# WHAT MAKES A CONVERSATIONALIST?-THINGS THE HOUSEWIFE OUGHT TO KNOW-FASHIONS

# CONVERSATION MUST BE BUILT ON THOUGHTS AND NOT ON WORDS

Important Thing Is What You Say, Not How You Say It-Reading Brings Fluency in Talk if You Don't Hunt for New Phrases!

IN A letter to the Woman's Page a little girl of sixteen unearths a ghost that often haunts men, women and little risis of sixteen-the fear of not knowing that to say next."

"I have only had a grammar school milion." the little girl writes. "I work uring the day and have not had much ure until lately. Would you be kind enough to tell me how I could increase my conversational powers to such an extent that I could be able to talk with

Probably totally unaware that the answer to her question is tucked down at the bottom of her own letter, the young writer adds in a postscript: "Please name a few books that would be helpful for me to read."

READ! This is the answer to all of us who want to learn how to talk so that people will care to listen, and of course if we don't talk that way it's better to keep still.

Read, but read the right way. Don't take a book into the corner with the firm resolution that when you get through the ur you will have learned, do or die, twenty new four-syllable words. Books aren't made of words; they're made of thoughts, and it's thoughts we need to be filled with to make us worth while talkers. The big thing in reading is to find out what the author has to say. You may not agree with him All the better. Have an opinion of your own. If the man whose book you are reading says women will never be democratic enough to vote, have a mental battle with him about it. When you get through you'll want to talk to somebody about it.

#### CEE how it works?

D The book you are reading may be about better baseball or how to make pin-If you get under the skin of it you will have learned to live more fully by the time you close the cover. And if we want to talk we must live fully.

Fiction stories aren't the best sort of literature to develop conversational abili-Ucs. They serve admirably for recreation, but they are too easy on the mind. Articles about current events that the better magazines publish are splendid; so Roberts Rinehart; "David Copperfield" are half-humorous essays. All of these and "The Tale of Two Citles," by Dickens, are to be obtained in public libraries.



Five slender feathers brace themselves up, one against the other, the better to withstand the sweep of the autumn wind.

ONE of the best books of all I have not spoken of. It is the book of everyday life waiting for you to come and read it. Maybe you think you have, but most of Patsy! us haven't, in the right way. In the book of everyday life are band concerts in public squares, pictures on free day at the art gallery, little children next door to be talked to, leaves falling in autumn and a man who would like to talk about fishing if you would only give him half a chance. That's not half, of course.

A LL I have said doesn't mean the little girl of sixteen hasn't lots of good thoughts in her head. She had one very big one when she wrote to try to get some more.

Here are some books I think will help our young friend: "Essays in Miniature," by Agnes Repplier; "Reveries of a Bache lor." by Ike Marvel: "My Creed," by Mary Roberts Rinehart, in October's American ney or almost anything under the sun. | Magazine; "Charm and Courtesy in Conversation," by F. B. Callaway, and "How to Live on Twenty-four Hours a Day, by Arnold Bennett. In reading the lastnamed book it would be well to follow out the systematic reading plan described. For "story books" I would recommend "Seventeen" and the "Penrod." stories by Booth Tarkington "T" Wonderful Year," by Locke; the "Sub-1-1," by Mary and "Huckleberry Finn," by Mark Twain

PATSY KILDARE THE OUTLAW By JUDD MORTIMER LEWIS

## The Wood Nymph

FROST has made the leaves on our tree the most beautiful color. They are all golden now, I pulled down a branch and took enough of the leaves to make me a crown this morning after I brushed my hair. It certainly did look fine on me, so I was very proud as I went on my way tag ging Rowdy to school.

