"No More Latin, No More French, No More Sitting on a Hard, Wood Bench" If Doctor's Modern School Is Established

SHADES of our buried grandsires! Have you read the report of that eminent ducator, Dr. Abraham Flexner, on what a modern school should be? Have you been made to realize how deficient your early training was? How ill-spent was the time you used for parsing, conjugating and declining.

It may be that because of the misdirected zeal and deplorable conservatism of your teachers you have come to know your subjunctive mood and the proper use of your prepositions. Fie upon you! This is all wrong, for Dr. Flexner declares that the modern school "would drop the study of formal grammar."

Perhaps it is quite true that extreme cases require extreme cures. It had urred to me the other day when I listened to a conversation in execrable English between two people who consider themselves well educated that the screws should be put on tighter; that the cure for bad diction is a study of good diction, and that the lax methods, or seemingly lax, to one educated in the old way, already in vogue in the schools are beginning to show. But it seems my suppositions are wrong. According to Dr. Flexner, in order to speak a superior brand of English one should not study it at all.

It is interesting to note that the learned doctor in his distribe is a bit care less of his verbs in their varying moods and tenses. This is doubtless what the "education in the modern sense," to use a favorite phrase of Dr. Flexner, does to a man.

Of course, if every child could be brought up in an environment in which he heard nothing but the best English, the uselessness of the study of formal grammar would be patent to all of us. But if a child's mother says "she aint seen" and the child's father declares that "he aint went," unless the off spring gets some formal grammar in the classroom, what is to prevent the future generations of that house going on indefinitely "aint scening" and "aint wenting?"

Doubtless much of the time spent in the spelling-bees and in sing-songing the multiplication tables of our mothers' time was wasted. Even in the early days of my own schooling much store was set by memory feats. At the convent where I was first sent to woo the clusive goddess, Minerva, we had even to memorize the gospels-a task calculated to make us stand in speechless awe of the word of God.

This was, of course, carrying things too far. If Dr. Flexner's plans, however, for the establishment of a modern school are put into effect, they will be carried even further. Indeed, life at school will become one grand sweet song, and a curriculum such as he outlines will make even a Montessori child-who has nothing to do but develop his own individuality-green with envy.

The study of languages shall be taboo in this new institution of learning the reason given being "they exist only for the purpose of communicating ideas," Shocking thing, that! Although there are some people who do believe that the most interesting thing in the world is the communication of ideas! Perhaps Doctor Flexner purposes that after a short term in his school, no pupil shall be left with an idea to communicate. At any rate, it would seem that the schoolboy's dream of "no more Latin, no more French, no more sitting on a hard wood bench," is nearer realization than ever before.

Unite for Suffrage

Is it true that women are reluctant to help their own sex? It has ever been the habit to believe so, but Miss Caroline Katzenstein tells me that the 37 women in whose company she is going to make a trip throughout the West will have proved the contrary by the time they have completed their six weeks' journey.

These 38 women, one for each State in which women are disfranchised, are going out to the coast, stopping at all the large cities en route and some of the small ones, for the express purpose of forming a Woman's Party. As a political party it will be unique because its platform will consist of one single plank-but a large and substantial one at that-sufficient to bear the weight of the entire female population of the United States.

This plank, of course, you have guessed it, is "Saffrage First." The 4,000,000 women who vote in the West are to be asked to sink their political preferences in every election until universal suffrage obtains in the United States. They may have Democratic leanings, or Socialistic, but if a Republican or a Progressive declares himself an ally to the Cause, the Democrat or the Socialist is to

That precious balance of power, of which we hear so much nowadays, is held by these 4,000,000 voters. Will they be big enough, generous enough, to forego their personal political preferences so that the women of the East may be unshackled at one fell swoop by Congress? Miss Katzenstein says that she believes

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Corner

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Ring Spot on Silk

"TN CLEANING with alcohol and ether

plenty of chloroform, letting it evapor

ring into the silk. Do it gently and faith-

Fell on Sunday

"Somebody asked not long ago on what day June 6, 1875, fell. It fell on Sun-day. J. M. U."

Thank you. While the Corner cannot

Addressing Parcel for Trenches

"This is my first appeal to you and I feel sure you will be able to help me. I should like to find out how I can get word to the English trenches—just how to address a parcel."

If you know the regiment and company which your correspondent belongs and

Takes Ink Out of Flour Bags "I am a constant reader of your Corner

and admire it very much. Will you please tell me what will take old blue and black ink out of flour bags? READER."

Wash them in warm water to remove the dirt, then in warm suds; lastly, put over the fire to boll in strong cream of tar-

tar water. Allow three teaspoons of the powder to a pint of boiling water. Boil half an hour and rinse in clear water. The gold will not injure the texture of the bags

get rid of it?

dress a parcel.

