Miss Lavinia E. Brauff, Phy-

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# ETTERS FROM WOMEN READERS-DAILY TALKS ON BEAUTY, FASHION AND THE HOUSEHOLD "Give me my carfare, you cheap dat

# **VE YOU SENT A LETTER?** READ ON, WHETHER OR NO

Contest Open to All Readers of the Woman's Page Will Begin Tomorrow-Write and Try for It

KIS department, which was opened but | over a fortnight ago, has met enthusiastic response, and many th an enthi to have been very helpful, containing information gained from the vast a of experience which comes only ch years of intimate knowledge of old and its management.

er letters have come, asking for solving perplaxing problems or information which could not be nd in books. . . .

IE editor has endeavored to answer se to the antisfaction of the writers. courage readers to send in their is, as well as their problems, inke these columns, in fact, all that name implies-a Woman's Exchange ent for the interchange of pertaining to the household, dress, etiquette or any other subjects of

With the furtherance of this idea in view a prize of two dollars will be awarded each day to a reader of the Woman's Pare of the EVENING LEDGER. There are no conditions attached. Each day a letter will be chosen from the numa value to many readers of the col- ber sent in to this department and the prize will be given to the writer. The full name and address of the writer must be inclosed. The winner of the first prize will be announced in tomorrow evening's paper.

they redeem the prosale gray wool of the soldiers' socks and mufflers by inclosing them in the daintiest of brocaded and beaded bags. These are being rapidly turned out by the designers to meet this need. And to further do away with the drab gray, milady knits on gay-colored needles, green, amper, the fashionable white and black combinations, blue and no interest, beginning tomorrow a other brilliant hues. Fascinating pairs t will be held daily for a period of clasped together with a silver heart make an appropriate gift to the bestest girl.

# THE WOMAN'S EXCHANGE

Ouestions submitted to this department will be answered, when possible, on the following day. Special gueries like these given below are invited. All communications for this department should be addressed as follows: THE WOMAN'S EXCHANGE, Evening Ledger, Philadelphia, Pa. TODAY'S INQUIRIES 1. What does the term "bread-and-butter let 2. What is the best way to clean collars and 2. What furs are correct for mourning wear? 3. What sort of head covering is worn by a sman when in evening dress in going to and . How can chiffon be dyed at home ANSWERS TO YESTERDAY'S INQUIRIES 1. Bouge of an finferior quality will coarsen the skin; if pure vezetable coloring is used and removed with cold cream at night, it should not I the skin of a peach can be easily remove If the back of a knife is first passed over it. of fresh lard and heat thoroughly befor 2. It is considered in poor tasts for a man b year anything but the plainest of rings, a sea ring, a plain gold band, etc. Diamonds ar much too factor Come chair seats that have sacred may be moned by washing in hat soaponds and allow the dry in the open air. Sausage and Omelet Bausage and Ometer ar Madam-Has it ever occurred to you a mod combination deerfoot sausage into an omsiet would make? I cook the area thoroughly and drain them of all bothen, when the omsiet has sot, place the manages carefully on top and put it in the nor a brief minute or two. Hemove from abd fold the omsiet over, serving with infines of parsier, Served at breakfusts and reide cakes, this dish will tempt the manages appendix. To Alter a Serge Frock To the Editor of the Woman's Page: Dear Madam-Can you give me any sugges-tions for altering a navy-blue serge dreast The shirt, which buttons down the front is too nar-row. The waist is made in Eten lacket effect and has chiffon yoke and half sleeves. ELISE M.

(MRS.) EDWARD D. The recipe sounds delicious, Mrs. D., and m sure will appeal to many readers.

### **Plum Conserves**

Frum Conserves a Editor of the Woman's Page: a Madam Please publish a recipe for conserves, and oblige when the pounds of plums, drain them smove the pits; cover with five pounds anulated sugar and place in a moder-heated oven. When the sugar dis-place the kettle over a burner and the sugar dis-

for thirty or forty minutes, until the tender. Add one pound of oranges is until thick, Fill jelly glasses,

### **To Freshen Marabou**

tor of the Woman's Page: madam of the woman's shade: madam will you please tell me if there may to freshen the appearance of dark inrabout? Also if chifon and asing can nuccessfully at home? A READER. bou can be washed in warm water a scapsude. Do not rub scap on the i, but shake it gently in the suda or in an airy, shady smot to dry

SINCE madame, mademoiselle, et fillette, will knit for the boys at the front



beauties of life which many an eye passed by the oculist can never see; sixty-five years of age, yet endowed with a mellow optimism which defies the ravages of time,

Miss Lavinia E. Brauff has found her truest and highest vocation in bringing to others, through the medium of poetry, the joy that is so abundantly hers. For twenty years Miss Brauff has been a resident of the Pennsylvania Industrial Home for Bind Women. Robbed of her sight in infancy as the result of a serious lineas she has been deuring the start

years also persevered without success. Un-deterred by failure, however, and constant-ly heartened by thought of Louisa M. Ally neartened by thought of Louisa M. Al-coft and similar celebrities, whose works are favorites of hers, she wrote and wrote until at last, in 1894, she succeeded in having three Christmas carols accepted for publication; and frem that time on she never has lacked a roady market for her compositions, which have at once made her self-supporting and given her her chief joy and relaxation.

