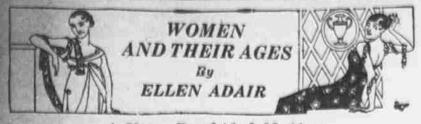
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THINGS WHICH INTEREST MAID AND MATRON-HOUSEHOLD SUGGESTIONS AND FASHIONS



A Very Doubtful Matter

of women and their ages-it is really sur-

prising how they shrink from giving the

tale of their years the light of day. There

isn't anything to be ashamed about in the

passing of time. But you can't convince

Mrs. Jones, for instance, has decided to

remain a gay and cheerful 23. She prob-

ably never will see 20 again, but she con-

soles herself with the fact that few are

likely to discover her secret-for some

"and as long as I remain looking the 25

that I assuredly am not, my official age

to a curious and prying world will be 25."

once on the subject of some other wom-

an assembly of women-and see what

imppens! The talk and the buzz of gos-

sip literally fills the room, and it isn't

"My dear," one woman will exclaim.

"do you really think that Mrs. Jones is

And a feminine chorus greets the ob-

Jones' elder sister, and that it is a physi-

cal and logical impossibility for Mrs.

Jones to be anything less than 35. An-

other declares that Mrs. Jones has been

And so the talk goes on, as it always

PRIZES OFFERED DAILY

and 50 cents are awarded. - All suggestions should be addressed to Elien Adair, Editor of Woman's Page, Evening LEDGER, Independence Square, Philadelphia.

the following suggestions sent in by a of the Evening LEDGER prizes of \$1

Another curious point is that the sweet-

a woman of that fact.

It is a strange and curious thing that | behoaves them to live up to this pleasing standard of vacuity-and the effort is not even the most truthful of women become ranuely forgetful of the passing of the strenuous. For any one, however brainy years, and after a certain point cease they be by nature, can cultivate stupidity celebrating the auspicious anniversary of until it becomes second nature.

their birth altogether. Even such alluring things as presents and checks and birthday cards cannot tempt them to announce the day of days, for they fear the awawardness of questionings, the reminiscences of contemporaries and such like.

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Men, on the other hand, are proud of their age rather than the reverse. For they look at the subject from the co.nmon sense point of view and argue that. after all, the years bring wisdom-or ought to. Where a woman boldly deducts the number of her years, a man will as boldly add them on. For of all things he she looks," she reflects optimistically, hates to be classed as childish or immature.

"No woman is worth talking to until ahe is over 30," declared a very wise man once. And, although his remark was greeted with a chorus of feminine contradiction, there is certainly much to be an's age! This frequently is the only said for that point of view. For it often flaw in an otherwise perfect character. takes a woman 20 years of life to develop For just let the topic of age come up in her brain power to its fullest extent, to become matured in judgment, balanced in mind and sensible in outlook.

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good-natured gossip either. Many a man dislikes the youthful period of womanhood most heartily, and would rather talk for hours to the 25, the age that she declares herself to grayest-headed woman in the company than have five minutes alone with a blushing debutante. "Sweet Seventeen servation. "I'm certain she isn't!" Then has the brains of a rabbit," he will declare peevishly, "and I will not waste come the witnesses, for it is a regular court-martial, in all but the fact that the my valuable time on her. For she bores luckless Mrs. Jones is absent from the me to extinction with her childish viewpoint, her vapid conversation, her giggles, simpers, blushes, and above all with her band's wife was at school with Mrs. woeful inexperience."

While the foregoing scathing statements are a little too broad and comprehensive. Inasmuch as many, many specimens of Sweet Seventeen are far from being the simple maidens they would lead one to married for 15 years, and considering think, it is true that the conversation of that this is America and not India or any many a modern young woman is any- place of that sort, it is highly improbthing but original or even in an ordi- able that the law allowed Mrs. Jones to nary way interesting.