Dear M'Liss—Would you be so kind as to send me the recipe for making perfume from fresh flowers and oblige J. M.

A clever little book that I have says that a simple way of obtaining the perfume from fresh flowers is to gather them dry when at their best and to put them into a wide-mouthed bottle or jar haif full of pure olive oil.

Side of the paper only.

goal is scored for the opponents; should it fall on the opponents' side, they score a goal. The players are not permitted to rise. They must remain seated and must hit the balloon with the back of the right hand only. The side against whom the goal is scored has the privilege of "kicking off," that is, throwing the ball up again. Thirteen goals is game. It is a goal plan to have a reserve stock of full of pure olive oil.

If many different kinds of flowers are If many different kinds of flowers are used, such as violets, roses, carnations, jasmine, honeysuckie, lilacs, the result will be millefleurs, or mixed bouquet. After soaking for about 24 hours, take out the flowers and squeeze them through a horsehair bag, letting the oil run back into the jar or bottle. Throw in more flowers and let stand another 24 hours. Repeat the squeezing process. By this time the oil should be saturated with the perfume.

Then add to the perfumed oil an equal quantity of alcohol-pure—which should be shaken up every day for two weeks. Then the alcohol which has absorbed the perfume should be poured off and the oil thrown away. You have your perfume.

A nice and lasting violet odor may be obtained by putting a half ounce of orristroot, broken in small pieces, into a bottle with two ounces of alcohol, cork tight and shake well. After four or five days a few drops will recall the true violet

Dear M'Liss—I am intending to give a party on my 15th birthday. I have a large number of girl friends, but not quite enough hoy friends, and I would prefer having an equal number of boys and girls. Would it be improper for me to ask an intimate boy friend to bring another boy with him? Should I give this friend an invitation for the boy he is to bring, even if I have never met him? Please tell me some interesting games

You are too young to assume the re-You are too young to assume the responsibility of inviting guests. The invitations to the party should come from your mother, who, should, of course, know all of the boys and girls who are bidden. If the boy whom you term as your "intimate boy friend," though, of course you are much too young to have such, is known to your mather and approved of by her, there is no impropriety in his bringing his friend to your party. It would be better though for him to bring the boy to your house before the party, so that you and your mother may have the opportunity of "looking him over," to drop into the vernacular.

"Knight of the Whistle" is a funny

"Knight of the Whistle" is a funny game and should help you greatly in making your guests feel at ease. Have every one who knows the game out of the every one who knows the game out of the room in which it is played. Each one comes in alone, and is told that he must be presented to the Grand Commander of the Order of the Silver Whistle. The ceremony of initiation is simple, and harmises. The novice is blindfolded, while one of the members hides the silver must be able to the members hides the silver that the order to the silver must be selected to the member must be selected to the member must be selected to the member must be selected to the silver must be selected to the member must be selected to the selected t the new member must white which the

Now the blindfolded one is led into the centre of the room, by the Commander, where, while the others crowd around him, he is turned about several times in order to distract his attention while order to distract his attention some one attaches the whistle, which hangs from a short piece of string to the back of his cont. The whistle is blown once of his cont. of his cont. The whistle is blown once or twice, just to give the novice an idea where it is, then the bandage is taken from his eyes and he proceeds to search far if. Of course, every time he turns his back, some one blows the whistle, sanding him to another corner of the room to search. When he finds it, he becomes the ballow to enjoy the fun of the aight and helps to enjoy the fun of the

rich. When he finds it, he become rich. When he finds it, he become gar and helps to enjoy the fun of the initiations.

Hoons' is another lively game, the players into sides, letting the day against the men. Seat the sides a straight rows, i or 5 feet apart, oqual distance between the chairs, or string is tightly fixed to the toy helloon is then thrown into the opposing side's part of the side of it fail un their own side a method of all.

This is, perhaps, the spaicat and sufest method of all.





SEEN IN THE SHOPS

DISTINCTIVE AFTERNOON FROCK

NOTHING could be more afluring for the afternoon bridge or tea party than a well-designed afternoon costume of navy Georgette. Both the color and the material are rashlomable. This model shows a simple arrangement of Georgette over a navy taffets foundation. The bodies features a sallor collar, wide enough to envelop the shoulders. This is made of plaid taffets, navy with stripes of canary, gold and tan. A facing of tan taffets is seen underneath the collar and lining the bouldary cost of flesh transaction with a facility of the collar and lining the

A becoming vest of flesh Geornette, with a double collar of the same, is laid in noft folds over the plant. The elevers are full histop models. A camisole of self-material shows through the Georgette overblonse. The hall buttons used here and there on the bodies are relifered everblonse. The hall buttons used here and there on the bodies are relifered below the girdle, simulating a peplum. Large tucks and applique hands of the plant silk are interesting details. It is very full. In any color, the price is \$55.

