

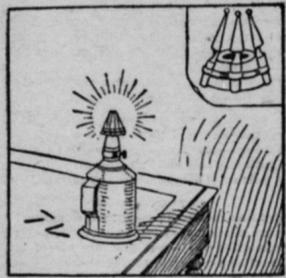


LIKE AN ELECTRIC LIGHT.

How You May Make This Glowing Lamp With Burned Matches.

When you burn a wooden match, you find that there remains a little quantity of white ashes, which reddens with great ease if you blow on it. Fix some of these ashes on the points of four ordinary pens and attach them around an ordinary cork pierced in the center by a hole.

If you find any difficulty in making the ashes stick to the points of the pens, stick half a match on each pen



THE MATCH LAMP.

point and let each match burn down. Carefully place the cork thus equipped on a little lamp filled with mineral oil, so that the wick of the lamp passes through the hole in the cork.

Now light the lamp and keep the wick well lowered, so that it gives only an almost imperceptible blue flame, and you will see the ashes or the matches, by incandescence, take on a magnificent bluish, and for a moment the light will be almost as strong as that of the ordinary electric lamp.

To Make an Aeolian Harp.

This instrument can be made by almost any ingenious boy. It consists of a long, narrow box of very thin wood about five or six inches deep, with a circle in the middle of the upper side an inch and a half in diameter, in which are to be drilled small holes. In this side seven, ten or more strings of very fine gut are stretched over the bridges at each end, like the bridges of a fiddle, and screwed up or relaxed with screw pins.

The strings should all be tuned to the same note and the instrument placed in some current of air where the wind can pass over its strings with freedom. A window the width of which is equal to the length of the harp, with the sash just raised to give the air admission, is a proper situation. When the air blows upon the strings of the harp with different degrees of force, it will excite different degrees of sound. Sometimes the blast brings out all the tones in full concert, and sometimes it sinks to the softest murmurs.

With Aid of Electricity.

On a dry day rub with a brush or with the hand a thin piece of paper. It will become electrified in a short time and adhere to your hand, your face or your coat as if it had glue on it, and you will not be able to get rid of it.

Electrify in the same manner a thick piece of paper, a postal card, for example, and you will see that, as with sealing wax, glass, sulphur or resin, this card can attract light bodies—small pieces of cork, etc. Balance a cane on the back of a chair and waver any one in the audience that you will make it fall without touching it, blowing on it or moving the chair.

All you need do is to dry the card well before the fire, rub it vigorously with your sleeve and put it close to one end of the cane, which will follow it as iron follows a magnet, until, having lost its equilibrium, the cane will fall to the floor.

Peeled Chickens.

A party of visitors to the country were very much interested last summer by the remarks of some children sent out by the fresh air fund for a day in the country. There were quite a number of them playing about a pretty farmhouse one day when some passerby stopped and began to talk to them.

"Did you ever seen any chickens before?" asked one lady as a flock of fowls came strutting down the lawn.

"Oh, yes," said one of the eldest wisely, with a knowing shake of his head, "we've always seen 'em—lots—only generally it was after they were peeled."

Guessing the Number.

Tell some one to think of any number he likes, but not to tell you what it is. Tell him then to double it. When he has done that, let him add an even number to it, which you must give him. After doing this he must halve the whole, then from what is left take away the number he first thought of. When this is completed, if he has counted correctly, you will be able to give him the exact remainder, which will simply be the half of the even number you told him to add to his own.

The Sleepy Man.

"Nurse says the sleepy man is coming. Let us run and watch him through the keyhole; 'Twill be such glorious fun."

So they softly crept to the playroom, Little Ted and blue eyed Nan, And waited long and patiently To see the sleepy man.

At last it came their bedtime, And nurse looked all around For Baby Nan and Little Ted, But neither could be found.

So then she sought the playroom, And lo, behind the door, The sleepy man had caught them both And laid them on the floor.

—Presbyterian.

NURSERY NOTES.

The mother in dressing her little ones should always combine comfort with the thought of prettiness.

To relieve earache in children bind on a small bag of hops moistened with boiling water and keep it warm. Let the children able to run about romp and play outdoors in cold weather, but do not take them for long, slow walks.

Respect the little secrets of children. If they have concealment, worrying them will never make them tell, and patience will probably do its work.

A small bunch of absorbent cotton makes a splendid powder puff for baby's morning bath and is desirable, as it will be discarded for a fresh one oftener than a regular puff would be.

Bathe the children in the forenoon if possible; if not, an hour before the evening meal. Never give a child a bath for at least an hour after eating and never take a child outdoors immediately after its bath.

Mothers should learn how much sympathy means to the child. Children's troubles may seem very trivial to us, but they are very real to them. The feeling that "mother will understand" is a comforting belief to many grown-up children.