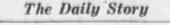
But this is the fault of the girls them- somewhat immature age of 10! selves, and cannot be attributed to the brevity of their years. For too many girls are today laboring under the delu- will go on whenever the topic of feminine sion that what mankind particularly ad- years is broached. For you can't conmires in femininity is a total tack of vince a woman that age is ever a femibrains. Therefore they consider that it nine recommendation!

Tomorrow's Menu

"I can pay for my bread and cheese and my nice little lodging and my two coats a year."-Wilkle Collins.

BREAKFAST. Apple Oatmeal Omelet. Rolls. Coffee. LUNCHEON OR SUPPER. Cold Lamb.

Potato Chips. Brown Bread. Fresh Fruit. Tea.



After Election Virginia Byrnes, standing on the high-cat rock at the point of the cliff, waved a white sweater in wide circles above her head. She held it by the sleeves and waved it sleevin. Occasionally she waved it slowly. Occasionally she dropped her arms to relieve the strain n them and then resumed the waving. The sun had just risen above the hills. She dropped her arms, put on the weater and jumped down from the high ork to the path beneath It. what were you doing?" A y "What were you doing?" A y man stood at the base of the rock A young

For a moment Virginia looked at him in amazement, "I do not explain my actions to strangers," she said coldly. "I was impertment. I beg your pardon.

But to return to the interesting question But your signals interested me. "They are no concern of yours." "Of course not," he agreed bastily. "But how could I help being interested." This is a desolate country; nothing but accenery and a few widely separated poises, i came last night to spend a few daya in these hills. The first person 1 saw, except my landlerd, was a young woman waving signals from a high rock." He stood barrheaded in the cold No-vember breeze, Around his white forehead his hair crisped in tightly cropped red curis. When he smilled the lines of languter criticled about his keen blue

time, at least. "A woman is as old as eyes What are you doing here?" Virginia asked. "Are you one of the water-power people"

Water power?" he repeated. "I do not know what you are talking about." "You are not one of those pirates who wish to take away from us our right est-tempered woman will become catty at to tuis river.

"Vol speak sincerely. But we are sus-tious of all prosperous-looking, wellaccessed strangers. This river runs be-side my father's property. If is neces-sary to the success of his farm. Through a small plant of our own we secure power from the river for our grain elevator and electric lights for our buildings. But certain envious and meddlesome maraulers have set up a preporterous claim that my father has no right to a power plant here, and that the Stale should remove it and grant there, by act of Legislature, the right to establish a power plant and a factory. I feared you were one of those evil speculators who want to take our plant."

I am not a marauder nor a speculato.

court-martial, in all but the fact that the luckless Mrs. Jones is absent from the scene of her metaphorical slaughter. One woman declares that her cousin's hus-band's wife was at school with Mrs. make moonshine whisky. They are not ignorant mountaineers. They are wild, harim-scarum young sinners. Virginia, 'are you willing to tell me anything you know about this still?" "I know nothing," "Is claim a friend of yours.""

"Is Calvin a friend of yours?" "He is a member of the Legislature from this country. The bill to take away our rights in Spring River will come before the Assembly in a few weeks. Dick Calvin is the man we depend on to deenter the holy bonds of matrimony at the

'I am also a member of the Legislature Do you not expect me to help defeat the bill? You know there is nothing in the world that I would not do for you. Virginia, answer this question: What is Dick Calvin to you?"

