

LETTERS FROM WOMEN READERS-DAILY TALKS ON BEAUTY, FASHION AND THE HOUSEHOLD

HAVE 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

THIS department, which was opened but a little over a fortnight ago, has met with an enthusiastic response, and many interesting letters have been received. Some have been very helpful, containing suggestions which will be of immeasurable value to many readers of the column. Information gained from the vast store of experience which comes only through years of intimate knowledge of the household and its management.

THE editor has endeavored to answer these to the satisfaction of the writers. To encourage readers to send in their suggestions, as well as their problems, to make these columns, in fact, all that the name implies—a Woman's Exchange—a department for the interchange of affairs pertaining to the household, dress, ethics, etiquette or any other subjects of feminine interest, beginning tomorrow a contest will be held daily for a period of time.

THE WOMAN'S EXCHANGE

Questions submitted to this department will be answered, when possible, on the following day. Special queries like those given below are invited. All communications for this department should be addressed as follows: THE WOMAN'S EXCHANGE, Philadelphia, Pa.

- TODAY'S INQUIRIES
1. How can the top of an egg be determined?
2. What is the best way to clean collars and cuffs without the use of ammonia?
3. How can children be dried at home?

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 Page of the Evening Ledger.

There are no conditions attached. Each day a letter will be chosen from the number sent in to this department and the prize will be given to the writer. The full name and address of the writer must be enclosed. The winner of the first prize will be announced in tomorrow evening's paper.

- ANSWERS TO YESTERDAY'S INQUIRIES
1. The skin of a peach can be easily removed by the use of a knife.
2. To keep new drawers from rusting apply a coat of fresh lard and heat thoroughly before using.
3. Cane chair seats that have sagged may be flattened by washing in hot soapsuds and allowing to dry in the open air.

Sausage and Omelet
Dear Madam—Has it ever occurred to you what a good combination sausage and omelet makes? I cook the sausage thoroughly and drain them of all grease, then, when the omelet has set, I place the sausage carefully on top and put it in the oven for a brief minute or two.

Plum Conserves
Dear Madam—Will you please publish a recipe for plum conserves, and oblige.
Wash five pounds of plums, drain them and remove the pits; cover with five pounds of granulated sugar and place in a moderately heated oven. When the sugar dissolves place the kettle over a burner and stir for thirty minutes in a water bath.

To Freshen Marabou
Dear Madam—Will you please tell me if there is any way to freshen the appearance of marabou feathers? Also if there is any way to dry marabou successfully at home.
Marabou may be washed in warm water and pure soap. Do not rub soap on the marabou, but shake it gently in the suds and hang in an airy, shady spot to dry.

Blackboard Wanted
Dear Madam—I am writing to ask if anybody has a blackboard and what they would give for two little girls. I have two children and am unable to buy these things for them. I have tried to buy them from one man, but they are for a child one year old. I am willing to pay \$10.00 for them.
Perhaps some one can make an exchange with you.

Outdoor Work
Dear Madam—Will you please advise a young girl of the possibilities of getting outdoor work in the South or any other part of the country? I am a student and do not care to work in a shop, but I would like to have some outdoor work. I am willing to work for a good living, but I do not want to be a domestic.

Grateful Letter
Dear Madam—I received the package of the new book and was very glad to see you and those who sent them for your kindness in helping me. I have read the book and it has solved the problem of helping those who are in need. I am very grateful to you and the other readers who have helped me.

Housework Gloves
No one should try to do any packing, preparatory to moving, without donning some sort of gloves to protect the hands.

Bride Must Write Notes
Dear Madam—Will you kindly tell me right on my own or two questions of etiquette? I am to be married next week. I have received many wedding presents and I am not sure how to write the notes. I am willing to pay for the notes, but I do not want to be a domestic.

BLIND WOMAN POET REVEALS RARE BEAUTY OF HER INNER VISION

Miss Lavinia E. Brauff, Physically Sightless Since Infancy, Has the Gift of Spiritual Perception; Her Verses Give Joy to Thousands



LAVINIA BRAUFF

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.

Rain on the Down
Night, and the down by the sea,
And the veil of rain on the down;
And she came to me out of the rain.