When I got to Bell Smith's house I hollered till she stuck her head out of the window and said she would be down in a minute, but I told her she need not mind as I was not going swimming. When she said. "Why not?' I said, "Because you did not go yesterday, that's why not. You need not think you can disappoint me and not have the get back at you." She said. "I am sorry If you are angry at me, but I am not angry at you. I want to tell you that you look like a wood nymph this morning." I said. "Oh, is that so? If I looked half as much like a wood nymph as you do I would go and drown myself." She said. "You do fot understand me. A wood nymph is a very heautiful little girl that lives in the woods." Then Bell said, "Just stand where you re. I want to get your pitcher." So she

So she are. I want to get your pitcher." So she got a little black box and held it in front of her and snapped something and said, "All right." I said, "Yes, all right." She said, "That is all." I said, "Where is the pitcher?" She said, "That will not be done till day after tomorrow," I said, "You are crary in the head if you think I can stand crazy in the head if you think I can stand here until then." She laughed and Lunn Smith came around the house and said "What are you giving my friend Patay now"" She said, "I have been taking her pitcher." He made a face and said, "Poor What has Patsy ever done to ou?" Then he said to me. "She took my itcher once. Patsy, and I have never felt vou? he same since that time." But Bell just laughed and went away.

When Rowdy and I got to school the old when Rowdy and I got to school the old maid teacher met me in the hall and would have kissed me only I pushed her face away. She called me a darling child, which she was right about, and said she though my father was a perfectly splendid man. I told her that he was and then I went in and took my seat and Rowdy lay down on the floor as he always does. All at once began wondering what Peenuts Feeney ad up his sleeve, becaus he tooked go in-movent and good that a person would have felt like kissing him if it had not been for his face. Then I found out that it was a live mouse in my desk. When I opened he lid the mouse jumped out and Rowdy aught it right in front of the teacher' enk. Then the teacher came down off he lesk and told the children to stop laughing

he has got cat fur around the tops of he Rowdy and I went out to the bathhouse at Jim's after school. At Jim's house I got a broom and some blanksts and the man who was there bolied at me kind of funny. I usked him if anything was hurting him and he said he guessed not, for Jim had said to gt me do anything i felt like doing, but he not know whether that meant that night carry all the bed clothes away, old him it did and a box of matches, i put the blankets in the bunk at the bath nouse and carried dry wood till it got dark. oor and went back to Jim's and ate so oread and milk. When I went back to the bathhouse there was a man with whiskers

ind raggedy clothes lying in the bunk, but is came out of it with his hat off when Rowdy and I got after him. I put some more wood on the fire and I and down and prayed. 'Dear mother, I ain't been home since morning. I am a wood ny # ph tonight. There are only two more duys of school and then Rowdy and I are going somewhere and I'll bet you and God don't know where. Neither do L. Ask God don't know where.

"Roadside Romance," another Patsy Kildare adventure, appears in tomorrow's Evening Ledger.

## IN THE MOMENT'S MODES

Afternoon Frock of Gray Charmeuse

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Housewives in Haddington Deliver Stunning Blow by Buying From Jersey Farmers

HIT BY CURB MARKET

HIGH COST OF LIVING

Old Man High Cost of Living is to b dealt a terrible blow in West Philadelphia on Saturday. At least, his profits are to be reduced 25 per cent in the cost of vegetables and fresh farm products, and housewives in the vicinity of Haddington are preparing for the assault.

It will take place on Saturday at 2:30 p. m., on a lot in the rear of the Hope Presbyterian Church, near Sixty-first street and Haverford avenue, and will continue as long as the farmers who plan to con-duct the market hold out.

The experiment was tried last Saturday by three Paulsboro (N. J.) farmers, who distributed circulars in the vicinity, an-nouncing that the Haddington Public Market would open and undersell dealers at least 25 per cent and possibly more. The circular guaranteed "fresh from the farm" produce, and asked the housewives to turn out for the benefit of their health and pocketbooks. A few did, and they told others, and in a few hours the three wagons which had been loaded with produce were empty and on their way back to New Jersey.

