M'LISS DISCUSSES WASHING AND IRONING AS A FINE ART

Clever Ardmore Woman Has Raised This Lowly Work to the Dignity of an Interesting and Well-paying Profession

To THE average woman "taking in washing" seems a poor sort of way of making a living—"all work and no pay," with the likelihood of making Jill a very dull girl in the bargain.

An Ardmore woman saw the thing in a different light, and as the result of her vision she is conducting a laundry today which has the reputation for turning out the finest "fine" laundry work in the country. What is more to the point, she and her son and daughter are making an enviable living at it, and put \$10,000 worth of improvements in their plant recently. All of which goes to prove that you can make even washing pay if you see things big and are not too scornful of the lowly.

"Our laundry," Mrs. H. H. Yarnall, who is the presiding genius of the plant, told me, "was started by a wealthy woman about 18 or 20 years ago, who founded It to give work to the poor of the neighborhood. But it was run in the most primitive fashion and did not amount to much. When my husband died, I found that I must do something; there were the children to educate and all that-and so this opportunity presenting itself, I took hold of old St. Mary's Laundry."

Mrs. Varnall is modest about her achievements with St. Mary's; but ask any Main Line family from Overbrook to Devon what they would do without her

and you'd get the real truth.

The "pettl-skirts" and nighties and bed linen and table napery-in fact, the family and household wash of virtually all the prominent residents of Philadelphia's best-known suburbs pass under the supervision of this capable woman. In addition, Mrs. Yarnall has raised the business of washing and ironing

valuable "pieces" which the average housekeeper is fearful of letting go out of ber hands, but yet feels herself not capable of laundering, to a fine art. "Thirty women in my plant," she said, "do nothing but fine pieces. This, I believe, is more than any of the big city laundries employ for that kind of

work." Most women think only of soapsuds and the ironing board when they think of laundering. To me it looks like a big business. Hotels, clubs, such as the University and Acorn of Philadelphia, and colleges, all hearing of the high-class work put out by Mrs. Yarnall, sent their work to her and helped realize her dream of making laundry work a big business, until

now it is necessary to employ almost a hundred people in her plant. Many of the people who are the patrons of this far-seeing woman have laundry bills as high as forty dollars a week. Bedspreads and tablecloths of rare value are intrusted to her, and the five dollars or more that is charged for the laundering of a single piece of such value is willingly paid because of the superior service rendered.

"If you supply a demand," Mrs. Yarnall teld me, "you can make money in any business-even washing."

Is This Indelicate?

First the President and now the Governor! Noteworthy precedents have been established for other less famous widowers!

It is curious, though, the difference in comment that has been called forth from men and women by the marriages of these two statesmen, both of whose first wives have been dead less than two years.

In almost every case a man believes it to be quite in keeping with the dictates of good taste for a widower to marry very soon, or in a year's time, after

The majority of women, on the other hand, almost invariably hold this to be indelicate, a covert slap at the first wife, a sort of irreverence, denoting a lack of any depth of feeling.

"I'd turn over in my grave if I thought my husband would do such a thing!" "I'd at least expect him to give me time to grow cold and the flowers a chance to wither!" are the feminine commentaries that one hears.

"Why not marry within a year?" is what the masculine contingent says; "It's a compliment to his first wife if a man wants to take unto himself a second quickly; it does not mean that he's forgotten his happiness with her, or that he disrespects her any the less. The women who say so are silly sentimentalists!" In the meantime, do widowers show any greater degree of haste to make obelsance to Hymen for the second time than widows? Tradition doesn't say so.

The "shrapnel bonnet," according to a dispatch from Paris, is the latest thing in headgear for women. It is described as a flat affair of red leather and

War Bonnets

designed on the lines of the steel shrapnel-proof helmets worn by the French soldiers. What with the hussar turbans, the periscope toques and this most recent

confection, we are getting quite a collection of war bonnets.

Spanked! and Liked It

Dear M'Liss-I have read your article in the Evening Ledger on "Spanking." and, in my opinion, a spanking is a good thing for a child. I am new 19 years old, but I can remember that more than once when I had prepared to retire for the night that I was taken across my mother's knee and was spanked with a paddle for some misbehavior of the day.

