

MRS. PRIESTMAN.

A Philadelphia Society Woman Whe

Has Made a Success In Trade. There is a shop on Walnut street that is unique in trade in Philadelphia. Its director is a woman of high social standing whose love of art prompted her to go into trade and who since she put out her sign has been called in to decorate some of the handsomest homes in this city.

The woman is Mrs. Priestman, and she is the first woman in the city to take up the art of house decorating and by following her profession on the principle of art first and money making second has gained a reputation and success hitherto undreamed of and has raised the work of interior decorating to a fine art.

Mrs. Priestman, herself a woman of refinement and culture, understands perfectly the requirements of her fashfonable patrons. She has planned the furnishing and decorating of the homes of some of the most influential and ex-



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clusive families in town. She has among her patrons women who are noted for their excellent taste and whose names stand for all that is re- fee. Cover closely and let stand for fined and cultured, who belong to the very oldest families in the country.

These society leaders, charming hostesses, who realize that to a great extent the success of entertaining depends on the beautiful and harmonious appearance of their parlors and drawing rooms, rely on Mrs. Priestmen to transform empty rooms into bowers of beauty and comfort. That she is ever to be depended on and that her success is unfailing are proved by her fame as an interior decorator.

of house decorating in England, and and will very probably make them red she was the first woman to enter that and uncomfortable after the gloves field in this country. She took up the work out of a pure love of making things beautiful and restful, and she says that in no country are restful homes more necessary than in energetic America, where the people are always on the rush, their nerves constantly strung up to the highest pitch and their brains ever active.-Philadelphia Times.

#### A Children's Party.

It is a mistake to spend much money on expensive flowers or favors for a folks be under ten. They will appreciate more keenly something that is novel or that they can eat or destroy.

In celebrating a birthday the cake must be the central ornament. Small eake candles are inexpensive and come in all colors. Very pretty are the tiny candle holders in the form of rosebuds, pink or white, and arranged so that they can be securely fastened to the cake. These cost 3 to 5 cents each. The candles should be selected to match the icing of the cake or the flowers used as decoration. Light them just as the little guests are seated at the table. Surround the cake with a wreath of evergreen or fringed tissue or ruffled crape paper. The evergreen wreath is more decorative with a bow of ribbon to match the candles in color at one side.

Arrange a plate with fork and teaspoon at the right and glass with straw for each child at the top of the plate, a little to the right. Lay a napkin on each plate with a name cookie

at the upper side. The menu at a children's party may include plenty of chopped meat or chicken sandwiches and a few sweet sandwich bars tied in pairs with narrow ribbon, creamed chicken in paper cases or in shells, cakes, cookies and wafers, bonbons and ice cream. Cut the ice cream in round shape when serving, and it will be just as satisfac tory as if molded in fancy forms. For drink serve cocoa with whipped cream on top or lemonade tinted faintly with pink color paste.-Philadelphia Times.

#### Some Mistakes of Women.

One of the mistakes of women is in not knowing how to eat. If a man is not to be fed when she is, she thinks a cup of tea or anything handy is good enough. If she needs to save money, she does it at the butcher's cost. If she is busy, she will not waste time in eating. If she is unhappy, she goes without food. A man eats if the sheriff is at the door, if his work drives, if the undertaker interrupts, and he is right. A woman will choose ice cream instead of beefsteak, and a man will

Another of her mistakes is in not knowing how to rest. If she is tired, she may sit down, but she will darn stockings, crochet shawls, embroider

She doesn't know that hard work

tires. If she is exhausted, she will write letters, figure her accounts or read up for some circle or club. She would laugh at you if you hinted that reading or writing could fail to rest her. All over the country women's hospitals flourish because women do not know how to rest.

Another mistake on the list is their constant worrying. Worry and hurry are their enemies, and yet they hug them to their bosoms. Women cross bridges before they come to them and even build bridges.