Nothing. "Then why did you signal to this ier that a stranger was in the dld you do this for him?" "Did I do this for him?" She had risen

again. Prentice raised his hat and would have

A STUNNING AFTERNOON FROCK Home-grown Vegetables It may seem a little previous to be talking about summer vegetables so early in the spring, but many foresighted gardenhills? Why did you go at sunrise to the highest point of the hills and wave a banner where it could be seen from Deer peas, onions and potatoes in the ground. Kitchen. For instance, there are several kinds of fancy peppers, both sweet and hot, which are valuable for soups, salads Lodge? If Calvin is nothing to you, why A small patch will yield much more food than you could possibly think, and from her chair and stood facing him. Her eyes were blazing. "Did I signal danger to a moonshiner" I will not answer your tittle money expended on seeds will relittle money expended on seeds will requestion. I will never speak to you little money expended on seeds will re-again. I hope I may never see hou pay you in the end. Gardening is a lux-

ury to the poor man; it is sometimes Gordon Prentice and Virginia Barnes met in the corridor of the State House, Prentice raised his hat and would have fore every other consideration, and if a Prentice raised his hat and would have pussed her without speaking. She stopped him. "Mr. Prentice, is it true that you, as chairman of the Committee on Rivers and Lakes, intend to smother the power bill to the committee?"



A Pretty Frock

I'm compictely tired out, having been | novel touches on the gown is the quadet tramping around the shops all afternoon little sleeve. This has the popular with Elinor, buying things, She certainty dropped-shoulder effect. A tiny rosebud knows how to choose the right things at and a lace cuff finish off each eleeve, the right time, and it was a liberal eduation for me to watch her.

de chine, corduory, net and combinations petticoat effect about the feet. of any two of these materials are seen. 1 adore white, and strange to say, gowns | used over a color, as in former years.

Ellnor's frock is a charming adaptation of the peasant blouse. The bodice is brim was surrounded by a French blue with the white rope. One of the most as she took the train.

The skirt is stunning, full, of course,

with festoons of the antin rope, and minis-White promises to be the rage in the ture tomato roses to match the roses on sarly summer, and many of the fashion- the bodice. Insets of peautiful old lace able conturiers have lovely gowns in are also euged with the rope, and a soft white on sale now. Georgette crepe, crepe ruffle of quilled net forms the fashionable

Elinor bought a hat to wear with this gown, too. It was a big leghorn, on are all white this year, very few being Gainsborough lines, with a faille covered crown in Persian colors, and a cluster of old-fashioned flowers in the front. The

made of net, draped in a deep V-neck, satin ribbon, which hung in soft streamand edged with a narrow rope of white ers and tied at the neck. I'm just crany satin. A Dresden taffeta peasant bodice is about the whole costume, and so was fitted loosely over this, and laced in front Elinor, to judge by her happy expression

AROUND THE BARGAIN COUNTERS

Newest Showings in Evening Gowns

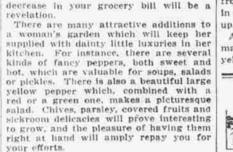
The spring evening gowns shown in ton a foundation of flesh-colored net, with the shops at present follow the lines of embroidered edges, which had the popular the winter styles to a great extent, vary- pointed effect on bodice and sleeves. The ing only in material. The winter's vel. sleeves, by the way, were simply a threevets, brocades and metallic cloths are re- inch ruffle of the net in the wide armplaced by pussy-willow taffetas, crepe de hole. The skirt was a pointed tunic of

was made of white satin, with large black velvet-covered buttons down the front. A long, loose coat of the velvet formed the waist. This was severely plain, with a small slit and a handsome jet ornament at the sides. A French bouquet of gilt and colored flowers was placed at the left side of the white satin collar. The price was \$10.

An evening gown was seen in black and white, and made on very plain lines. The skirt was entirely made of white accordion-plaited chiffon, with a very abbreviated coatee and a drapery of black net over the shoulders. The sleeves consisted of black net, draped about the arms and tied by a black velvet band at arms and tied by a black velvet band at the wrist. Black net was tied across the front of the skist and brought to a bow in the back. French flowers looped this

up. The price was \$15. A plain gown for the schoolgirl was made of pussy-willow taffeta, in lemon yellow. The bodice was of taffeta, shirred

FARM, GARDEN and the HOME EGGS and CHICKS Kurpees FROM LAURELTON LAYERS



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Clean Feathers said that all kinds of natural colored feathers can be washel in lukewarm water and good white soap.