Soap Destroys Varnish.

The care of furniture woods is an exceedingly interesting part of the intelligent housekeeper's duties. The daily light dusting must supplement the weekly rubbing if the "bloom"—in this instance not desirable—is to be kept away. As a rule, the use of oily restoratives is to be deprecated. Unless applied by a tireless arm and thoroughly rubbed in and thereafter the piece of furniture kept in perfect polish by a daily rubbing, the oil is sure to form a crust sooner or later, which is gummy to the touch and not pleasing to the eye. For this reason new furniture should be kept as long as possible without the application of such restoratives. Furniture which has been finished with shellac or varnish, whether in glossy or dull finish, should never be cleaned with soap or water. Soap is made to cut oily substances, and in the performance of the service for which it is made it eats the oil out of the waxed, oiled or shellacked surface it touches and destroys it.

Cheerfulness is Easy.

A hardworking woman whose ready help and abundant sympathy for the troubles of others make her the best of friends lately gave her recipe for cheerfulness.

"Why, it's no credit to me to keep cheerful," she said to a doleful visitor one day. "It's only that I've got into the habit of having all my uncomfortable feelings at one time. Mornings, after my husband has started off, I do the breakfast dishes before anybody else is likely to drop in, and if there's anything worrying me I just attend to it then. If I don't get it thought out enough, it has to go over till next day. You select a few minutes like that in the early morning, when you're fresh, and do up your worries for the day, and then put 'em out of mind, and you'll find it's the easiest thing in the world to keep cheerful the rest of the time and be ready to attend to other folks' troubles."

Baking Cups.

Every kitchen should have a set of the little brown earthenware cups that come for custards and other bakings. Popovers are delicious baked in them, as are also soft corn bread, rice muffins and other luncheon breads. For popovers sift together a cupful of flour, a teaspoonful of baking powder and a little salt. Add gradually, stirring all the time, a scant cupful of milk. Beat in a well whipped egg and beat the mixture for some minutes with a Dover egg beater. Have the cups hot and buttered. Four in the batter, and bake thirty-five minutes in a moderate oven. The cups should not be more than half filled, as the batter rises.

Bedroom Curtains.

The best quality of cheesecloth makes pretty and appropriate curtains for bedrooms. It comes in soft tones of green, rose and yellow, as well as white, and washes well. The chief beauty of cheesecloth lies in the graceful and pliable quality of its folds. Every breath of air stirs and gives it a change of line. Another fabric which may be used for curtains is called elder cloth. It has a loose mesh which admits a great deal of light. Unfortunately it is apt to fade, but it is so inexpensive that it can be frequently renewed.

The Climbing Cure.

A new fad among women who suffer from ailments, fancied or otherwise, is that of walking briskly uphill for a stated period daily. Always supposing that no organic weakness of the heart exists, immense benefit is derived from this exercise by people of low vitality, hollow chests and neurasthenia. It is an absolute cure for the woman who just fancies she does not feel well and for the "blues."

Homemade Fire Extinguishers.

The housewife who lives in constant dread of fire may with very little trouble make an extinguisher that will put out a blaze if it is used in time. All she needs to do is to put three pounds of salt in a gallon of water and to this add one and a half pounds of sal ammoniac. This liquid should be bottled, and when the fire is discovered it should be poured upon it.

Food in Molds.

To remove a hot cake or pudding from a tin or mold turn upside down and cover with a cloth wrung out of cold water. The contents will slip out in a minute or two. To remove anything cold or frozen reverse the process and wring the cloth out of hot water.

A NATURAL POISE.

It is Found in but One Out of Every Five Hundred Women.

It is safe to say that not more than one woman out of 500 is able to walk, stand, sit, breathe or rest correctly. By correctly I mean normally, for whatever act is performed normally is always correct. What is normal poise? Normal poise is natural poise, a poise of strength and confidence; an erect, natural carriage of the body over a strong base or center. In standing this strong base or center should be always on the balls of the feet, of one or both feet, as the case may be.

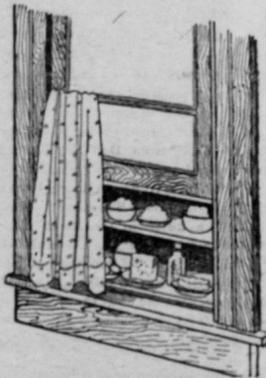
Look at a child, a young child, before it has been coddled, pampered and squeezed out of its normal state. It does not have a sunken chest, protruding abdomen and bent knee.