Upon this she can correct, revise or rewrite, if necessary. She then types off her verses upon a typewriter-reading her manuscript from the Braille Slate, line by line, with her forefinger, and then transcribing

It upon the machine, which she cannot only operate at normal speed, but which she has learned to clean, ink and oil herself. Miss Brauff's work is that of the dille-

tante neither in quantity nor in quality. As to quantity, she has written since 1894 more than 800 hymns and literary produc-tions of various kinds, all for festive occa-New York, Philadelphia, Chicago, Baltimore and Cincinnati-and the translation of one of her Christmas carols, "Christ Was Once a Little Baby," into Japanese, should amply prove their merit. They need, in fact, no knowledge of their author's biindness and struggle against almost insuperable difficulties to give them value; for they can readily hold their own with other poetry of a similar religious trend. Take, for in-stance, the opening verse of a poem on "Eastertide":

Awakezed by the breath of spring The lilies wait their perfume sweet; Arrayed in robes of purity They come the Exastern morn to greet; The silent messages they bring And filed with gratitude and praise. And in their beauty man can see The love that crowns this "day of days."

The love that crowns this "day of days." Miss Brauff was born in Pittsburgh Oc-tober 13, 1851, but she looks upon Phila-delphia as her roal home, as she was sent here to school when ten years old, was educated here at the Philadelphia School for the Blind and has lived here ever since. Besides her poetry, which holds far and away the most important place in her thought, her next dominant interest is a new building for the Pennsylvania Indus-trial Home for Bilnd Women which has already been projected and which will ul-timately be erected when sufficient funds

# MY MARRIED LIFE By ADELE GARRISON

## A Frightening Experience

fancy, Has the, Gift of table, I hurried into the kitchen, lighted the the words at me, and then coming up close Spiritual Perception; Her gas stove and put the tea kettle on. I had to me she shook her fist in my face. Verses Give Joy to Thou-

and stove and put the tea setue on. I had prepared the demert early in the afternoon, so I had not much to do. While waiting for the water to boil I laid the table. When the water was boiling I put the potatees on the stove and prepared a simple saind of sliced pincapple, cream cheese and chopped stuffed olives with a French dress-ine Deprived of External Influences That Ordinarily

Thompsed stuffed oilves with a French dressing. My electric cuffee machine, the pride of my heart, stood on its stand near my chair with coffee all ready for the addition of boiling water and the switching on of the current. As I lighted the gas broller for the steak I was pleasantly conscious that I had prepared a most attractive meal for my lord and master. The doorbell again startled me As I spend the door I was confronted by a tall, middle-aged woman in rather nondescript clothing, and a most unpleasant face, upon which, as she maw me, there appeared a twisted leer which als evidently thought to be most ingratiating. "Tou're the lady that telephoned to the Union Agency for a cook, ma'am?" she asked, and at my murmured assent, marched past me into the room and seated a beil. I am not familiar with intoxicants or the traction for the stand the term is the state of the sta Equip Writer, She Surcap by Use of "Braille

I am not familiar with intoxicants or the people who use them, but I do know the odor of whisky. Our physician used it to bring back my little mother from the ter-rible fainting spells she had during her last illness, and this woman's breath recked of it.

"This looks like a nice little place," she "This looks like a nice little place," she said patronisingly. "The woman at the agency said there were only two in the fam-lip, no children. I won't go where there are children, noisy little brats, always under foot, and I won't do no washing, you un-derstand that, of course. I have a terrible weak place in my side, so I can't do real heavy work; but, of course, you have a laundress and a day for heavy cleaning; most ladies do." "Will you tell me just what you do ex-pect to do for your wages?" I asked her. I had no intention of keeping her, but her assurance positively fascinated me. Was this the average specimen of maid? "Why, cook, of course. I'm a first-class fancy cook and keep my kitchen and dining

"Why, cook, of course. I'm a first-class fancy cook and keep my kitchen and dining room nice. I do the ironing, too. If there ain't too many fancy pieces, and dust and straighten up the flat each day, but I don't make no beds." "What wages do you expect?" "Thirty dollars a month, and every other Sunday and every other Thursday out." She rose, and before I could prevent her she wakked through the dining room into the kitchen.

the kitchen.

