DRAWING OF WOMEN INTO WAR INDUSTRY MIGHT PROVE MENACE TO FUTURE GENERATIONS

INDUSTRIAL WAR WORK OF WOMEN MIGHT BLIGHT COMING GENERATION

Department of Labor Faces Grave Problem in War Labor Situation—Conscript Men Idlers in Park and Save Women, Is Suggested

WITH hundreds of women all over America perched on top of telegraph poles, helping to build locomotives and sundrily plunged into work that has hitherto been exclusively man's occupation, the United States Department of Labor is facing a very serious situation.

Secretary of Labor Wilson is asking these questions:

"What will be the effect upon women of their new labor?

"What will be the relationship between occupation and maternity, occupation and infant mortality, and how will it affect the next generation and generations of Americans to come?

"And what shall it profit a nation if in meeting this present emergency it blights coming generations?"

WE ARE fighting "to reach the stars." We must reach them. Countries are staking their all on this present emergency, and if there is no one else in America to hurl iron bars and climb telegraph poles, in spite of the gamble on posterity women must do these things. The big question just now is, How necessary is it for women to turn to in overalls and do men's work at this stage of the game?

WALKING through a city square the other day, I discovered at least twelve able-bodied reasons why it is not wholly necessary that women wrestle with the heavier things of life at this moment. They were men — twelve of them — sonorously draped on park benches.

Before we let women leave their homes and jump into the war breech, why don't we conscript these sons of the sun who do nothing but hold down park benches? We conscripted an army for military service, and no man was exempt on the grand and glorious ground of being a loafer.

Vyvettes

Somehow or other Puritan hats come into style in the fall of the year—perhaps because November time comes with its crop of magazine covers of Puritan men and maids—and *our* maids copy the men's hats! Only they make them higher and broader of brim and transplant the buckle of the hat to the collar—and then wear the new creation with a roguish expression!

Why not by legislation build some of the army behind the army out of the surplus able-bodied energy that goes to daily waste and sleep in our city squares? Why should the magic age of thirty-one exempt men from all compulsory shouldering of their country's burdens?

THIS is not an idle dream thought. It is a serious suggestion, based on the knowledge that in extremity women will give all, but on the certainty that in the meantime patriotism kindled high in woman should not "pay the price" for the middle-aged man slacker.

THE WOMAN'S EXCHANGE

Letters and questions submitted to this department must be written on one side of the paper only and signed with the name of the writer. Special queries like those given below are invited. It is understood that the editor does not necessarily indorse the sentiment expressed. All communications for this department should be addressed as follows: **THE WOMAN'S EXCHANGE, Evening Ledger, Philadelphia, Pa.**

TODAY'S INQUIRIES

1. Does meat lose much food value when it is used for soup stock?

2. How can almonds be salted at home?

3. What is a newer finish for the boudoir pillow than the buttonhole stitch?

1. What will remove callous spots from the hands?

2. What lovely color combination for an evening dress suggests itself for the dark-eyed girl this season?

3. What new avenue of work that can be done at home opens itself to the housewife in war time?

ANSWERS TO YESTERDAY'S INQUIRIES

1. Oleomargarine is composed of beef fats and vegetable fats. By vegetable fats is meant those made from cocoanut, peanut, olive and refined cottonseed oils.

2. "Cracklings" are the shriveled tissue or scraps that remain after fats have been rendered. They are used as shortening for corn bread, etc.

3. Hundreds of steps can be saved in getting the washing from the laundry to the yard if a basket is put just outside the open laundry window and each garment reached through the window into the basket as it is wrung out.

1. There is no school of aviation open to women. However, if one has plenty of money and influence a place could probably be found where a woman might be taught aviation.

2. An extremely smart fur cape-scarf can be made from the good parts of a worn-out pony or caracul fur coat and a piece of white fox. The dark fur is pieced together to form a cape and the white fox is used as a turnover "finishing" piece around the neck.

3. Giving the hair a sun and wind bath two or three times a week adds materially to its health. Let the hair down, giving the wind free sweep through it.