Potatoes which sold ordinarily at \$1.10 per basket were sold from the wagons for aindiv cents. Cantaloupea, which are selling in the vicinity for two for fifteen cents, were purchased from the farmers for five cents each, and in many instances cheaper Other vegetables, cabbage, turnips, beets, etc., were sold at correspondingly reduced prices

"Everything was just as the men said i would be," said one pleased housekeeper today, "and I saved more than \$1 in my purchases. The potatoes were fresh and mealy and we hope the market has come to stay.

When it was learned that the housewives took up the idea with such a vim, the three farmers who conducted the expermient promised to have several more join them.

promised to have several more join them, and at least six or eight wagons are ex-pected to be on the lot this week. Dealers in the vicinity said they had not been materially affected by the "curb mar-ket." which, they admitted, eliminated the middleman's profit, but declared they would users should it after this weak's said know more about it after this week's sale. The market will be conducted every Satur day, from 2:30 p. m. until 8 o'clock, it was stated by the farmers, and housewives get erally declare that they will buy from the wagons again so as to reduce the living cost.

# GOOD HEALTH QUESTION BOX By JOHN HARVEY KELLOGG, M. D., LL. D.

In answer to health guastions, Doctor Kellogy in this space will daily pive advice on presenting medicine, but in no coas will be take the risk of making diagnoses of or presenting ments requiring surgical treatment or drups. Health questions will be promptly as-moved by personal letters to inquirers who inclose stamped envelopes for reby.

#### Mineral Salts

THERE enter into the structure of the Can tapeworm he cured by natural methods: body tissues a large number of inorganic mineral substances called mingral

Yes, but the natural method is to kill the saits. In the bones, muscles, nerve tissues, skin, certain glands, blood, lymph, etc., these worm something to kill the worm something to kill it or make a size worm something to kill it or make it sick then it will let go and be expelled

## Erysipelas

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BREAKFAST

Cantaloupe Poached Eggs on Toast Coffee.

LUNCHEON

Grapes

DINNER

Canada War Cake (without butter, eggs or milk),

The recipe for the war cake follows: " Mix one cupful of brown sugar, one-quar-

Stewed Cora

Braised Mutton Browned Polatoes 8 Sour Best Salad

perimental subjects of mineral salts, found that as the salts gradually diminished in What is good for erysipelas" MRS. MARTIN MRS. MARTIN A patient with erysipelas should stay is bed, drink at least a gaiton of water a day -two gailons would be better-and to apply in the early stages of the disease cloths dipped out of cold water every firs or ten minutes. After a day or two, when the bright red blush has given place to a dusty hue, then hot approxitions should be applied instead. In the transition period hot and cold applications may be used. Call a physician. the system the animals became weaker with stupidity, trembling, muscular weak-ness, sloggishness and finally convulsions, with digestive difficulties and vomiting. Death occurred at the end of twenty-six to The salts which the body requires are not ordinary chemical compounds of iron, phos-

phorus, lime, etc. They are organic or vitalized compounds which differ altogether from the simple substances of the chemiat's laboratory. It is only when these inor-ganic compounds have been acted upon by plant life under the influence of the sun-Tomorrow's War Menu light that they become useful to the animal

A German physiologist, who deprived ex-

ody. The most valuable sources of "salts" are fruits, fresh vegetables and milk. Iron is found in largest proportion in green leaves, onlons and other fresh vegetables. Lime is most abundant in greens, bran and cow's milk Cream of Tomato Soup Peanut Butter Corn Meal Muffine

#### Stammering

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ing.

Can stammering be cured? E. K. S. Generally, yes. The only trouble is to keep it cured. A person learns how to peak at a school for stammering and gets along very confortably; but as soon as he begins to get out in the world and gets a utility relation. little excited he usually relapses. Stam-mering is a mental or hervous affection. The trouble is not in the tongue or in the throat or the organs of speech

#### Hardening of the Arteries Is there any cure for hardening of th

arteries? L. O. When the process first begins the disease may usually be arrested and sometimes a great advance in the direction of an actual cure may be accomplished by careful train

ter cupful of shortening, cupful of boiling water, two cupfuls of seeded raising and a water, two cuprus of seeded faising and a half teaspoonful of salt. Boil these five minutes. Cool and add one teaspoonful of cinnamon, a half teaspoonful of mace, one-quarter teaspoonful of clove, one teaone-quarter teaspoonful of clove, one tea-spoonful of soda and two cupfuls of flour, which have all been sifted together. Beat well and put into greased, paper-lined bread pan. Bake in a slow oven one hour. -Mary Green.



