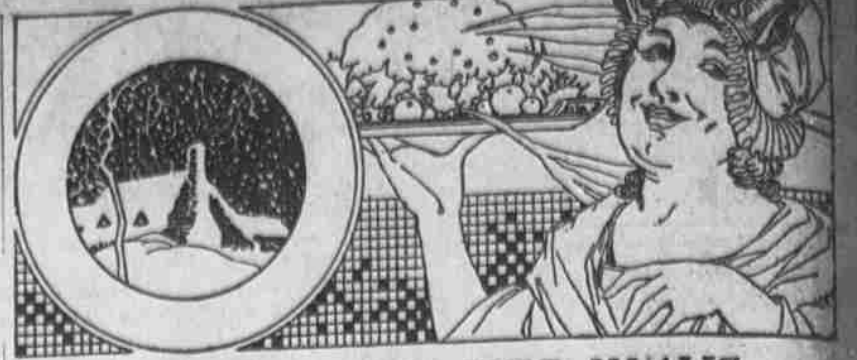


WANTS TO KNOW—FASHIONS AND HOUSEKEEPING ARTICLES



WOMAN AND HER WAYS

THAT JANUARY WHITE SALE

By MRS. CHRISTINE FREDERICK
AUTHOR OF "THE NEW HOUSEKEEPING."

At this season of the year many of the best stores are offering special sales in white goods, linens, sheets, pillowcases, etc. The wise housekeeper has shaved part of her holiday money to take advantage of this yearly offering to replenish her linen shelves.

cloths for everyday use when the table is not extended and one or two especially long ones kept exclusively for guest use when the table is enlarged. Although it would appear that napkins are of any and all sizes, there really are only the three stock sizes, as follows: Dinner sizes, 22x7 inches; breakfast or informal meals, 22x22; luncheon doilies, 15x15.



ATTRACTIVE THREE-PIECE FUR SETS OF NEW DESIGN

Modes of the Hour

One of the prettiest fashions that the season has brought forth is the three-piece set, toque, neckpiece and muff. There is no end to the possibilities in the creation of all three. There is white, black, brown and gray fur to start with; the silk or velvet may be of the most brilliant hue or black, and they may be really simple in design or most elaborate.

JOHN ERLEIGH SCHOOLMASTER

A GRIPPING STORY OF LOVE, MYSTERY AND KIDNAPPING

By CLAUDE MORRIS
Author of "John Erleigh, Schoolmaster."

John Erleigh, schoolmaster, was sitting at his desk in the schoolhouse, looking out at the snow-covered landscape. He was a man of middle age, with a serious expression on his face.

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Mrs. Travers smiled contemptuously. It seemed to her more likely that Vertigan would end his days in the gutter. "That is exactly how matters stand," Vertigan continued. "Your brother—I've got him here, and he held out his right hand, and closed his fingers slowly into his palm. 'I can run him—beat him down so completely that he can never rise again—break him in pieces and stamp on him—and that's just what I'll do if you betray us.'"

The New Year

The girl who takes an inventory, as it were, of the year's success or failure, will begin to think about her New Year's resolutions. This is the time when everybody makes heroic and noble vows which they cheerfully break at the first occasion that calls for the keeping of them. Then women are branded as fickle. This is not wholly true. The fault lies in the resolution, not in the woman who makes it.

Coffee Ice

Make half a pint of strong coffee and stir it into about 14 ounces of white sugar, and pour into a mold. When set, cut into cubes and serve with cream.

White Floors

To whiten wooden floors add two table-spoons of borax to the hot, soapy water used for the purpose. It will cleanse the boards and will also destroy any insects that may be lurking in the cracks of the wood.

"My, doesn't Marjorie look stunning today!" said a girl as the dancers whirled by. "She always does, anyhow. I never knew a girl who was quite so stupid and yet who so admirably concealed it. Fine raiment covers a multitude of faults."

"For instance, do you remember when I was doing social service work here?" "Yes, you are a younger sister there who was the most hopelessly ragged, dirty, deceitful little individual I ever saw. This child got a present of a lot of new, clean clothes. You would not believe what a mistake what a mental and moral change these poor clothes worked. She didn't become an angel all at once, by any means, but she did try to be more tractable. The first day that she appeared and we complimented her on her appearance she answered, 'I'm glad my clothes look nice, and I'm going to act like them, too.'"

At last the performance came to an end, and Travers, his hands trembling, helped Lady Joan on with her fur-lined opera cloak. He found himself by her side as the party joined the throng in the corridors.

"Wasn't it delightful?" she said, turning to him with sparkling eyes. "Yes," he answered eagerly. "I don't think I have ever enjoyed anything so much in my life. You don't often go to the opera, perhaps?" "Oh, yes, but up in the gallery. It-it seemed quite different tonight."

"I don't care if I never go again," said Wimberley, who had pushed his way through the crowd to his sister's side. "But, I call it—now, the pantomime—hello, there's old Stinks."

