southwest is full of money-making possibilities—our booklets on 'Beautiful Indian Territory,' 'Texas,' 'The Golden Square,' 'Business Chances,' and others equally as interesting, which will be mailed you on receipt of two-cent stamp. Address: GEORGE MORTON, G. P. & T. A., M. K. & T. Ry., Suite 1, Wainwright Bldg., St. Louis, Mo.

Why Not?

'Here's an account of a big landslide,' said the newspaper. 'Under what head shall I put it?'

'Put it with the real estate transfers,' said the city editor, as he wrote: 'Continued on the forty-first page' in the middle of a four-line paragraph.—Youth's Companion.

Stops the Cough.

and works off the cold. Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. Price 25 cents

A Catching Advertisement.—Ida—'Gertrude inserted an advertisement that she would like to meet a gentleman who was fond of outdoor life.' Belle—'Who answered?' Ida—'Sixteen tramps.'—Philadelphia Record.

Three trains a day Chicago to California, Oregon and Washington. Chicago, Union Pacific & North-Western Line.

Wantano—'I wonder if Gabsky will cite for me at my little party this evening?' Duzno—'He will unless you know some as yet undiscovered way to prevent him.'—Baltimore American.

Piso's Cure for Consumption is an infallible medicine for coughs and colds.—N. W. Samuel, Ocean Grove, N. J., Feb. 17, 1900.

Our Artist—'What a lovely view you have here, my good lady.' Old Lady (who has lived there all her life)—'Ah, so I hear from all sides.'—Punch.

Three solid through trains daily Chicago to California. Chicago, Union Pacific & North-Western Line.

The probability is that only men who don't know how they do it ever live to be 100.—Puck.

Putnam Fadeless Dyes are fast to light and washing.

The average small change of gossip works small change for good.—Ram's Horn.

Some men are too busy to grow old.—Chicago Daily News.

Very great men make no friends. They know better.—N. O. Times-Democrat.

In the Auto.—'I ran across old Hopkins in Boston yesterday.' 'Casually?' 'No; fatally.'—Harvard Lampoon.

A pauper has his pleasures. For instance, it is a very agreeable to consider what one would do with the money one doesn't possess.—N. O. Times-Democrat.

Not Alarmed.—Struggling Artist—'At the rates you pay I would soon starve to death.' Dealer—'Well, ven you are det, I can sell your pictures vat I half at a goot profit.'—N. Y. Weekly.

An Insinuation.—'I say, Jones,' said Smith, 'what did you give for that horse?' 'My note,' replied Jones. 'Well,' rejoined Smith, 'you certainly got a bargain.'—Chicago Daily News.

A Burning Question.—'Pa,' said little Morris, 'why did the man put his light under a bushel?' 'I don't know,' answered pa, after some reflection; 'but I suppose that the bushel was very heavily insured.'—N. Y. Sun.

'You remember that landscape I made of your place?' said D'Auber. 'Well, I haven't been able to sell it yet.' 'It must be very realistic,' replied Lubbers, 'for I haven't been able to sell the place yet, either.'—Philadelphia Ledger.



Mrs. Anderson, a prominent society woman of Jacksonville, Fla., daughter of Recorder of Deeds, West, who witnessed her signature to the following letter, praises Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

'DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—There are but few wives and mothers who have not at times endured agonies and such pain as only women know. I wish such women knew the value of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. It is a remarkable medicine, different in action from any I ever knew and thoroughly reliable.'

'I have seen cases where women doctored for years without permanent benefit, who were cured in less than three months after taking your Vegetable Compound, while others who were chronic and incurable came out cured, happy, and in perfect health after a thorough treatment with this medicine. I have never used it myself without gaining great benefit. A few doses restores my strength and appetite, and tones up the entire system. Your medicine has been tried and found true, hence I fully endorse it.'—Mrs. R. A. ANDERSON, 225 Washington St., Jacksonville, Fla.

Mrs. Reed, 2425 E. Cumberland St., Philadelphia, Pa., says:

'DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I feel it my duty to write and tell you the good I have received from Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.'

'I have been a great sufferer with female trouble, trying different doctors and medicines with no benefit. Two years ago I went under an operation, and it left me in a very weak condition. I had stomach trouble, backache, headache, palpitation of the heart, and was very nervous; in fact, I ached all over. I find yours is the only medicine that reaches such troubles, and would cheerfully recommend Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound to all suffering women.'

When women are troubled with irregular or painful menstruation, weakness, leucorrhoea, displacement or ulceration of the womb, that bearing-down feeling, inflammation of the ovaries, backache, flatulence, general debility, indigestion, and nervous prostration, they should remember there is one tried and true remedy, Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound at once removes such troubles.

The experience and testimony of some of the most noted women of America go to prove, beyond a question, that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound will correct all such trouble at once by removing the cause and restoring the organs to a healthy and normal condition. If in doubt, write Mrs. Pinkham at Lynn, Mass, as thousands do. Her advice is free and helpful.

No other medicine for women in the world has received such widespread and unqualified endorsement. No other medicine has such a record of cures of female troubles. Refuse to buy any substitute.

\$5000 FORFEIT if we cannot forthwith produce the original letters and signatures of above testimonials, which will prove their absolute genuineness. Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Co., Lynn, Mass.

Advertisement for Cascarets, featuring the text 'Millions Use', 'CASCARETS. Surprising, isn't it, that within three years our sales are over TEN MILLION boxes a year?' and 'Best for the Bowels'.

Advertisement for Bromo-Seltzer, featuring the text 'Bromo-Seltzer Promptly cures all Headaches'.

Advertisement for Call-Stone Cure, featuring the text 'CALL-STONE CURE. "Graemer's Calculus Cure" is a Certain Remedy FOR CALL STONES.'

Advertisement for Patents, featuring the text 'I PAY SPOT CASH FOR MILITARY BOUNTY LAND WARRANTS'.

Handsome Corsage Ornament

OF Dame Fashion is heeded this year nothing but the length of her purse will regulate the quantity of jewels with which lovely woman will bedeck herself on state occasions.

scribed by the Brooklyn Eagle is of diamonds and pearls set in alternation



In the chains which connect the two bow-knots, which are studded with diamonds. The large pendant pearls are of the long shape now so much in request for hair ornaments, pendants and earrings.

this were not enough there are newly-designed corsage ornaments to tempt her fancy. The one pictured and de-