Women are not jolly enough. They

make too serious a business of life and laugh at its little humors too seldom. Men stop in the midst of perplexities and have a hearty laugh, and it keeps them young. Women cannot, and that is one reason why they fade so early.

Welcome Broom Cure. Young women who are bemoaning the possession of arms not plump enough to be pleasing may accept the following suggestion, if only on trial. It is said that Clara Louise Kellogg, the singer, when a young girl was much annoyed by the attenuated appearance of her arms when she began to don evening dress at her crowded concerts. Some one recommended a brisk use of the broom, which advice she followed and soon had round, plump arms as the reward of her labor. If a thin, listless girl can by any means be persuaded to try the "broom cure," she will be astonished to find what a beautifier it surely is.

Mending China.

In mending china and bric-a-brac the very best cements will fail unless they are carefully and properly applied. In the first place, make sure that the parts to be joined are perfectly clean and free from grease and grit. The broken edges should be thoroughly washed in a strong solution of lye or soap and care be taken not to touch them with the hands afterward. The cement should be put on very sparingly, and the edges should be held together until it is solid. For this purpose a piece of copper wire is better than string, as it can be tightened by twisting and holds the parts more firmly.

Coffee Sauce.

A coffee sauce offers a good flavor with a mold of any sort of blancmange. The coffee is brewed in hot cream. Pour half a pint of boiling hot cream over two tablespoonfuls of ground cofabout a quarter of an hour; then strain into a saucepan, sweeten and stir in the yolk of an egg and a scant teaspoonful of cornstarch. Let it come to a boil over a medium fire, and when cold add the beaten whites of two eggs and set away to chill thoroughly before

Small Gloves.

Don't squeeze your hands into gloves which are uncomfortably small. By doing this you will be sure to make Mrs. Priestman first studied the art | your hands look pudgy and puddingy have been taken off. Choose gloves that are long enough in the fingers and which button neatly at the wrist. Take care, however, that they are not too large, for baggy backs, slouchy wrists and wrinkled fingers have a glovenly look which is most unattrac-

Nice Hands.

To keep the hands nice rub over thoroughly with a few drops of pure glycerin, which will remove stains and dirt. Then wash with good toilet soap children's party, especially if the little | and tepid water; also have a solution of borax always ready in a bottle, and into the water you are going to wash in pour as much as will soften it. If women would only use this more and make it by dissolving borax in boiling water, they would find it most cleansing and softening.

Linen Closet Shelves.

The shelves or drawers of a linen closet should be neatly covered with white paper that is changed frequently. A few sprigs of lavender or some very mild sachet powder in bags should be laid among the pieces to take away the slight odor of soap that often is noticeable. In using slip under the pile of each article the sheets, cases and towels latest from the laundry. In this way all get the same amount of

A Good Scheme.

To prevent the bedclothes from resting on an injured foot saw a common barrel hoop into two equal parts. Then after crossing one piece over the other and fastening them together in that position cover them with cotton batting or old flannel. Place this in the bed over the foot and the bedclothes

To Ease the Feet.

If when obliged to be on your feet all day you change your shoes several times for a fresh pair, you will be astonished how much it will rest the tired feet. The reason for this is that no two shoes press the foot in the same part.

In washing japanned ware use a sponge dampened in warm water and immediately afterward dry with a soft cloth. Obstinate spots may be removed with sweet oil on a woolen cloth.

Glass covers for platters are better than metal ones. The former retain the heat as well as the latter and have the advantage of being transparent.

If burned milk is put immediately into a jug and then placed in a basin of cold water until it is cool, the burned taste and smell will disappear.

Lard for pastry should be hard, so it can be cut with a knife. It should be cut through the flour, not rubbed.

GREAT ON POINTS.