To Sweeten Rancid Lard

To the Editor of Woman's Page:

Dear Madam—Will you kindly tell how to sweeten lard that has become rancid, and oblige

The very versatile chef of a well-known hotel says that the following treatment will sweeten lard that has become rancid:

Melt two pounds of the rancid lard in a gallon of hot water. Take a cupful of charcoal powder such as druggists sell and tie in a heavy piece of muslin through which the powder cannot penetrate. Put the bag of charcoal in with the water and lard, letting it boil for five minutes. Remove the bag and let the water and lard cool. The lard that comes to the top will be sweet and not rancid. Be sure to tie the charcoal in muslin sufficiently heavy to prevent its coming through when it is being boiled with the lard and water.

A Tested Recipe

To the Editor of Woman's Page:

Dear Madam—In looking over today's Evening Ledger I found a request and answer for stuffed green peppers. Inclosed you will find a dandy recipe for same, easy to prepare and portion enough for four good-sized eaters or six medium-sized appetites. I myself have used this recipe for years and find it very good. I read over the Woman's Exchange and often find good recipes.

Sweet peppers stuffed with meat—Ten medium-sized peppers with large end cut off, washed, cleaned and seeded, one cupful of chopped meat, three-quarters of a cupful of uncooked rice, a raw egg, a very large onion and a nice allowance of green parsley, chopped and seasoned to taste. Mix all these ingredients well. Fill peppers and stand on end in pan. Take a large can of tomatoes, stew and strain through colander, pour over peppers, add enough water to almost cover, let simmer about three-quarters of an hour, thicken juice and season.

You have my word you will find this good. For myself I like a hot pepper among it to give the dish "pep." (Mrs.) H.

We are always glad to hear of a dish that has stood the test of years and is still wanted. It is to be hoped that the housewife who requested the recipe is reading the Exchange columns tonight and will carefully clip out "green peppers," for which the editor thanks Mrs. H. exceedingly.

A Word From Pussy's Mistress

To the Editor of Woman's Page:

Dear Madam—I want to thank you for mailing me the letter in regard to a home for my cat. If you want me to send you the stamps that were used drop me a card. I will be glad to. I hope in choosing a home for Alec I will choose a good one. I did hate so to have him killed or leave him, and every one here seems to have a cat. (Mrs.) E. L.

We are all much interested in the welfare of the black pussy that hunted for a home in our column, and would like to know where pussy is to go, if his mistress will please tell us.

Request for Mislaid Recipe

To the Editor of Woman's Page:

Dear Madam—I am a reader of the Evening Ledger and seeing a recipe for chowchow in it some time ago laid it by and in some way mislaid it. How can I get the recipe again from you? MRS. C. M.

The following recipe for tomato chowchow appeared in the Woman's Exchange columns not so very long ago. I hope it is the one to which you refer. The ingredients are six large tomatoes, one Spanish onion, one green pepper, two tablespoonfuls of brown sugar, one tablespoonful of salt and half a pint of vinegar.

Peel the onion and chop coarsely. Blanch the tomatoes, remove the skins and slice them finely. Put the onion and tomatoes in a stewing crock, add the pepper chopped, the sugar, salt and vinegar and cook all in a slow oven until the onion is tender. When the chowchow is cold put it in jars and seal tightly. It should be stored in a cool, dry place.

Coats for Boy and Girl of 12 Years

To the Editor of Woman's Page:

Dear Madam—Do you think any of my readers have coats that have been outgrown by their own children that would fit a boy of twelve and a girl of twelve? They are badly needed. Anyone giving them will be paid. MRS. R.

The needs of this city have been increased and been found entirely worthy.

What Will Be Worn

To the Editor of Woman's Page:

Dear Madam—Please publish answers to the following, and I thank you. First, Are white coats going to be worn all winter? Second, How long will mustard suits be worn yet, also is it considered good form for a girl to wear a plush cape trimmed in fur (black) with a mustard-colored suit? Third, Can a plush cape be worn with a black satin dress which has georgette crêpe sleeves? Fourth, Are georgette crêpe waists and sleeves going to be worn all winter? Fifth, Do you think dark-brown shoes with military heels look well with a steel-colored silk skirt and fancy kind of fancy dresses? Sixth, What would be a nice present to a young man on his birthday, which happens to be a few days before Christmas; also should I get him a Christmas gift? Seventh, What kind of refreshments could be served on a little evening gathering? I am twenty-one years old. GRATEFUL GIRLIE.

First. No white coats are being shown in the stores, and they have been in former years when white coats have been popular.

Second. Mustard-color suits, if they are warm enough, can be worn all winter long. The color is still good. A black plush cape trimmed with fur ought to go very nicely with a mustard suit, and there is no reason why it should not be worn.