Flat sailor lats with a ruffled edge of horsehair lace are smart for dressy wear. This one has pond lities at either side, with a grosgrain band surrounding the crown, ending in a bow. It comes in colors suitable for bridesmaids hats. The price is \$12.50.

The name of the shop where these articles may be purchased will be supplied by the Editor of the Woman's Page, Evening Lindonn, 608 Chestaut street. The request must be accompanied by a stamped, self-addressed envelope, and must mention the date on which the article appeared. the date on which the article appeared

GOOD FORM

Good form queries should be addressed to Deborch Rush, written on one side of the paper and signed with full name and address, though initials ONLY will be published upon request.

moon in a dress suit it would mark him down at once as an ignoramus or a waiter from some nearby cafe.

A query which has come various times for my column is just on this very subject. A dress suit should never be worn before 6 o'clock, and really the only time one is worn as early as that is for a weedling at the column is for a deal of interest in hedding plots, we will devote Thursday's article to this subject.

Sauger bed, something colorful, '9 bloom this season if seen planted, and fosturing carrier sags. I. P. has written researding proper time and distance to plant scarlet sags and Alice and Jameerman ask seneral drivetons for beds. As there is apparently a few were very dear friends.

J. P. Q. and when, is very often an important matter, for dress plays a great part in social affairs. If a man appeared in the afternoon in a dress sult it would mark him down at once as an ignoramus or a waiter from some nearby cafe.

Dear Deborah Rush—My mothe

The question of clothes, what to wear

wedding at that hour, for formal dinners and dances are always later.

The dress suit is always worn for a months; very many wear it for a year, dance, a tuxedo may be worn to the theatre, but not if there is to be a supper and dance afterward. Tuxedos are more for stag affairs, when they are the cor-rect garments.

Demonstrative in Public

Dear Deborah Rush—Will you tell me if it is good form for engaged persons to be demonstrative in public? I went to a A dark brown silk gown upon which reception hast week where I saw a lately engaged pair who were so absorbed in themselves they did not know how they were observed and every one was laugh-I had spilled ice cream I find a dark ring is left where the spot was. How can I ing at the way they were acting.
M. N. V. Dip your finger in chloroform and make a ring all around the first one. Keep rub-bing toward the centre of the circle with

It is very bad form for persons to dem-onstrate their affection to public.

freely. When the spot is dry there should be no ring left. Or you may scratch the silk gently with your nail around the outer Dinner for Ten edge, working toward the surrounding surface, until you have blended the whole

M. L."

Dinner for Ten

Dear Deborah Rush—I want to give a
dinner for about 10 men and girls; could
you suggest an inexpensive menu? We
have a Victrola, so would it be all right
to dance after dinner? JACQUELIANE.

An inexpensive menu might include:
Hors d'ocuvre of small round of toan
toan with anothic parts and carminos.

spread with anehovic paste and garnished with grated hard boiled egg. A clear soup with vermicelli. Lobster cutlets (which may be pro-cured from a caterer and heated at home

before serving, cream sauce may also be bought). Broiled lamb chops, peas and potato

undertake to answer all such queries, involving, as they do, a prolonged study of a perpetual calendar, we are glad when correspondents spare us time and trouble by doing this. Will our member make a note of the information imparted by I. M. U. and not expect it to be rejeated by us? balls. Stuffed tomato salad (accop out the centre of the tomato after peeling it) make a pasto of mayonnaise, cream chees, chopped watercress, two or thre drops of onion juice, and fill the centres of the tomatoes with his mixture. Place each tomato in a bed of lettuce and pour French dressing over the whole concoction. Charlotte russe or ice cream meringues. Cakes and demi tasse of coffee.

Your idea of dancing after dinner is a very good one.

very good one.

the present location in which these are stationed, address him accordingly. I can give you no more specific directions than these. Beaders may be able to add de-tails that may be of further use. Referred to those who have correspondents on "the dark and bloody ground" we have fallen into the habit of calling the "trenches." The word is grussomely suggestive.

Dear Deborah Rusk—Is it good form to stir liquid one may be taking, such as soup, coffee, tea. etc., vigorously with a spoon before eating? I have seen a woman of apparent. oman of apparent refinement stir he coffee with a spoon continually before drinking it, and it does not seem quits correct to me. I would like to have your opinion on the subject. M. V. H.