Look at the average woman. If compelled to stand for five minutes, the knee bends, and she shifts uncomfortably from one foot to the other. If compelled to stand for a half hour, her face takes on a look almost of haggardness, caused by the weariness she is enduring. The legs become tremble and she wants to sink. The law of gravity is such that it is natural for the heavier part to seek the earth, but the laws of nature are also such that it is natural for the vital part or center to furnish the limbs of our body with sufficient strength to do our bidding without excessive fatigue. A weak person, therefore, cannot be well poised. Whence comes our strength?

From the air we breathe, from the food and drink taken into the stomach and from the exercise that we take to distribute that nourishment. As strength is possible only through the medium of the vital organs, it is imperative that these organs be kept always in a condition of normal activity. It is obvious that they must not be squeezed out of place, neither must they be allowed to sag and press one upon another.—Pilgrim.

A Good Window Cupboard.

A cupboard fitted under the lower sash of a window and jutting out of doors, with curtain on the inside, may be made a great convenience. The illustration shows the construction.



WINDOW PROVISION CUPBOARD.

Things that require to be kept cool may be placed there instead of being taken to the cellar. If the box or cupboard is tight and the sash fits down close, it will keep the wind from blowing into the room. The illustration shows the construction.—St. Louis Republic.

How to Carry the Skirts.

All dainty women, women in moderate circumstances who cannot afford new gowns every week, women who love cleanliness for its own sake, want to know just how to raise their skirts properly. Whether the day be cloudy or fair these women lift their skirts, for a train is an inevitable nuisance. How to do it and to do it well are difficult problems.

How to lift it properly is a twentieth century problem, says the Philadelphia Inquirer. Try gathering the skirt snugly in the right hand clear of the ground, holding it in that position while you walk through muddy streets and on dirty sidewalks. No doubt women think this is more easily said than done. It is unless one has practiced the art of skirt lifting before a mirror. Until she has tried it for that purpose no woman realizes the full value of her looking glass.

Unpolished Furniture.

Unfinished mahogany is the popular way of having all the furniture of this beautiful wood. The cabinet makers now omit the high polish upon dining room chairs and tables or the spindle legged or claw footed furniture of bedroom and parlor. Until recently the good housewife thought that it was necessary to have chairs and tables oiled and polished until they were a veritable mirror. Now all this is changed, and the dull, dark, unpolished finish is the correct thing. The frames of pictures that are made of mahogany are now also in an unfinished state. This rich wood is ever popular for water colors, prints and etchings. But those that are highly polished are not now in fashion.

Australian Girls.

Australian women do not share the English love of sport. They neither hunt nor shoot, for they are all lovers of horses. The typical Australian girl cannot only ride and drive, she can saddle, harness, groom and doctor her own horse. The country girls are fearless riders, and in the small townships annually shows take place, equestriennes invariably having place on the programme, nonprofessionally.

To Whiten Linen.

Linen which has acquired a yellow or bad color through careless washing may be restored to pristine whiteness by working it well in water containing a clear solution of chloride of lime, rinsing it in clear water both before and after using this bleaching liquor.



No. 42.—Novel Wordmaking.

{Example: Reverse a snare, prefix a letter and make separated, Answer—Trap, a-part.}

- 1. Reverse a space of time, prefix a letter and make a word.
2. Reverse a pronoun, prefix a letter and make to cut.
3. Reverse a tax, prefix a letter and make to distribute.
4. Reverse a metal, prefix a letter and make to unite closely.
5. Reverse melted rock, prefix a letter and make pertaining to the navy.

No. 43.—Curtailments.

- 1. Curtail a musical piece for two performers and have to be indebted.
2. Curtail a large wading bird and have a brave man.
3. Curtail to turn aside and have one who dives.
4. Curtail a surgical instrument and have a long spear.
5. Curtail an open, grassy space and have decree.

No. 44.—Added Syllables.

- 1. The — was wild; we shook to hear. And through the —ow gazed in fear.
2. The storm blind — were not afraid; Their ropes were not of —al made.
3. They made the — with rising tide And entered at the —al wide.

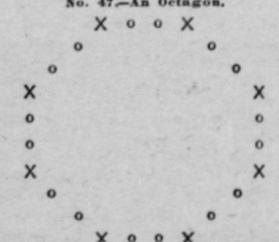
No. 45.—Progressive Enigma.

- 1. He looked at his 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 without a 6, 7, 8, 9 and then turned back without giving the sentinel the 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9.
2. The men who do not take active part in the 1, 2, 3 should not 4, 5, 6, 7 about defeats until their actions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 success.
3. In this land one can 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 his thoughts 6, 7, 8, 9 frequently, but he should not push his liberty to the 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9.
4. It is a commendable 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 in a boy 6, 7 girl to scorn a 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7.

No. 46.—Double Acrostic.