Third. A plush cape could be worn with a black satin dress with georgette sleeves, especially in the evening, when capes are very much worn. It is in perfect taste to wear in the daytime, too. The only trouble is it will not be very warm a little later on in the fall.

Fourth. Georgette crêpe waists and sleeves will be just as popular this winter as they have been other seasons.

Fifth. Dark-brown shoes with military heels would not look well with a steel-colored silk skirt or fancy dresses. They should be worn with tailored suit and tailored dresses. Gray suede or kid slippers worn with spats would be very pretty. Black slippers with gray spats would probably be more useful, as you could wear them with different colored dresses.

Sixth. If you know the young man quite well why not give him a combination birthday and Christmas present and put on the attached card, "A happy birthday and a merry Christmas?" It will be better to give him one nice present than two little ones not worth while. Any of the following would be nice: Military brushes, leather wallet, fountain pen, traveling case with comb and brush holder, etc., to fit inside a traveling bag; silver pencil or knife, knitted silk muffler or tie clasp.

Seventh. Chicken and minced ham sandwiches, crackers and cheese, coffee, ice cream, cake and salted peanuts could be served. Chicken salad might be substituted for the sandwiches.

Put Name in Comfort Kit

To the Editor of Woman's Page:

Dear Madam—Can you kindly tell me if in making a comfort kit for an invalid soldier in a French hospital, as you suggested not long ago in an article on the Woman's Page, is it all right for me to put my name and address in? Also please tell me where I should send the kit. CATHERINE.

The young woman who wrote the letter from Paris asking that we in America send Christmas presents to the French wounded particularly urged that the names of the donors of the kits should be put in the bags. She said the "hospital men" would be much hurt if they were not able to write back and thank the American Santa Clauses. The address is American Fund for French Wounded, American Red Cross, Paris, France.

Meaning of French Terms

To the Editor of Woman's Page:

Dear Madam—Will you please tell me what the following terms mean when used in reference to recipes: Roulade, souffle, fondant, grilled, en coquille? CURIOUS.

Roulade means stuffed meat, rolled, fastened with skewers and cooked; souffle, a pudding beaten as light as a froth and baked quickly; fondant, melted or boiled sugar, which is the basis of French candy; grilled, broiled and en coquille, cooked and served in shells.

PATSY KILDARE THE OUTLAW

By JUDD MORTIMER LEWIS

Getting Even

THIS morning I had my father's breakfast all ready when he came in from his night watching. While he was eating breakfast I asked him if he had ever seen a Chinese. He said, "Lots of them." So I asked him what they looked like. He said they looked like any other men, except that their skin was yellow and their eyes were kind of slanted. I asked him if they were as big as Irishmen, and he said they were, but that they could not fight like Irishmen.

Then he went to bed and I went out and took the tub off the hole and Rowdy and I looked at the thing I had caught for a long time. He sat and blinked at us and he had not touched the rice or the dried fish. I said to him, "So you are nothing but a toad after all. I knew you looked just like a toad, but I thought you were a Chinese. I do not blame you for not being one, for it is God's fault and not yours that you are a toad." I jumped down into the hole and lifted him out carefully and patted him on his head and let him go. Away he hopped, and Rowdy after him. Rowdy turned him over with his nose and he hopped again, and then Rowdy barked and lay down on his front legs and stood straight up with his behind legs and barked again, and then I called to him, and we rambled.

All the kids were out on the corner. When Pie Face saw Rowdy and me coming he laid his bicycle on the ground and got busy with one pedal. I stopped by them, thinking maybe they would play something so that I could play with them. Pie Face said without looking up: "Something is wrong with this pedal. One of you kids run over to the store and ask the man to lend you a left-handed monkey wrench." I said, "I will do it, Pie Face." So I did, and the storekeeper said, "I am sorry, but I loaned it to the man who keeps the drug store, three blocks down the street." So I went back and told Pie Face, and said that if he could wait I would run down to the drug store and get it. He told me to go ahead, and I went ahead, and the drug man said there was no such thing, and that they were playing a joke on me. So I ran back and the kids all ran away yelling when they saw me coming.