Even as late as a couple of weeks ago my 14-year-old sister received a spanking, and I got them until I was about 16. I never thought less of my mother, and now I can see the good they did. I think the most people who say "never spank," never knew what it was to get one.

Letters to the Editor of the Woman's Page

nications to M'Liss, care of the Evening Ledger. Write on one side of the paper only. Dear M'Liss-Would you kindly assist me in the preparation of a leap year

party to be given by one high school class to another class? Will you send me suggestions for decorations, entertainment and refresh ments?

Hoping to hear from you at your earliest convenience, and thanking you in in advance, I remain, yours truly,

ELIZABETH. The keynote of a leap year party is, of course, that the girls be the aggressors. They must forget for the evening the shrinking timidity and maiden reticence that is supposed to be our inherent characteristic and must ask all the

A dance is one of the most graceful (the double meaning is unintentional) ways of entertaining guests. If there is an artist in your class, the dance programs could be made appropriately attractive-a humorous little sketch, for instance, of a haughty male creature refusing the proposal of marriage that an entrancing girl makes to him on bended knee.

The girls, of course, fill their own dance cards, asking the men humbly for the favor of a fox-trot or hesitation. They escort them back to their seats and remain with them until the music for the next dance begins. To inject a little more fun even into the spirit of the party, girls have been

known to call for the men at their homes and bring them to the place of festivity. After the supper or refreshments have been served a proposal party should be held. The men may vote on the best proposer and a prize should be provided for her. A copy of Shaw's "Man and Superman" would be particularly appropriate.

Hearts, cupids and wedding bells would make attractive decorations. Fascinating leap year valentines are being shown in the shops. These might make interesting favors.

Dear M'Liss-Shall "Cinderella" go? And "Jack and the Beanstalk?" And "Dick Whittington?" And a score of other tales that were the delight of your girlhood and of my boyhood?

Not on your sacred life. In the course of time the works of the most famous authors of the past two centuries may be obliterated from the literature of the world; but until the end of time "Cinderella" and "Jack" and "Dick" and the heroes and heroines of other such tales will live and afford to millions yet unborn the childish rapture with which they were perused by you and by me. Shall "Cinderella" go? Not until the printing press becomes a thing of the

past and the world of the future reverts to its primitive barbarism.

AN OCTOGENARIAN.

SEEN IN THE SHOPS



FOR DANSANT OR SKATING WEAR

WITH the skating season in full swing, the indoor sport vies with the outdoor exercise, often very successfully, for the former is not dependent upon the freaks of fickle weather. Philadelphia has no hotel rink as yet, but Philadelphia has

A shell-pink satin foundation is gracefully covered with a Russian blouse of

A shell-pink satin foundation is gracefully covered with a Russian blouse of flesh-colored Georgette. Shirred cordings introduce much fulness into the flowing sleeves, as well as fashioning the belt and finishing one side of the corsage. Ostrich feathers form the bandings at the collar, sleeves, bottom of the tunic and skirt. Clusters of pinky shaded roses are seen here and there to good effect.

The same filmy fabrics compose the smart toque and muff. The whole outfit is a dream of lovely colorings, and comes in twilight blue, at the same price, \$40. Full particulars as to where this costume may be bought will be supplied by the Editor of the Woman's Parg, Evening Ledder, 608 Chestnut street. The request must be accompanied by a stamped, self-addressed envelope and must mention the date on which the article appeard.

Marion Harland's Corner

Complete Address Lacking

like to get some beginner's music, and a refined young people may be trusted to piece called 'The Gipsy's Warning.' I shun this reef. like to get some beginner's music, and a should like the words and music of this. Will you please ask if any one has it? I shall be grateful to you. MRS. L. H." We are more than disappointed. We

are grieved and chagrined at our inability to reply by mall to your letter. We could make a little girl we wot of happy and comfortable for the rest of the winter; we could ask for and most probably secure come music for your generous self and likewise, without doubt, get a copy of the poem you want—all this we would gladly do if you had ravored us with your address in full. We have not the slightest clue to your abiding place. You give neither street nor number. We dare not risk sending an important letter to you without these. Please repair the omission and le us get the full value of your communication. of your communication.