THE WOMAN'S EXCHANGE

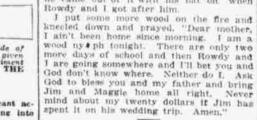
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#### TODAY'S INQUIRIES What will remove an iodine stain from |

1. What hitherto small and insignificant accessory of woman's wardrobe is coming into prominence this season? e-building food matter does 2. What are the favorite materials for winter sults and coats? How should chamols skins be washed in 3. What enrollment of women is taking place

them soft and pliable? now in the State of Pennsylvania? ANSWERS TO YESTERDAY'S INQUIRIES

1. Instead of actually boiling eggs over the . 1. Batick printing is a trimming seen on re, pour boiling hot water over them and let velvets, particularly velvet evening conts. It



YOUR FACE

# 175 State Fait

A frock that emphasizes the bouf-fant effect of the familiar belowthe-hip drapery is produced in this model by gathering a gray charmeuse into a broad band of mink fur about the bottom. A selfcolored georgette forms the sleeve of the lower arm, which is em-broidered in gold thread, as is the vest. A deep collar of mink fur, with wide elbow cuffs of the same. puts the upper part of the gown in tune with mink bottom. The depending belt is embroidered to suit the scheme of vest and lower-arm sleeve. The whole makes a charming model for an afternoon gown.

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in the water for ten minutes. Prepared way, the whites of bolled eggs never hard. This is called "coddling." n this This is called "coddling."

The whites of eggs sometimes fall to beat a light white foam because there is moisin the bowl in which they are beaten. The ald be perfectly dry.

To revive wilted roses cut off the tips of heir slems under water so that no air may set to them. Put the vase in which the roses are into a vessel that will completely hold it. er the vessel tightly and leave undisturbed wenty-four hours.

Stretching Shrunken Underwear

the Editor of Woman's Four-Dear Madam-Do you know any way to tretch part woolen underwear? Three union ults, new last winter, are so badly shrunken rom poor washing that they cannot be worn, they are like new in condition. I should be very last for any suggestion, as I don't feel like buring new ones again this year. (Mrs.) L. A. D.

There seems to be no "sure" way to bring shrunken woolen underwear back to its nor-mal size. Try washing it over the proper way, which is with a good, pure white soap and with even-temperatured water, neither too hot nor too cold, even when rinsing. The time to stretch the underwear is when it is wet. If you could manage to make a home-made frame such as the stores sell for keep-ng bables' underwear in shape and put the one ownes underwear in shape and put the curion suits on this while they are drying. It might undoubtedly do some good. The frame could be simply a couple of boards fastened together with cross-pieces of wood. Wash one suit of underwear at a time. otherwise you will have to make three frames. If you find this plan does not work for restoring the size of the union suits and toring the size of the union suite, and

If there are any children in the house, why not hand down the suits to them?

I am sorry I cannot help you more in this matter. Maybe a reader will have some-tising to say on the subject.

#### **Peach Butter**

To the Editor of Waman's Page:

ther Madam-Can you print a good recipe for peach butter? (Mrs.) R. L.