Bird Dog Whose Natural Traits

Amounted to a Manta. "Talking about bird dogs," said the man with the shifty eye in the rear seat of the trolley car-and nobody had said a word about bird dogs or any other kind of dogs-"I had the most remarkable bird dog that ever happened, I guess, when I was living out in Santa Barbara, Cal., in 1895. I don't s'pose there will ever be the likes of that dog on this earth again. I raised him from a pup. He was a pointer from away back. It was just as natural for that dog to flop on his haunches and point at a bird as it is for us humans to eat things that don't agree

"He began to point before he had shed his milk teeth. I took him out for a walk one day when he was only about 2 months old, and it took us about four hours to get over two miles of ground, for that dog would sit down and point at a bird about every ten feet of our progress. It didn't make any sort of difference what kind of a bird it was that he pointed at. He'd point at any old kind of a bird. If a little bunch of English sparrows would settle down in the middle of the street, he'd just sit down and point at them. and it was all I could do to get him to come along with me. He'd point at a robin sitting on top of a cottonwood tree, and he'd point at a Brahman rooster clawing up a flower bed in a front yard. Any old thing that had feathers on it that dog of mine would point at. Had him out one afternoon when a bald headed eagle began to soar around above Santa Barbara about three miles up in the air, and blamed if that dog didn't catch sight of the noble bird and squat down and point at it until I had to bat him with a club to induce him to

come along with me. "One day I had an aching tooth, and I decided to go to a dentist and have the miserable molar yanked out. I felt so bad that I took that pointer pup along with me for company on my way to the dentist's office, and when he got to the door lie slipped into the office with me. Next thing I knew that pointer pup of mine was sitting back on his quarters a-pointing at a picture of some ruffled grouse that the dentist had on the wall of his reception room.

"In the course of time pointing got to be a regular mania of that dog. and I couldn't take him out for exercise very often on account of his habit of lagging behind to point at feathered things. Took him out one afternoon when he was about a year old, and a furniture van with a lot of pillows piled on top of some beds came along. One of the pillows was broken at the side, and a lot of feathers escaped. That dog of mine saw the flying feathers, and blame me if he didn't sit down and point at that furniture van!

"But that wasn't the cutest thing he ever did. The cutest thing he ever did was one afternoon when I took bim down to the Santa Barbara beach for s walk on the sand. I hadn't any sooner got him down to the beach than he sat down and began to point out to sea. I couldn't for the life of me make out what he was pointing at. There wasn't ary a bird, not even a sea gull, in sight, but he kept right on squatting there at the verge of the sea and pointing out over the water, and if ever a man was puzzled, then I was. At first I calculated that he might be mistaking the crests of the waves for feathers; but, no-a little reflection convinced me that he wasn't any such a fool dog as to do a thing like that. Then I noticed that he was pointing directly at a white ship that lay out in the harbor. I pulled out my fieldglasses and took a look at the ship, and then the mystery was made clear. The ship he was pointing at was the United States man-o'-war Petrel." And then the man with the shifty eye executed a sudden leap and escaped from the car before his wrathful listeners could hop on him and macerate him .- Washington Star.

A Revolution in Buttons.

One of the last surviving of the old sumptuary laws, now almost forgotten, but considered of great importance in maintaining one branch of Sheffield trade, was that directed against covered buttons. The town dealt largely in horn buttons of different kinds for common wear, as well as in metal and plated buttons for the better class of coats, waistcoats and gaiters. From 1720 to the end of the century the town annals show that there was considerable though fitful zeal under the statute of 8 Anne against the venders and users of covered buttons. In 1791 a tailor was convicted in a penalty of 40 shillings a dozen for setting covered buttons on a gentleman's walstcoat and the wearer in a like penalty for appearing in a garment thus adorned. General action was taken against offenders by the master and journeymen button makers of Sheffield as late as 1802, but the magistrates gave so little encouragement to these prosecutions that the law, though it long remained unrepealed, fell from that time into desuetude.

Chinese Detectives.

A French surgeon who lived in China declares that the Chinese detectives are unequaled in ability for ferreting out criminals. It is impossible for an evildoer long to elude them. They have an eye upon every man, women and child, foreign or native, in China and in addition watch each other. Informers are encouraged, and collusion is impossible.

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