A Spanish Dish

placed by pussy-willow taffetas, crepe de chines and a few charmeuses. Georgette crepe is another fashionable fabric, and the pastel shades are in evidence. A very striking demi-toilette for in-formal occasions was seen in one of the large Market street stores. The skirt able on all the gowns this season, simply able on all the gowns this scason, simply shirred back and front, with straps of the silver tissue over the shoulders. A quilling of the Nile green pussy-willow taffets, of which the gown was made. finished off the top of the bodice. The

\$25

A strange and artistic little gown was made of yellow pussy-willow taffeta, combined with pink. The bodice was a tiny coatee of the yellow, with revers in front, lined with the link. Baby sleeves of flowered chiffon, in pink and yellow the new bird-cage effect, with a tunic of the chiffon and broad bands of the yellow taffeta, over a skirt of the same

The colorings made the most unusual and attractive combination, and the price was

skirt was the most unloue feature this gown. It had a quilling of taffeta all around the bottom and outlining the panel in front, which was about 10 inches at the top, widening out to flare at the bottom. This panel was made of the silver, with a girdle of the same to match. A wreath of pink roses went over the left shoulder. The price was

DINNER. Cold Roast Beef. Mustard. Mashed Potatoes. Cranberries. Frune and Nut Salar. Lemon Meringue Pie. Coffee Frune and Nut Salad. Cheese

Oatmeal Apples .- Pare, core and slice four tart apples, put them in a baking dish and cover with well-cooked oatmeal. Bake 15 minutes and serve with cream.

Prune and Nut Salad .- Soak prunes and meal, two cups of rye flour, one cup of yeast, three cups of water, one cup of molasses, one teaspoonful of soda, salt. Steam four hours.

Prune and Nut Salad.-Soak prunes and bring them to a boiling point, then cool them and remove the stones carefully. Fill the cavities with nuts of any sort-peanuts, blanched almonds, pecans or walnuts. Serve four prunes to each per-French dressing.

A Home-made Apron for Practical Uses

which optional, percale or

dresses, which are just cut away in the inst-cut away in the manage of the apron, fir an near it as your manage of the apron, fir an near it as your of meating by hand or by machine. Any goods which are left over may be indiced in various ways, such as making its pairs of sleeves shown in the filme-tration, or the dust cap. The pattern is cut well to keep all your extra pieces, for they will come in bandy when the apron gent turn, as oftens happens in the hustle and hurry of the busy housekeeps.

A Baby's Bib putting under the small baby's bib iaxys dress shield, cut in two and d by a tage around the neck. It its the stant stupe and can be

A Lauriscon Diah

A prize of \$1 has been awarded to Flor-nee C. Dyer, 4242 Westminster avenue, hiladelphia, for the following suggestion: In purchasing silk (or satin) petticoats do not buy one black and another blue or one green and another red, but instead purchase two black petticoats or when these skiris wear they are not a total loss, because the good portion of

one can be substituted for the worn portion of another and without any magic (only commonsense), behold a new skirt is evolved which still has good wearing qualities.

A prize of 50 cents has been awarded to S. Virginia Lewis, 4849 Fairmount avenue, Philz onlia, for the following suggestion: An affective and clean method of applying tonics, etc., to the scalp is by means of a small oil can, such as is employed about a sewing machine. The fluid thus reaches the roots of the hair directly

and without any waste. A prize of 50 cents has been awarded to Rese White, 1321 Spruce street, for the fol-lowing suggestion: An excellent chocolate sauce to serve

with ice cream can be quickly made as follows: Break one-half cake of chocolat. into small pieces in a double boiler, add one cup of milk and three table-

spe. afuls of sugar, stirring until smooth. While this is hot, pour over vanilla ice oream. This will be enough to serve with The woman who is careful of her looks isn't satisfied to be well dreased only one quart of cream.