Well-ripened freestone peaches are the est variety, to use for this. Put the aches in boling water until the skin slips, her pesi and take the stones out. Mash be pulp, put in 'kettle without adding The peaches cook in their own if the pulp is rather coarse put if h a colander. To every pint of the dd one-half pint of sugar. Return to hip add one-haif pint of sugar. Return to be firs and cook slowly, stirring frequently mill the butter is of the desired thickness. While hot put in sterilized jars or glasses with tight-fitting tops. Set the jars filled me with the tops on in a vessel fitted with this bottom. This may be a wash boiler with a wooden frame in the bottom. Pour lim waster and put on the cover to ith a wooden frame in the bottom. Pour a little water and put on the cover to merve the steam and set over the fire. Then the steam begins to escape begin to unt time-five finutes for average-sized entainers, ten for half-gallons and fifteen r larger-sizer fare. Remove the containers at its cool. If you prefer seal with hot errafin instead of putting the fare graugh the sterilization process.

To Give Pink Lustre to White Pearls

a Baline of Wennau's Page: The State of Wennau's Page: The State of Wennau's Page: The State of State of State of State State State of State of State State State of State of State Trong rub the entrings with a little pink main polich pow will find your whice a changed into pink ones with a soft

is a printed design applied to the material. 2. Lace stockings should not be worn when me is in mourning.

3. A tampon is a swab of fluffed absorbent cotton wrapped in coarse-meshed gauze and tied with thread. It is made in Red Cross rooms and is used to stop hemorrhuges, etc

A Puzzling Young Man

the Editor of Woman's Page To the Editor of Woman's Page: Deer Madam-1 am a girl eighteen years old and have been going with a young man the same age for one year. During this time I was taken alck and was left lame and had to so on crutches. This young man treated to be an inter-while I was sick until I went on crutches at a time and never sends word why he stays away. Please give me some advice. as I am a contact reader of the Woman's Exchange. BLUE EYES of the Woman's Exchange. BLUE EYES, If I were you, little Miss Blue Eyes, I would put the young man eighteen years of age out of my mind as completely as possible. You are both very young, you to worry about a man's inconstancy and he to have the good sense to know his own mind. It is not kind or straightforward of the boot of the your without explaining why.

It is not kind or straightforward of the boy to stay away without explaining why, since you were such good friends in the past. If he is this sort of a fair-weather friend I think it is better that you rid your-self completely of him now. You are very young, with your whole life before you. In it you will find many wonderful men to whom your little lameness, if it is permanent, will make strong ap-peal. The real sort of a man loves to play protector. I could cite endless cases where protector. I could cite endless cases where gifls who started with what some con-sidered the handlcap of lameness made far better matches than their more active sizters.

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#### Was Betsy Ross Married?

was Detay Ross Married? To the Editor of Woman's Page: Deaf Madam-Will you please tail me through your columns in the Evenyo Leisage if Betsy Ross was a married woman? CURIOUS Betsy Ross, who made the first American flag, was the wife of John Ross, a young upholsterer. It was at 239 Ar.h street, where the Betsy Ross House is located, that he carried on his business. Three years after his marriage young Ross died. After after his marriage young Ross died. After that Mrs. Betsy Ross carried on the busi-Dess.

#### Give Photograph to Young Man To the Editor of Woman's Page:

To the Editor of Womaw's Pape: Deag Madam-Is it proper for a girl to give per picture to a man unless sha is engaged to him? I have a friend who is going West for several months. We are not in love with each other, but have been good friends for two years, and hast week he asked ms if I would not give him my picture. What do you think about it? MAIZIE.

In the case you cite it seems as if it would be quite all right for you to give him a picture. Ordinarily it would be better for girls not to give young men their pho-tographs, but circumstances always govern matters of this kind.

Wash Cloth or Brush for Face? To the Editor of Woman's Page: Dear Madam-Will you please tell me, wh To the Editor of Woman's Page: The Madam-Will you please tell me which better to use on the face, which do not be bruch also what the or the same to the bruch as the complexity of the part of the same term of the same term of the same term of the purchased in any drug store, is better the purchased in any drug store, is better the same term of the pores simply because the same term of the pores simply because the bare not been washed away. A good me have not been washed away. A good seen soap is generally becommended as being the best for the complexion. "Scrub-our face theroughly with a good tables of the to be an without this little ceremony, which you really one to your good house.

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