I went home and sat on our steps a long time and felt like crawling under the house, but I didn't. Instead I went out to the shed and got a big bag and then Rowdy and I went running up the street. The kids were out playing again and I laughed and said it was a good joke they played on me. One of the kids said, "Where are you going with the bag?" I said, "Jim and Maggie give me a dollar a dozen for all the bungholes I get for them every Saturday, and I've got to be going. I have wasted too much time on you kids already." Pie Face said, "Where do you get them?" I said, "Over at the brewery they give you all the old bungholes you can pick up." Pie Face said, "Let me go with you?" I said, "No, but if you want to go over and get them for me on your bicycle you can go quicker than I can, and I will give you half I get for them." So he grabbed the bag and away he went.

Then Rowdy and I went out to Jim's and we spent the afternoon helping Jim plow by walking behind him and asking him questions. After supper we went home, and there was Pie Face in front of our house with the empty bag, and he said, "What do your friends do with the bungholes you sell them?" I said, "They put them into doughnuts." He said, "I did not find any." I said, "I forgot to tell you that you have to look for them with a left-handed monkey wrench."

When we went to bed Rowdy and I prayed: "Dear mother, which art in heaven, I am glad that Pie Face is such an easy mark, for it makes this world a very happy place, even though you are not here. Ask God to bless you and my father and to lead my feet tomorrow where there is something doing. Amen."

"New Responsibilities," the next Patsy Kildare adventure, appears in tomorrow's Evening Ledger.

GOOD HEALTH QUESTION BOX

By JOHN HARVEY KELLOGG, M. D., LL. D.

In answer to health questions, Doctor Kellogg in this space will give advice on preventive medicine, but in no case will he take the risk of making diagnoses of or prescribing for ailments requiring surgical treatment or drugs. Health questions will be promptly answered by personal letters to inquirers who inclose stamped envelopes for reply.

Our Ears

THE little barnacle which passes its life clinging to the slimy bottom of some old ship has the simplest kind of an ear imaginable. The organ in this animal is a little sac filled with fluid, which hangs in a chamber communicating with the surface and filled with sea water. In the walls of this sac are distributed the nerves of hearing, for which, in its vegetable-like life, it can have very little use.

The ear of a fish consists of a small sac containing two or three chalky masses called ear bones, placed in a chamber adjacent to a sac containing the ear fluid and nerves of hearing. The fish's ear is entirely inclosed in a hollow in the skull. It hears by means of the vibration of the water, which is communicated to the bones of its head, thence to the ear bones, and then from these to the delicate sac from which the nerves of hearing convey the impression to the brain.

The human ear, consisting of like essentials, is much more complicated in its structure. There is, within a hidden recess in the skull, a curiously shaped sac filled with fluid and containing a number of minute ear stones. This sac is connected by means of a chain of bones with a vibrating membrane, which closes the end of the canal connected with the external organ ordinarily known as the ear. Sounds are produced by vibrations in the air. These vibrations are gathered by the external ear and cause vibration of the membrane, which, from its striking resemblance to that of a drum, is called the drum membrane. This vibration is carried by the chain of bones across the cavity in which they are placed, termed the drum cavity, to the delicate sac, within which are found the ear stones and the nerves of hearing. The little ear stones dance up and down upon the ends of the nerves and produce sensations which are carried from the ear to the brain. The vibrations produced are known as sound.

Croup

Is croup dangerous? N. F. C.

True or membranous croup is the same thing as diphtheria of the larynx and is very dangerous.

Canker in the Mouth

I have had canker in the mouth since infancy. What causes it? MARTIN S. N.

You probably have the germs in your mouth called spirochetes and your mouth needs attention. Have the teeth thoroughly cleaned and put in thorough order, then see that the colon is properly taken care of—that is, see that no constipation exists. Then, if the canker sores occur have them touched with a little nitrate of silver. This treatment will probably rid you of the little parasites and in a short time the difficulty will disappear.

Cataract

Is it necessary for cataract to ripen before operating on the eye? H. R. A.

There are operators upon the eyes who are so skillful that they are able to remove cataract without waiting for it to ripen, but the usual custom is to wait. Unless one is sure of his surgeon it is much better to wait. Very many eyes have been destroyed before a surgeon becomes equal to this delicate task of operating early on cataract. You do not want to be one to furnish the eyes.

Fletcherizing

My physician has advised me not to fletcherize. Why does he give me this advice? ENQUIRER.

Probably because you have hyperacidity and chewing stimulates a greater flow of the gastric acid. It is better to take semi-solid food when one is suffering from an acid stomach.