Giving a Leap Year Party

"I have the song requested by Fred "I have the song requested by Fred C. P. I began to copy the words for him. and found the middle page gone, so I have not all the words. The song, however, should not be difficult to obtain. A crowd of girls, ranging from 15 to 18 years of age, wish to give a leap year verty. Are there any superstitions or years of age, wish to give a long party. Are there any superstitions or customs in connection with leap year that we might use? We are at a loss to know what to do, and hope you will help us. "BETTY D." Fred C. P. has already received a copy

of the "Irish Jubilee." We tand he) thank you, all the same, for the proffered help. Now, as to leap year customs: The main Now, as to leap year customs: The main idea in connection with it is that women take the lead in certain social customs and ceremonies, in which at other times men are the principal actors. How, when and where this idea originated is a mystery, so far as I have been able to trace the history of it. From time immemorial it has been said that a woman has the right to make an offer of marriage in leap year, instead of waiting for a man to propose. Following out the principle thus laid down, at leap year parties she takes the initiative. For example, the girls invite the boys to dance ample, the girls invite the boys to dance with them, do escort duty and play the gallant in dozens of ways, vying with one unother in making pretty speeches, pay-ng polite and graceful attentions, etc. Unless the reversal of positions be carried too far and degenerate into unseemly too far and degenerate into unseemly romping and familiarities the custom is amusing enough. Girls take the opportunity of suggesting, by example, to young fellows who are slow of speech and backward in the performance of graceful attentions to their fair acquaintances, how these duties should be performed and much imposent for may be ormed, and much innocent fun may be found in the task. The girls take the young men into supper, wait upon them, watch for opportunities of rendering sal-lant services—in short, "play the man" in divers ways that will occur to the imag-ination of a quick-witted woman. If the

respective parts are cleverly carried out, the entertainment should be an acceptable "Do You know of any little girl who wants a neckpleee and muff of mink? It is as good as new. I should be an acceptance of carrying the travesty beyond the bounds of decorum. But well-behaved,

Wants to Go Home

I am sorely puzzled by a note to me for insertion in the Helping Hand Corner. It is from a son to his parents, whom he has not seen for a year. During this time he has been working in a mill, but he is homesick (poor fellow!), and begs to be allowed to come home. He dees not give allowed to come home. He does not give the residence of his parents, but speaks of going "by way of Montreal." His name was Alfred Gelsey, but for some reason he does not state it was changed to Edward Kent. Besides this we have no clue to the history of the family. But for the boy's longing for home and parents and the straightforward story penciled in an unformed hand I should not move in an affair where particulars are so vague. In a word, the lad wants his father to send him means to take him home. "There's no place like home," he breaks the thread of the narrative to say piteously. His present address is in our books. Mothers of absent boys will overlook and excuse any irregularity in the broken tale, which is all I can lay before a compassionate constituency. If we had any way of getting at the parents' ad-dress this would not have been published. Nor do we know why the boy's appeal is sent to our Corner. Having confidence in the agency through which it comes, we give it place.

Games at a Linen Shower

"Would you please suggest some games that would be appropriate for a linen shower that I am arranging for my girl friend? NETTIE S. M."

If you will send me a stamped and self-addressed envelope I will tell you of a capital manual from which you can learn all you wish of games for all sorts and conditions of social functions, Mean-while, have you thought of "Shouting Proverbs," "What is my thought like?" "Happy Thought" and "Gossip," in which a sentence whispered down the line of a dozen or so listeners, from ear to ear. a dozen or so listeners, from ear to ear, comes out at the end of the row so changed from the original as to serve as an object lesson to gossip-mongers general? These are but a few of the scores of games which may be wrought up satisfactorily during the evening. In my young days we enjoyed "capping verses" and supplying rhymes for single lines offered by each in turn. If I could talk with you I could supply you to bet-

All communications addressed to Marion Hariand should inclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope and a clipping of the article in which you are interested. Persons wishing to aid in the charitable work of the H. H. C. should write Marion Hariand, in care of this paper, for addresses of those they would like to help, and, having received them, communicate direct with these parties.