Stirring of Liquids



HEMSTITCHING 5 CENTS A YARD BUTTONS COVERE MAIL ORDERS—FI

The only time it is allowable to stirene's coffee, etc., would be once or twice, to mix the sugar and cream into the coffee; then the spoon should be placed on the saucer and not used again. It is excessively had form to stir vigorously and continuously. Soup should be eaten noiselessly from the side of the spoon and the spoon should be tilted away from one when taking the soup from the plate.

mouthing, but it is a mark of respect and a customary thing to do. If mourning is worn it should be kept for at least six

Bouquet and Buffet

Dear Debordk Rush—Will you please tell me the correct way to pronounce the word bouquet? I have heard it pronounced like beau and boo, and do not know which is right. Also what does buffet supper mean and how do you pronounce buffet.

D. McC.

The word bouquet should be pronounced boo-kay, never bo-kay. Buffet is pounced as if it were spelled boo-fay. buffet supper or luncheon is one which is served from the sideboard and main table, but the guests are not seated at tables. DEBORAH RUSH

THE HOME GARDEN FOR PLEASURE AND PROFIT

By JOHN BARTRAM

Suiting the Soil to the Plant

Bring your problems of gardening

Bring your problems of gardening to the Evening Ledger for solution. In addition to practical articles, timely to the season, the editor will answer, either out of his own experience as a small-scale gardener or through consultation with authorities, questions of readers. Address John Bartram, Evening Ledger, Philadelphia.

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For Breakfast

ing Ledger, Philadelphia.

In A small garden, of course, it is not possible to give each vegetable just the kind of soil in which it is most prolife, but it is possible to approximate the methods of these who practice diversified gardening on a large scale by using a little inscention.

dening on a large scale by using a little ingenuity.

The hetter care you take of the soil the better the crops and the less chance of disappointments. If a soil is a bit heavy, and you wish to put in a root crop that requires a melion soil for the roots to strike down into and form perfect specimens, this particular row can be dug deeply either with the plowshars of the garden cultivator or with a spade. The ground, turned two or three times, becomes mellower with each operation, and the admixture of sand or a less, or better, half of each.

the admixture of said or a new, or bet-tor, half of each.
If a histip fertile soil is needed for some gross feeder, such as riubarb, the place can, for the specified area, be rich-ened by planty of cow manure dug in

Rome plants require to be brought

Some plants require to be brought forward very rapidly as soon as they have made their initial growth.

Lettuce and cusumbers, for example, should be rushed to maturity. Without such speed the lettuce is likely to go to used instead of to head. In this case dig a trench at the bottom of the row where the seedlings are to be transplanted and spread about half a foot of very rich, well-rotted horse manure along the Frich, well-rotted horse manure along the rich, well-rotted horse manure along the Jottom to within a half foot of the surface of the ground. Fill in with light friable seil with which has been incorporated some fine manure. When the plants are ready to head they will have rooted down to the stores of food prepared, and there need he no worriment about crisp, firm heads.

The hills for bush or pole limas should have as a foundation a very liberal spaceful aplece of mixed horse and cow manure.

Ful apiece of mixed horse and cow manure.

For squashes, a heaping spadeful is not too much fertilizer for a hill two and a half feet by two and a half feet. Trenching the soil is very valuable for peas, either garden or sweet, and this may be done to a depth of two feet, where a six-inch layer of well-rotted manure should be fald; on this the top soil dug out should be filled in about six to eight more inches, first having been thoroughly more inches, first having been thoroughly pulverized and blended with some very fine manure. Then plant the peas, about ten of them to an inch, and cover a couple of inches. As the peas push their way up, keep covering till the ground level is reached. This promotes a deep root

growth and insures plenty of moisture when the surface of the garden is dry. All vegetables prefer light open soil. Some, like cabbage and brussels sprouts will stand a moister soll than others. In general it is a safe rule to have a deeply prepared soil for the root crops—heet turnips, parsnips, carrets, oyster plantso that the roots may go down easily and grow without mulformations. Leaf crops, such as lettuce, cos, cab

bage, chard and crops with fruit, such as tomatoes, beans, eggplants, peppers, do not need such deep digging, but their ground should be thoroughly pulverized nd fine manure incorporated in it.
The vine crops, such as cucumbers

antalopes, squash, pumpkins, do best in nills, before making which the ground that is to be beneath should be spaded somethat to make drainage and release nutritient elements.

One advantage of proper depth of digging for various types of crops is that it aids in economical cultivation.

The deeply dug crops can be cultivated The others must be cultivated cultivation.

It is thus easy, by planning in advance to adapt one's own tiny plot to the various crops wanted. But one must read carefully the cultural directions that come on the packets or are given by advisers.

Garden Queries Answered

Friend John Bartram—Kindly tell me the hest varieties of peach to plant for a suc-cession? I will have half a dozen trees, ALDERT. Friend Albert-You set a problem almost

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I wrote of Mary's little lamb

I wrote again of Mary's lamb

"Please print this, Editor," I said. And this time he said, "Yes."

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To make it rhyme.

To make it rhyme.

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