Food Value of Mushrooms

What is the food value of fresh mushrooms? MRS. T.

They have virtually no value, as they are nearly all water and flavor.

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Rose Petal Stuffing for Boudoir Pillow

The boudoir pillow you are making for the not-so-far-off Christmas days will be a sweet reminder as well as a gift if you stuff the foundation pillow with rose petals. To prepare this dainty filling, dip fresh rose petals into a pail of cold water into which a tablespoonful of salicylic acid has been dissolved. Then spread them out on a paper to dry and turn them often. Preserved this way rose leaves make fragrant and quite permanent stuffing for small pillows.

Moonflower

I cannot be a banner gold and gay,
A window glory or a gleaming light.
I cannot lift my face into sunlight,
While some are triumphing I only pray.
I am the one who hides her heart by day,
Who does not dare to rise and blossom white
Until the lovely moments before night,
The intervals of lavender and gray.
Then love me delicately as the pale
Fingers the leaves—hold me as if asleep—
Remember that I am perishable,
Lest in this marvel and the swift, sweet pain
Of your hands and your mouth my heart should leap
And break, finding the world too beautiful.
—Winifred Welles, in North American Review.

Tomorrow's War Menu

BREAKFAST
Rice in molds with Apple Sauce
Served with Milk
Bran Muffins Coffee

LUNCHEON
Bean Soup with Croutons
Fruit Salad
Cocoa Cake

DINNER
Creole Salmi of Duck (leftover duck)
Mashed Potatoes Spinach
Lemon Tapioca

Where Multiplication Counts

One pound of wheat flour, seven ounces of meat, seven ounces of fat and the same of sugar saved per week per person, taken collectively, doesn't sound as though it might be the means of taking a few German trenches. Multiply these figures by 100,000,000 each and see what happens. This is the kind of food conservation for which Herbert Hoover is making a plea—conservation in small bits, but enough of these bits to be history-making in their totality. How much did you save last week?

Suspenders Are In!

The serious trend of thought of the day is having its reactionary influence on clothes. There is a note of masculinity and sviddness in the frocks turned out by even the most ultra designers and dressmakers.

The solidness shows itself in fabric, but the masculinity is cropping out in suspenders and great big pockets! The pockets are flat and sometimes tucked away under the tunic. The suspenders are not the old shoulder pieces that used to grace the little girl's school frock. They are, in spite of their mannishness, a very graceful modification of the surplice.

The Watcher

Oh, sometimes our ship o' dreams
Does come—white-winged she gleams;
But oftener she drifts and bides,
Held by the distant unknown tides
That are witched by fleet moonbeams;
So comes not—our ship o' dreams.
—Hattie A. Cooley, in the Delineator.

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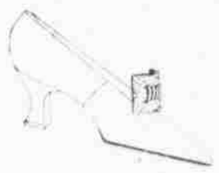

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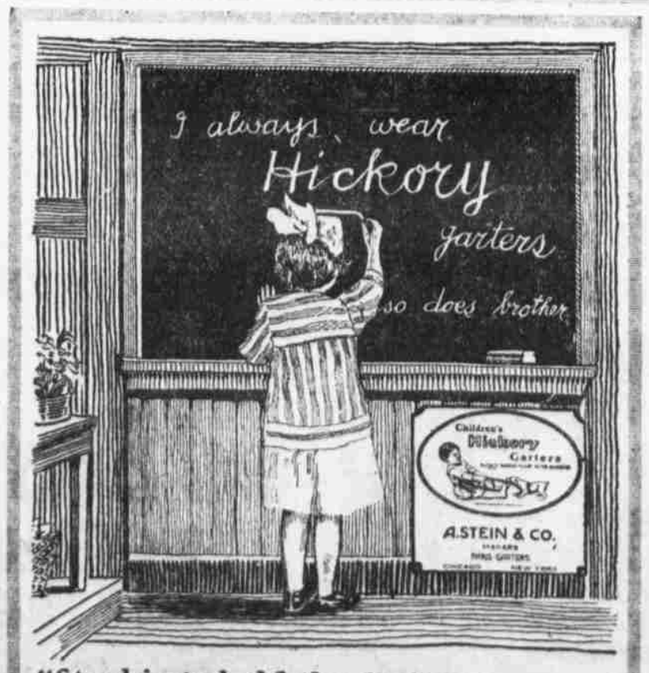

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