Steamed Cod With Onion Sauce
After washing about two pounds of cod, rub it with salt and fasten it in greased paper. Have ready a pan containing boiling water and a steamer to fit.

Bolivian Tin
Bolivia is the only locality of the new world whence tin in large commercial quantities is exported.

Shrimp Sauce
Half a pint white sauce made from one ounce butter, one ounce flour, one-half pint white stock; seasoning, two tablespoons pickled shrimps.

Gown & Fur Shop
1206 Walnut Street
Dresses, Suits, Coats, Waists and Furs

"Faultless" Hair Mattresses
yield so gently and softly that they are the most restful and luxurious of all. The quality hair is so resilient, and the filling so perfect, that the instant you arise the mattress resumes its original beautifully flat, even surface.

Dougherty's Faultless Bedding
Hair Mattresses, Box Springs, Metal Beds. 1632 CHESTNUT STREET

Best Quality Velour Hats, \$10 J. ULRICH

Grain-fed pork made with water and salt. It is packed only in vacuum.

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MY MARRIED LIFE

By ADELE GARRISON

A Frightening Experience

"If you try any of that dodge your face will be changed so your man won't know it when he gets home." She fairly screamed the words at me, and then coming up close to me she shook her fist in my face.

The doorknob again started me. As I opened the door I was confronted by a tall, middle-aged woman in rather nondescript clothing, and a most unpleasant face upon which, as she saw me, there appeared a twisted leer which she evidently thought to be most ingratiating.

"You're the lady that telephoned to the Union Agency for my mother-in-law," she asked, and at my murmured assent, she marched past me into the room and seated herself.

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 terrible fainting spells she had during her last illness, and this woman's breath reeked of it.

"This looks like a nice little place," she said patronizingly. "The woman at the agency said there were only two in the family, no children. I won't go where there are children, noisy little brats, always under foot, and I won't do no washing, you understand 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; mustn't ladies do."

"Will you tell me just what you do expect 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 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 walked through the dining room into 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 see. 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 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 am very busy."

I strove to speak quietly, but the words only appeared to enrage her.

"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 boss around as you please. I know your kind. Give me the carfare I've wasted in coming up here and I'll get."

Her speech was so thick and her eyes so wild that I felt almost afraid of her, realizing as I did that she was more than half drunk. But I have always rather prided myself upon my composure in emergencies, and I did not wish her to know that she was frightening me.

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A Distinctive Reason

What is the chief reason for the superiority of Royal Baking Powder?

There are several good reasons, but there is one which distinguishes Royal from other baking powders.

This reason, which every woman should know, is that Royal Baking Powder is made from cream of tartar, which comes from grapes. This means a healthful fruit origin. It means natural food as distinguished from mineral substitutes and the baking powders.

There is no alum nor phosphate in Royal Baking Powder.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER CO. New York

The Swing and The Swirl of The High Cost of Living

The upward swing in the cost of living makes a downward swirl in the bank account. That's a hard, unpleasant, concrete fact. It's tremendously real; and a serious problem in every American home to-day.

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.

Scraple is being locally advertised at 13c a pound. We sell scraple, and we sell a whole lot of it; and it's made by the same Pennsylvanian who's been supplying us for years. We give you 4 lbs. of DELICIOUS SCRAPLE for 25c.

Lard poses on a pedestal at 19c a pound. We're offering THE BEST LARD (absolutely pure, and 16 oz. in every pound) for 16c.

Tea? OUR STRAIGHT CEYLON is wonderfully good. This particular brand is largely contributory to the enormous tea business we do. It brews a pleasing, delicious cup. Match the quality elsewhere and you'll pay 60c. The Childs price is 35c a pound.

Our whole organization stands for Household Economy; and strenuous effort is all the time made to keep down the cost of living and save the family purse. The real helpfulness of THE CHILDS STORES is so pronounced that thrifty people everywhere are enthusiastic in their support. Of course, it's an even bet that some people will always be odd; but if YOU are bound hard and fast to traditional trading, just switch off; strike a balance and start a fresh account.

Deal where your money goes the farthest and where progress never quits; where Sterling Quality is assured, and Full Quantity always given. It may be a little farther around the corner of a Square Deal, but the road is better and we prefer it; and in THESE STORES OF OPPORTUNITY the swing and the swirl is largely avoided.

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