

MRS. HUGH REID GRIFFIN.

President of the Society of American Women In London.

American women living in London found with regret a few years ago that as time passed they were less and less in touch with each other and with the work and thought of their sisters In the United States, and so in the year 1809, at the suggestion of Mrs. Hugh Reld Griffin, Mrs. De Friese and a few others, the Society of American Women in London was planned and organized. It is the ambition of this soclety, as it is stated in its constitution, "to bring together women who are engaged in literary, artistic, scientific and philanthropic pursuits, with a view of rendering them helpful to each other and useful to society." The society



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has three rooms at Prince's, handsomely decorated in empire style, which are always at the disposal of members, and also a large banqueting hall, in which they hold their monthly luncheons.

The president, Mrs. Hugh Reid Griffin, is the only daughter of Mrs. Wells-Beach of Waterbury, Conn., formerly of Chicago. She has lived twenty-two years in England and is the regent of chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. She is a serious, earnest worker and has never missed a meeting of the society since its birth. The president of a club of thinking women who wish to be of real use to each other and to the world must be a patient master workman. and the secret of Mrs. Griffin's success is that she understands this fact .- Mrs. Stephen Crane in Woman's Home Companion.

glass, consider the becomingness of every curl, the set of every fold of lace, examine yourself critically with your hand glass-back, front and on each side-but when you leave your room, whether you are satisfied or dissatisfied, forget all about your looks. No one who is conscious of herself can help showing it, and there is nothing that is so fatal to popularity. If you look pretty yourself, forgetfulness will prove an added attraction; if not, a frank unconsciousness will go far to atone for want of beauty. Girls do not realize how they show the trend of their thoughts by their gestures. The constant touches to their hair, the adjustment of belt or collar, the furtive

look in every available mirror and, more than all, the preoccupied look and perfunctory smile that generally accompany such motions, all betray the vanity of which the girls themselves are probably unaware."

Original of Shakespeare's Portia.

Shakespeare's Portia is a pen portrait of Lucretia Cornaro, the first woman lawyer in the world, the Myra Bradwell of the fifteenth century, who received a degree of doctor of laws from the University of Padua, where she was educated and afterward lectured on law. Her biography has been published. She was a native of Venice.

Lucretia Cornaro was one of the most learned of women, and her blography gives remarkable accounts of her eloquence, erudition and influence. | cloth. She was so much admired and respected that the doges and the council of ten used to consult her upon legal questions, and her fellow citizens submitted their differences to her for decision instead of going to court. It was natural, therefore, that she should be mixed up in the Shylock case .- Chicago Record-Herald.

Innocent Face Powder.

Ladies who insist upon powdering their faces before appearing at any social function, and most of them do, will appreciate the following advice from Harper's Bazar:

"I never buy any sort of skin powder," said a young girl the other day, though she was dabbing her face with some white substance at the moment. "This is starch powdered and perfumed with a bit of heliotrope sachet that my mother fixes." Her mother used the same before her. "We have each of us a little chamois bag that we puncture through and through with a rather coarse needle. Into this goes the powdered starch, a fine dust of it sifting through as it is used. Such a powder is absolutely safe, as it is sure to be free from any adulterant."

Mrs. Astor.

Mrs. William Astor is one of the most methodical of women. She has for years, as near as possible, chosen the same date for sailing to Europe, the same date for her return, for the opening of her Newport house and for her coming to town for the winter. Her passage is engaged on the ship on which she sails from one year to another. On the evening of her ball, which has for a number of years taken place with few exceptions on the first Monday in January, she does not occupy her opera box, although she is present at all the performances to which she is a subscriber. It has been Astor etiquette on that evening for the box to be untenanted, making the one. gap in a brilliant horseshoe.

BEAUTY SPOTS.

Glycerin and rosewater is a good lodon for chapped lips.

Tar soap has been highly recommended for skin irritations.

A few drops of ammonia in the water soften it nicely and help to remove stains from the hands.

A few drops of lemon juice in plain water is an excellent tooth wash. It not only removes tartar, but sweetens the breath.

A good piece of soft wash leather with which to rub the face after washing helps to keep the complexion smooth and white.

Falling hair can often be checked by washing with very strong salt water. Bathe the scalp with this every day until a cure is effected.

One pint of elder flower water into which one ounce of tincture of benzoin is dropped slowly while stirring, to prevent curdling, is said to be a good wash for an oily skin.

Keep the teeth nice. Have a pair of keen, critical eyes to watch a speck of discoloration and a good brush to scrub them with after each meal, not forgetting the back or underside of the teeth.

A wash for whitening the skin that has been recommended is made as follows: Cascarilla powder, two grains; muriate of ammonia, two grains; emulsion of almonds, eight ounces. Apply with a handkerchief or soft woolen

Fitting a Waist.

Among many other things of import a writer on practical tailor dressmaking says, "A general trick of a poor dressmaker when she sees that a waist does not fit perfectly is to pull it up on the shoulders." This is one of the most fatal mistakes, for at once the entire waist is thrown out of place and often cannot be restored to its original form. ric down instead of up.