"I always like to see the place where I've got to do my cooking," she said. "This ain't, half bad. You're broiling steak, I seo. Well, I'm fine at that. I might just as well stay right now and get dinner for you." She started to remove her hat, but stopped

She started to remove her hat, but stopped abruptly as I spoke. "I'm sorry, but I could not possibly use your services." "What's the matter with me?" Her tone was rough and insolent, and she glared at me as she spoke. "I do not wish to engage you, that is all. You may go now, if you will, please. I sm very bugy." I strove to speak quistly, but the words only appeared to enrage her. "Oh! I know what's the matter with you,

"Oh! I know what's the matter with you, you don't want to pay for a first-class maid. What you want to do is to go down to Ellis Island and get a greeny from the other side that you can give about three a week and bees around as you please. I know your kind. Give me the carfare I've wasted in

coming up here and Fil get." Her speech was so thick and her eyes so wild that I feit almost afraid of her, realizing as I did that she was more than half drunk. But I have always rather

half drunk. But I have always rather prided myself upon my composure in emer-gencies, and I did not wish her to know that she was frightening me. "I will give you nothing." I returned firmly, but my voice was much calmer than I, for she was between me and either the telephone or the door. "But if you do not leave this apartment at once I shall have you put out, and shall telephone the employ.

THE chiming of the clock warned me "If you try any of that dodge your face that Dicky's dinner was due in half an will be changed so your man won't know Hastily laying Jack's letter on the it when he gets home." She fairly screamed

"If you are in sight two minutes now an officer will take care of your he maid grimly. I saw him thrust in her hand as he spoke, and she as down the hall like a frightened rabbi (CONTINUED TOMORROW)

# **A Distinctive Reason**

She never finished the entence. D who had entered, unobserved, grabbes uplifted arm and rushed her to the de if she were a bundle of old clothes.

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That this abnormal inflation of prices is largely attributable to the upheaval abroad goes without saying-for we're sending vast quantities of foodstuffs over the seas: But, back of all this lies the broad field of opportunity for atrocious selfishness and the greed for gain-cornering markets and creating monopolies in the necessities of life.

Fix the blame? It's like trying a halter on a two-year-old colt. They won't stand long enough each individual concerned passes the responsibility on to the next, and no one is reached. Europe, running amuck (and some possible shortage of crops), is a totally insufficient cause for continued and vital extortion in this country. Such half-baked reasoning is absurd! It's the gluttonous love for the Mighty Dollar. Flour is quoted at \$9.00 and \$9.50 and even more. Just now we're selling CHILDS BEST FLOUR, made from the choicest wheat of the Minnesota fields and equal to the largely advertised brands, for \$8.25 a barrel; and 52c for a 12-lb. bag.

illness, she has been deprived from the start of all those external influences upon which poetry is supposed so inrgely to depend-sky and sea, trees, flowers, birds and all the other visible manifestations of nature; yet so successfully has she replaced these from her own inner consciousness and her quick intuition of things around her, one would never conceive that her verses were would never a world of darkess

You should be able to alter your frock very easily by opening the skirt up the front and inserting underskirt of black or navy-blue satin or taffeta, allowing the top skirt to hang loose. If you purchase a small quantity of white georgette crope and make yourself a wide Puritan or rolling collar and deep cuffs in place of the chiffon which is on it at present your gown should be extremely good-looking and quite up to

Remedy for Red, Cold Hands To the Editor of the Woman's Page

Dear Madam-Will you kindly publish in your columns a remoty for red, cold hands? Just within the last year I have suffered with cold hands, and they are unsightly with redness, and the texture of the skin is very coarse. I do no housework and, therefore, Have my hands in water but very little. M. S. T. Moorestown, N. J.

Red hands and cold hands do not necesby means of a stylus, with which they per-

BLIND WOMAN POET REVEALS

RARE BEAUTY OF HER INNER VISION

sands

would never conceive that her verses were svolved out of a world of darkness. But success for her was no easier nor speedier than for the average run of would-be authors. From young womanhood, even, she had felt it her mission to write; yet for the persevered without success. Un-

and relaxation

and relaxation. Miss Brauff, in her writings, was at first compelled by her infirmity to dictate to an amanuensis. Now she does her composing upon the Braille slate, an instrument con-sisting of two flat strips of nickel about two inches wide which hold a sheet of pa-per in such position that the blind can write upon it in their own "dot" alphabet

# LAVINIA BRAUFF Totally blind, yet gifted with vision into

hang in an airy, shady spot to dry, has been tried with excellent results hite marabou, and the brown should as well, although a very little of the

may come out. Tour second question will be answered ong the special question tomorrow. A dya slik could be used for saith, but I should advise your trying to do this yourself at

### Blackboard Wanted r of the Woman's Paye:

Madam-I am writing to ask if any-a blackboard and doil which they to my two little girls. I have six and am unable to buy these things I have two bables' conts which some have. They are for a child one year m willing to pay the parcel-post charge howe things.