LETTER HITS THIS CITY AND CLOGS THE MAILS

Thousands of Persons Given Writer's Cramp in Mad Attempt to Comply With Conditions at Once

CURSE FOR ALL SHIRKERS

One Must Send Out Missives in Turn in Order to Avoid It and "Meet With Joy"

The vanguard of an endless chain prayer letter, which is racing all over the United States, clogging the mails and giving thousands of persons the writer's cramp, has struck Philadelphia with a bang that has jarred the postal service. The worst of it is that you can't dodge

this chain letter, for it carries with it a curse which is calculated to make nervous and superstitious folks worry until they have grabbed a pen and com-piled with the conditions of the chain which has been thrust upon them.

To escape the curse a recipient of the prayer has to dash off nine copies immediately and send them to nine friends. Ten days after this has been done, it is stated that the prayer writer will "meet with some great joy."

But wee to the man or woman who ignores the prayer. He or she, it is said, will meet with some great misfortune. ne prayer is very simple, and here

"Oh Lord, I implore Thee to bless all mankind, "Bring us to Thee. Keep us to dwell

Hundreds of copies of the prayer have een received in Philadelphia and the been received in Philadelphia and the chain is gaining in size every day. Every time one of these prayers is received through the mails it usually means that nine more are thrust into the channels of the postal department on the same day Men and women of all walks of life in this city have received copies and few have dared to ignore the conditions and

have dared to ignore the constitute and brave the chances of the curse.

A few men, maybe, have read the thing and said, "Oh, piffle, this chain won't get my goat," but not so their wives. They have taken upon themselves the duty of writing nine copies and sending them to nine friends. It is no loke for a busy nine friends. It is no joke for a busy business man to stop right in the midst of his work and dash off nine copies of the prayer with accompanying explanas, but many have done this in Phila-

Who inaugurated the prayer chain nobody seems to know, but that it has ob-tained a good start can be amply testified to by postal officials. Here is the explanation which accom-

panied a copy of the prayer received to-day by a Philadelphian from a friend in

"This prayer is to be sent all over the world. It was said in ancient days that all who wrote it would be free from calamity and all who passed it would meet with misfortune. Copy it and send it to nine friends, and on the tenth day you will meet with some great foy. I hope you will realize its promises."

Why Not?

The mere man said he thought a certain woman was a bully good sort. "Why, do you know," he queried, "she runs her

wn car!"
Why shouldn't she? Women have been unning sewing machines, washing machines, perambulators and other mechani-cal devices, ever since they were invented, so what matters an addition like an auto-

THE CHEERFUL CHERUB The gloomy faces that I'd like with all my wiles To reach them somehow till I made Them blossom into smiles.

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ENDLESS CHAIN PRAYER THE SNEEZER, WHO SPREADS GRIP. SHOULD BE ARRESTED, SAYS EXPERT

By WILLIAM BRADY, M. D.

WHILE we are arresting the culplace, and ignore the rascal who explodes grip, diphtheria, pneumonia, coryare likely to overlook that worse offender,
the fellow who travels about bombins
innocent bystanders with grip microbes.
Now grip is just a newer term for the
obsolete "cold." Grip is by no means the
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obsolete "cold." Grip is by no means the
obsolete field. The sputum on the floor is
visible filth, while that floating in the air
bored a greater (car for visible or
odoriferous filth. Personally, we would
rather our friends should spit on our Now grip is just a newer term for the obsolete "cold." Grip is by no means the specific and fatal disease, influenza, It is true that, perhaps once in a thousand cases, the influenza bacillus is found in the sputum or nasal discharge of a grip patient, but as a rule the grip proves, on culture, to be nothing but our old friend, the pneumococcus, ably and tirelessly as

culture, to be nothing but our old friend,
the pneumococcus, ably and tirelessly assiated by micrococcus catarrhalis, streptocous and others of prodigious title, but
not very fatal effect.