A waist that cuts the wearer at the back of the neck is one of the most uncomfortable things that can be worn, but the fault cannot be obviated by cutting out the neck at the back and pulling the collar farther down, as is generally attempted. The trouble lies almost without exception in the shoulder seams, which are too tight, or in the lack of material directly across the shoulders. An apparently hopeless waist may often be redeemed from utter failure by having a piece inserted at the shoulder seams and then being pulled down into the correct position.

An Odd Dinner Bell.

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Children and Newspapers.

In a recent article in a current magazine there is a protest against the newspaper reading child. "It is a deplorable fact that of late years a number of excellent magazines for children have been discontinued," says the writer, who goes on to show that the vogue of the newspaper has shortened the term of childhood and made It impossible to maintain juvenile periodicals.

It is impossible to prevent a boy or a girl from learning the facts of life. They come, prematurely perhaps, in a hundred different ways outside the columns of the newspaper. Much premature knowledge is gathered at school. The streets, the theaters, the public conveyances, all furnish sights and scenes that reveal much to the inquiring youthful mind. While it is to be regretted that the accounts of crimes and murders must be printed, these are actualities that cannot be ignored. The child that is old enough to read about what is happening in the world is old enough to begin to understand something of the many sided phases of humanity. The ephemeral contents of the daily paper present much that is instructive. Indeed, in some schools the lessons in current events are as important as any on the list of regular studies. Contemporaneous history, rightly read, is not less Instructive than that which deals with ancient and medizeval times.

Instead of forbidding children to read newspapers, parents should a warm place, occasionally shaking till choose the best journals and teach all is dissolved. A teaspoonful taken their children to read about matters of general interest. Critics may sound the alarm, but it is vain to prevent the hewspaper reading child from existing. Since he has been evolved, it is well to respect his existence and to supply him with the best intellectual food for his twentieth century mind. - Milwaukee Sentinel.

When to Forget Oneself.

"There is no harm in making yourselves pretty, my dears," said Grandma Wiseman to her young readers in an eastern paper. "I do not like to see a girl who does not 'prink.' I am sure there must be something wanting in her. But, once dressed and in society. you should never show that you are thinking of your personal appearance. Stay as long as you like before your

A Reason Worth Thinking About.

A little girl from a crowdeu tenement house was delightedly telling a friend in the College Settlement about her new teacher

"She's just a perfect lady, that's what she is," said the child.

"Huh! How do you know she's a perfect lady?" questioned her friend. "You've known her only two days."

"It's easy enough telling," was the indignant answer. "I know she's a perfect lady because she makes me feel polite all the time."

A Homemade Music Portfolio,

A homemade music portfolio frequently answers the purpose as well as an expensive purchase at the shop. The covers of a large old book incased in a decorated slip of silk, satin or linen makes a satisfactory portfolio. Harps, lyres or other appropriate designs may be painted or embroidered on the upper cover and the folio tied with ribbons.

Women Officials.

More than 8,000 women are employed in the various government offices in Washington, 2,044 of whom have entered the service after competitive examination. Nine hundred of them are paid salaries ranging from \$1,000 to \$1,800 a year, the others being paid the compensation of ordinary clerks. \$600 to \$900 a year.

Gum Water.

To make gum water take one ounce of the best picked gum arabic and one quart of water. Put the gum in the water in a stoppered bottle and put in occasionally for troublesome coughs is useful in allaying irritation.

If a shoe be accidentally scorched, it can be restored by spreading the place at once with soft soap and when cool wiping off the soap and rubbing the leather with a little sweet oil or vaseline.

When whalebone becomes too bent for use, let it soak for some hours in tepid water; then dry on a flat surface, and it will be good as new.

Place a jam jar in your bathox and put your tulle hat on it. This will prevent the tulle becoming crushed in.

Mice are banished by laying wild mint in their haunts.

A FINE HALL DECORATION.

namental bracket to which it is attached it makes an effective piece of hall decoration, a decided improvement. from an artistic point of view on the homely dinner bell.

The Children,

It is a very important thing to know how to treat children when they are ill, but it is still more useful to know how to keep them well. A few simple, straightforward rules to be observed are: (1) Avoid excitement. (2) Avoid fatigue. (3) Avoid overwork. Food and clothing are, of course, very important in preserving health. Every one recognizes this, but the treatment of brains and nerves is often overlooked. Children are variously constituted, but all alike are delicate pieces of mechanism.

For the Cosy Corner.

An inexpensive addition to a cozy corner or Indian room is a leather cover for a small table. The table is decorated in oils or burned work with an Indian's head. At the top are made a few slashes in which are inserted fancifully colored pencils, green and red predominating.

Soiled Gloves.

For cleaning solled gives a com-pound made of the following ingredients has been recommended: One quart deodorized benzine, one dram sulphuric ether, one dram chloroform, two drams alcohol and sumcient cologne water to perfume.

Mops. With a little practice one can wash dishes as well and as quickly with a dish mop as with a cloth and the hands. There should be two mops, one for the tableware and one for the cook ing dishes. For washing floors have a self wringing mop.

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