(MRS.) BENJ. H., Tamaneod, Pa. ps some one can make an exchange

## **Outdoor** Work

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### **Grateful** Letter

tor of the Woman's Page: dam-I received the peckages of and any very thankful to you and and them for your kindness in help-esamet thank you encode, and i wellod Lanuar has solved the prob-ing where help is needed. (MRS.) P. H.

### ework Gloves

about try to do any packing, pre-to moving, without donning some fore of rubber has gone up, and at the the demand for rubber gives up. Perhaps the demand for these as something to do with the rise in of rubber. Whatever the reason, reves nost a good deal more than the source has been as source the man, who decided to save ing a blotma in guachine at

in the ordered a gallon of gas-ballon has a scaring price-and it of rubber gloves. These she retect har hands from the sting-linst comes from gasolines, and the blouse into the cleans-withdraw has bands, to find bidly dissolving. They were are provided in the standard bar sat the girl in gaudine has an

Red hands and cold hands do not neces-sarily come from the same thing. Cold hands are caused by lack of proper circula-tion or an anemic condition; the redneas may be caused by the use of soap with too much alkali or insufficient rinsing after washing the hands with soap. Be careful to dry the hands thoroughly, and never washing the hands thoroughly, and never fore going out in a wind. If you have been foring one of the present fashion of discarding gloven almost entirely, the hands have prob-ably become chapped through being ex-poned to all kinds of weather. If they are allowed to hang motionless during a long walk or while standing for any length of diverin or a reliable cold cream will be beneficial, and a little lemon juice applied now and then, particularly after handling for will become.

# Straightening the Nose

to the Editor of the Woman's Page:

To the Editor of the Woman's Page: Dear Madam-Can you advise me as to mass scraletoned or having a triaked energy and the second of the second second this and fivel depresent. I consulted with a specialist and was told it could be done and would be successful, but an afraid to risk it for faar of future trouble. He either wants to you will be frank with me and tell me if you what bese or risk fat the tip of M. Loope you will be frank with me and tell me if you what better afterward. It do

appear better alterward. M.G. It is said this operation can be success-fully performed, and if the length of your nose makes you so unhappy I should advise you to have it done, although I am told a scar is frequently left, but this can be re-moved by a specialist.

### Should She Marry?

To the Editor of the Woman's Pops: Dear Madam—I am a widow, my husband having died iast January. Recently I have beer going out a little and have uset a gentlemax about ten years my Junior who has saked me to marry him, but I cannot make up my mind, and I thick the difference in our agent too great It seems to love me very much. I have inde-pundent means. ANNA McM.

indext means. ANNA licht I should think very carefully before taking such a step. Of course, it is perfectly possible for you to be happy with a man-ten years younger than yourself, and you may have youthful ways, but as a rule it is better, if there is any difference in ages, for the difference to be on the other side. Par-ticularly if you have independent means should you be wary.

### Bride Must Write Notes

# To the Editor of the Woman's Page: Dear Madam Will you kindly put no rist mome or two questions of flouester? I am to i arrhed in three weeks and my invitations was end tout last week. Already I have remove one twenty presents. Many of these stifts hav one ment to one by friends of my finnes ar riends of my family and some of these people have never met with the others I only kno-er slightly. What skall do about schnew bring them while with to these strangers whether by hands write to these strangers are respondence ourse whan writing a letter of an bird.

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Rain on the Down

Night, and the down by the sea, And the vell of rain on the down; And she came through the midst a and she came through the midst and the rain to me From the safe warm lights of the town.

The rain shone in her hair, And her face gleam'd in the rain: And only the night and the rain were there As she came to me out of the rain. —Arthur Symona.

### Steamed Cod With Onion Sauce

Sauce After washing about two pounds of cod. rub it with salt and fasten it in greased paper. Have ready a pan containing boil-ing water and a steamer to fit. Place the fish in the steamer and cook rather longer than if it were being boiled. When nearly done, prepare white sauce and stir in an onion, previously scaled, boiled, and chopped. Remove the paper, and serve on a hot dish. The sauce should be handed separately.

Bolivia is the only locality of the new world whence in in large commercial quan-titles is exported. The deposits are large, and the use of tin as an alloy appears to be very old. Before the coming of the Spanish conquistadores the natives of Peru and Bolivia, in the vicinity of Lake Titicaca, made use of tin as an alloy with copper to make bronze. make bronze.

### Shrimp Sauce

Half a pist white sauce made from one ounce butter, one ounce flour, one-half pint white stock: seasoning, two tablespoons picked shrimps. Frawns for garnish, sprigs of parsley, one lemon cut in slits lengtn-





# Hostesses

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