"You are fond of music, Mr. Travers?" she said during the interval. "More than anything else in the world," Wimberley, seated on the other side of his sister, laughed.

"You play?" said Travers, with a frown at the irrepressible Wimberley. "Yes—but only a little! My brother is quite right. I play accretually; but one can enjoy music for all that—don't you think so?"

Travers did think so. He also thought, only he did not put it into words, that Lady Joan's music was more beautiful than any woman he had ever seen, and that even if she could not play the piano her voice was sweet as any music that was ever heard.

In the Kitchen

Do you take the proper care of your kitchen? Many a good housekeeper has learned all about the best way to cook, and how to flavor every dish correctly, and still is ignorant of the most elementary things about the kitchen. For instance, how many times do you take out a pan and find it is all greasy on the bottom? You should never use a greasy dish in any case. The best way to prevent this is to put the pan over the fire for a little while, with a bit of water in it. Leave it until the water boils.

Another good way is to put the pan in a dish of hot water. If the grease is thick, wipe it off with soft paper, and allow the pan to remain in the water until the rest of the grease has disappeared. The dishes which are soiled by food material should be carefully scraped. Then they should be put in cold water to remove the remaining particles of food. All pans containing liquids should be emptied through the sink-strainer. The efficient housekeeper will have two garbage cans, one for the wet garbage and another for the dry refuse.

Never leave your sugar, butter, or vegetables uncovered while you are cooking. They are liable to accumulate dust and germs, even in a few hours. Keep your ingredients covered as well as possible; the glass jar is best if you keep the tin covers tightly on. Return each article to the kitchen cupboard as soon as you have finished using it.

The refrigerator should be scoured with hot water and soda not less than once a week. All odors will disappear if you place a small piece of charcoal in each corner.

HOW THE MODERN GIRL ACTS

Some one has very truly said that the ways of a maid with a man are past finding out, and no truer words were ever spoken. Girls are plain, ordinary girls among themselves, but when there is a man in the case, how they change. The meekest, most demure of maidens become a ray of conquest; the liveliest and most playful of girls sit in the corner if a man is around and blushes if she is spoken to.

A girl seldom realizes how much she expects from the man she is engaged to. She must give all his time to her, of course, but this is not all. He must also account for all the time he doesn't spend with her. He must name every woman he met, and tell what was in every letter his morning mail brought to him.

"I remember a girl I knew," said a matron the other day, "and she was the strangest girl you can imagine. She was spoiled, thoroughly, by her parents, from her earliest childhood. When she came down to a private school, where she terrorized all her teachers by her temper. When the whim attracted her she would be as sweet as a rose. She would cling, and coo, her teachers, parents or friends until they would have given her their very shoes if she asked for them. She could be very charming when she chose.

What Attracts Us?

How curious it is to reflect upon the attraction that one person has for another! If one studies the engaged couples one is struck by the fact that the two concerned, in many instances it is odd how they ever found anything in each other. Yet in every case there has been a charm in both the engaged ones that is not noticeable by any one but the two concerned. It is so true that no one can love unless there is something lovable in the object adored.

The plainest of appearances does not matter to the sensitive of companions, but it is for him alone that she shines. The spark of beauty and of the divine shines deep in all of us, but often it is only the eye of love that detects it. There is no excuse for such heartlessness, our friends with the kind and piercing gaze of affection. We shall indeed be rewarded for so doing.

Don't Sigh!

No matter how sad the heart, the outward appearance should be brave. Why sadden the rest of the world when, as now, it needs cheering? The sigh is a waste of breath and a damper of courage; abolish it, and replace it by a gallant smile of confidence and of hope. The world will be the better for our pluck, and we ourselves shall be the better for the effort.

Beauty and the Right Sort of Food

Do you select your meals with a view to improving your complexion? The idea may seem a bit far-fetched, but not necessarily so. Every woman likes to look her very best, and as long as she is ordering the meals anyhow, why not with the intention of arranging a careful diet for herself? The family's individual tastes are always to be consulted, but men are easily pleased and are unlikely to interfere with your plans.

For instance, at least one fresh vegetable should be served at dinner and luncheon. Canned foods are not so nutritious nor half so beneficial to good looks. Beets are a famous remedy for the complexion. They tone up the skin wonderfully, and have a very decided action toward counteracting any kidney disorders. Spinach, carrots and all kinds of boiled greens are good, too. They have great nutritive qualities, acting upon the system and blood, thus purifying the complexion.

Another first aid to beauty is the green salad. No dinner is complete without the salad, which is as appetizing as it is useful. Olive oil with very little seasoning and less vinegar should be used on it. It is on the market now, too. The use of celery for an all-round nerve tonic is highly recommended. It is better eaten raw than stewed or cooked in any way. Most vegetables which are put on the table in their natural state are good for the nerves.

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