My primals and finals each spell a continent. Crosswords: 1. Active. 2. German for wife. 3. To erect. 4. A blue dye. 5. To hold fast. 6. To endure.

No. 47.—An Octagon.



- 1. A flower. 2. Always. 3. Perfect in growth. 4. Level. 5. A small lizard. 6. To make a peculiar sound. 7. A journey in a circuit. 8. To raise.

No. 48.—Geographical Puzzle.



What sea and what lake do the pictures represent?

No. 49.—Riddle.

You love it, but beware how you get in it. If you attach it to a car, you may walk on it. If you prefix it to a beverage, you will think it very insignificant. What is it?

No. 50.—Transpositions.

His long — was gray. His — arm was strong. "— me not," Said he, "for long I've toiled for — And done no wrong."

No. 51.—Metagram.

Whole, I am a city in Italy. Change my head, and I become a residence, a verb, a copula, an adjective and a ponderous volume.

No. 52.—Numerical Enigma.

My whole is composed of nineteen letters and spells the name of a writer for young people. Find his name by correctly completing the following sentences: 9 said: "1, 2 is 7 funny fellow. 1, 2 does not know what a 3, 4, 9, 14, 7 is." The name of our old horse is 5, 6, 12. The lady said to the grocer, "How much is 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19?"

Key to the Puzzler.

- No. 32.—Triangle: 1. Boston. 2. Ocean. 3. Sear. 4. Tar. 5. On. 6. N. No. 33.—A Bit From Box: Micever. No. 34.—Primal Acrostic: Pumpkin pie. 1. Proserpine. 2. Ulysses. 3. Minotaur. 4. Pegasus. 5. Kore. 6. Io. 7. Nestor. 8. Pheidias. 9. Iris. 10. Eros. No. 35.—Syncope: Ma-tin. Mo-tor. Ga-ne. Ga-n-in. No. 36.—Anagrams: Stop, organs, tiring. Handsome, streets. Picture, amiable. No. 37.—Crossword: Greenland. No. 38.—Word Square: 1. Pope. 2. Ovid. 3. Pile. 4. Eden. No. 39.—Diamond: 1. C. 2. Ak. 3. Clear. 4. Ear. 5. R. No. 40.—Enigmatical Rivers: Merrimac. Muskingum. Tombigbee. Missouri. Iouastonic. Po. No. 41.—A Queer Letter: W-hale. W-hen. W-hat. W-heat. W-heel. W-him. W-hip.

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Here is M. Gallois' method, which is extremely simple: He saturates a pad of cotton with oxygenated water and applies it to the part which he wishes to deprive of hair, leaving it there for several minutes. He renews the application daily until the desired result is obtained. Suppose, for instance, it is the hair on the upper lip that is in question. The hair quickly loses its color and becomes a mere colorless down, absolutely imperceptible. If the applications are continued, the hair becomes attenuated, breaks off and disappears.

The method is painless and has no ill result. The only inconvenience is that the hair is not absolutely destroyed and that the application of oxygenized water will have to be recommenced. But as far as women are concerned the applications are not complicated. They merely constitute an addition to the artifices of the toilet. There is only one precaution to be taken. The oxygenized water must not be allowed to moisten any stuff to which value is attached, for it destroys tissues as well as burns hair.—European Edition New York Herald.

A Clever Key Locker.

Many a timid person may be glad to learn of a simple device which any handy-man about the house can make in a few moments—an old device, but a good one, to prevent any burglar from turning a key by means of nippers inserted in the keyhole while he is standing outside the door. It is of sim-



SOMETHING TO BOTHER BURGLARS. ple construction, and it can be carried when one is traveling and obliged to sleep in strange places. A piece of stout wire about ten inches long is bent into the shape of a hairpin. When the door is locked for the night the key is turned as far as it will go and the wire hung over the neck of the doorknob, one end being thrust through the handle of the key, as shown here.—Ladies' Home Journal.

Ventilate the Kitchen.

Poorly ventilated, overheated kitchens, says one who has given the matter thought, are responsible in many cases not only for the proverbial ill temper of cooks, but for their predisposition to disease. Rheumatism, varicose veins and tuberculosis are maladies which frequently afflict the cook, to say nothing of alcoholism, which is still more common. The reason adduced for the alcohol habit is that men or women working in air heavy with food are seldom hungry, but crave stimulants.—New York Herald.

Boiling Water.

When water has once been made to boil, the fire may be very much lessened, as but little heat is required to keep it at the boiling point. There is no advantage whatever in making water boil furiously, for it is not in the slightest degree hotter than when merely simmering, as all the extra heat given to boiling water goes off in the steam without raising the heat in the slightest degree.

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