A prize of 50 cents has been awarded to Mrs. M. Dunn, 1623 Harrison street, Phila-delphia, for the following suggestion; To repair gilt picture frames, when when she goes out; she wants to look just as well in her own home, as she does in the homes of others. The illustra-

The repair gate picture frames, when broken parts are lost: Mix plaster of Paris with sufficient water to make thick paste for molding. Shape with fingers into size, and as near as possible to design required, and press firmly in the space while molst. When day cover with a conting of rold raist tion shows a pretty httle "working cos-tume." This is dry, cover with a coating of gold paint. If this should wear off in time, apply fresh coating of gold paint when simply a long apron covers the gress from head to necessary.

foot, protecting it from dust and spots, We have repaired unsightly breaks in frames of old oil paintings in this way and a cap to match. The material used is and were well pleased with the results.

A Luncheon Dish

tinene being the most If there is a bit of cold ham left over, chop it fine, add an equal quantity of mashed potatoes and hold together with an egg. Shape like potato cake and saute in butter. practical for every day use. Many mical women make these useful aprons out of disin butter. carded summer dresses, which are

I told you that I should do my best

stead purchase two black petticoats or two blue petticoats. (I have found black satisfactory for all dark clothes.) Now, poration will buy its passage. The only way it can be defeated is by smothering it in the committee. I gave you my prom-I am keeping It

"Men say that this corporation will over let you come back to the Legisture. You are risking your political nure for me. Why are you doing this?" "Because I love you." lature. You love a woman who is in league

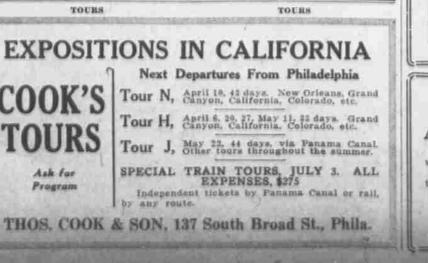
ith moonshipers?" "I cannot blame you for helping the man you love even if he is a moonshiner

"You think I love Dick Calvin? I never have loved him. I never waved him a warning signal."

"I went to Spring River to get evi-dence against Calvin that would drive

"I went to Spring River to get evi-dence against Calvin that would drive him out of the Legislature. He is a grafter of the worst kind, but we have never had proof of his legislative dis-honesty. I heard that he had at Deer Lodge a moonshine still. I went there to get proof of it. This proof could be used to compel him to leave the Legis-lature. I saw you flying a signal to some one. After I had secured the proof of the existence of the still I realized that your signal was for Calvin. But I have not used the evidence against Cal-vin. I thought you loved him. I would not harm the man you loved." "You are barming the man I love. You are trying to ruit his whole career by keeping the power bill in the committee. That signal-Gordon you saw me waving a while sweater early in the morning of the 4th of Navember, the day after elec-tion. Across the valle friend of mine. Their telephone wires were down that day, and they could not get the election results. I promised them that as soon as it was light enough to see I would go to the high rock to signal the returns. If a Republican Freeident was elected I should It was right enough to see I would go to the high rock to signal the returns. If a Republican President was elected I should wave my red sweater. The white one would mean a Democratic President, You had so much curlosity about my signal that I thought it rather clever to keep you wondering. Then when you accused we of signality danger to a weach

the of signaling danger to a moonshiner I was too angry to explain. Gordon, the man I loved, was at Spring River that morning. But he was not a moonshiner. He was hunting a moonshiner." Copyright, 1915.



well worked into the ground. Dig up the whole space the depth of your spade and let it lie in the loose state for a while. The real heavy manuring should be done

in the winter. Corn or polatoes are not the most sensible things to grow on a small lot-they take up too much room and will not allow for other vegetables. The smaller products will prove more economical Plant lettuce, both leaf and head, cab hare, beets, tomatoes, beans, peppers, spinach, squash, onlons, carrots and such things. These will grow hardily with proper attention, and the corresponding



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