When an ignoramus enters a street car,
or a miving picture theatre, or church, or
even his own domicile, and bucolically
sneezes all over those so unfortunate as sneezes all over those so unfortunate as to be in contact with him, the plain, every-day citizen ought to have the right to arrest the offender on the charge of endangering public health. He should be haled to court and stiffly fined for maintaining himself as a public nuisance within the meaning of the statute.

The open-faced sneeze produces casualties just as certainly as would a bomb dropped from a hostile aeroplane. But the unmuzzled sneeze is not so spectacular as an ordinary bomb. It does not produce instantaneous effects; the victims, any, feel no symptoms until, perhaps, the following day-and then they blame some innocent change of weather. Just why we should feel indignant at the person who expectorates in a public

rather our friends should spit on our floor than that they should perpetrate an unmuzzled sneeze in the only atmosphere

we have for breathing purposes.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Our Kind of Baby

We are great fresh air advocates in our we are great tress at advocates in our touse. We have a large sleeping porch acing south, and baby sleeps out there house. We have a large sleeping porch facing south, and baby sleeps out there days and nights too. He has never had anything like a "cold," looks fat and rosy. But the neighbors call us craxy, Answer—Our kind of haby-but not our hind of neighbors. Who will evident of neighbors. aind of neighbors. Who will explain why this fortunate baby hasn't taken his "death o' cold" long ago. Does this not prove the "cold" theory absurd?

Mineral Water Versus Water

What kind of mineral water is best to be with gallstones? Is mineral water Is mineral water good for hardened arteries? Answer—Aqua fontis is excellent—you take it from the tap. Mineral water is as good as aqua fortis, but no better, we

Beauty Is as Beauty Does

There has been much and varied com-ment upon the use of facial creams, espe-cially the contention that grease creams incite the growth of hair.

or cream of any kind can sow the root of a hair. The stimulation of hair does not arise from surface treatment, but right at the

A little common sense to the rescue. In the first place, no amount of grease

It has been said that animal fats were especially conducive to a growth of hair. While this cannot be borne out by scientific reasoning, for the benefit of the superstitious I might mention that vegetable oils are not only very cleansing, but pleasant.

Olive oil, with a drop of good perfume to dispel the oily odor, is an excellent cleaner. Cottonseed oil is not at all bad, out not quite so fine in its character as

Gingerisms Many a trousseau is begun at the instigation of a fortune teller.

Have you forgotten any of your early blunders? See Madam Grundy.

Honesty used to be the best policy. Now it's up to the persuasive powers of rival

insurance companies. The girl who is the toast of the town at twenty may be the roast at forty.

· Memories

If some petals you should find Hidden under winter snows, Would they not bring to your mind Visions of the summer rose?

If some zephyr passing by Leave a kiss upon your mouth, Would you not with fancy's eye See the blossoms of the South?

So these petals that we find,
Roses, with their leaves all cast,
Are still rose leaves, yours and mine,
'Neath the snowdrifts of the past,
--Elizabeth McElroy, in Southern
Woman's Magazine.

Hindrances to Education

It is well known that the better private schools for girls prescribe a uniform, and every pupil is obliged to wear it. True, it is not of the "orphan Annie" brand, but it is a dignified, practical garb and eliminates the vanity feature entirely.

This course would be scarcely practicable in public schools, still there could be a standard by which qualifications might be measured.

Fancy a school girl dabbing her nose with a powder puff every few minutes. Is her mind on her lessons? Probably not. She is thinking about her appearance and has learned from her seniors that powdering the nose frequently helps a lot.

Some school girls even use rouge. Every sort of tawdry fixing is adopted, and, in-stead of zealous students, we see a race of frivolous, vain school girls.

Teachers have enough to tax their patience without the trouble of impressing upon the rising generation that youth none of the arts of the beauty

Let Us Plan Your Kitchen Right There is nothing that means so much

to your comfort as a well planned kitchen. You could save half your time and avoid hundreds of little inconven-iences with this department of your home properly equipped. Benefit by our knowledge. Let us plan YOURS. Our prices are as low or lower than you'd expect to pay for such service.

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MILLIE AND HER MILLIONS

I'M SURE THE CHANGE WOULD DO HIM GOOD,

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