



MISS CLARA BARTON.

President of the American Branch of the Red Cross Society.

There is a quiet woman, still in the prime of life, living unostentatiously in the city of Washington, though staying at home very little of the time; not that she would not like to stay there, for she is as fond of home as any one, but the world will not let her do so. If you have watched the newspaper reports concerning her, you cannot fail to have noticed how she moves about, now sailing up and down the swollen tide of the Ohio river dispensing supplies and comforts to the poor, flooded sufferers; then over in Geneva attending the international convention of the Red Cross society; next to the national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic; then she comes rushing home to gather up some things for poor, ruined people in this or that quarter of the globe.

Miss Barton comes from Puritan stock and is a native of Massachusetts, the daughter of a soldier who served



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his country in the early days of the republic. When the cry of war started our peaceful country, she, with others, volunteered to look after those Massachusetts men who were attacked in Baltimore.

Her executive ability and remarkable gifts as a nurse were soon recognized at army headquarters and in the White House. She attended the wounded on the field. She also took care of hospital supplies, distributing them wisely and economically. Military trains were placed at her disposal for the conveyance of passengers to such places as she deemed best for them.

Since the close of our war between the states Miss Barton has been identified with the Red Cross society work and has been president of the American branch of the international society, which she was instrumental in founding, since its organization.

Light Housekeeping.

"Don't talk to me of care free light housekeeping," said a woman who had tried it. "Light housekeeping is the heaviest kind of housekeeping. It brings up a vision of oil stoves, delicatessen shops, shabby gentility, a guilty endeavor not to let the right hand know what the left hand doeth and a conglomerate parlor-kitchen, sitting room, dining room mixture of untidiness, for unless you have the faculty of a ship steward it is an utter impossibility to keep things in order in such confined quarters.

"It can be done, but one has to work with every fiber of her body as she learns the true inwardness of the word shipshape. So please do not call it light housekeeping. Then all your friends want to know just how you manage, what is hidden under that curtain, which is your china and which your kitchen closet and what do you keep beneath the lounge or back of the piano."

To a person who has lived in a large house, replete with closets, light housekeeping resolves itself into an effort to overcome the self evident truth that "two bodies cannot occupy the same place at the same time" while solving the problem "where to put things." A place for everything and everything in its place is all right in theory, but when things outnumber places the housewife can only live in the memory that she used to be a model housekeeper before light housekeeping ensnared her.—Woman's World.

Help For Tired Eyes.

There is a simple and effectual remedy for the woman whose eyes are red and smarting from overstrain of any kind.

Let her ask her druggist for 10 cents' worth of equal parts of powdered borax and boric acid. This amount will last some time. A scant fourth of a teaspoonful dissolved in one cupful of boiling water should be used as a bath for the eyes, applied with a linen cloth as hot as can be borne with comfort. The water should be allowed to enter the eye.

Instead of using a cloth, benefit is often derived from putting the face close to the cup and tipping the latter so that the eye is immersed in the water. The eye should be opened and shut a number of times under the water. Bathe the eyes in this way night and morning, and the redness of the lids will disappear, the white of the eye will become clear and bright, and the aversion to light which is often felt in the case of weakened eyes will be greatly lessened.

This remedy is not a cure for diseased eyes, but merely a relief for weak and tired ones. It is absolutely harmless and has been recommended by physicians.—Farm and Fireside.

To Govern Self.

What are the accomplishments that count? Are they singing, playing, painting, dancing, etc., or are they a happy disposition—one that sees the

silver lining to even the blackest cloud—a helping hand, a disposition to make another's burdens easier to carry, even temper, good nature, etc.? There is no question those first suggested are poor accomplishments indeed in comparison with the others, and, again, while the so called accomplishments of singing, playing, etc., can be the heritage of but few, the others—and they are the accomplishments that really count—can be the heritage of all. No matter what one's condition or disposition is, it can be bettered or trained if one is willing to work, says the American Queen. You must learn to govern yourself, to curb your temper and tongue, perhaps laboriously at first (it comes as a second nature later), to seek the silver lining, to be kind, helpful, gentle and honest, and when you have succeeded in all these you will not only have all the accomplishments that count, but as a consequence you will be a most popular girl and a charming companion to any man.

Candle Shades.

Why green candle shades should be selected when even to the prettiest "bud" a warmer one is better suited is a mystery. The ghastly, sepulchral light shed by them is sure to detract from the most charmingly gowned company, although the effect of the table with proper setting is undeniably attractive. Every one is familiar with the device of the stage to throw a green or blue glare on the heroine who must suddenly assume the role of sufferer and be overspread with pallor. But without a thought of the result on her guests or even on her own complexion the hostess who is wise in other things chooses the same effect. Yellow and red are both becoming to young and old alike and are consequently admirably adapted to the family party. Pink it is better to choose only for a youthful company.

Pillows.

Pillows are made in three sizes—20 by 27, 27 by 28 and 20 by 30 inches. Pillowslips should be an eighth of a yard longer than the pillow after they are hemmed and wide enough to slip easily over it. They may be either plainly hemmed or hemstitched. Pillowshams should be larger than the pillows that they are to be used for. The average sized sham is 30 by 30 inches. If the round bolster is preferred to the shams, it may be stuffed with feathers or may consist simply of a pasteboard frame over which ticking is drawn. It may then be covered with any desired material. Pillowshams and bedspreads are often made of linen and simply or elaborately embroidered.

Rolled Hems For Damask.

When cutting table linen, cut by the pattern, which is the same as cutting by the thread. The thread makes the pattern, which takes less time than pulling the thread, and you will achieve the same result. The simple rolled hem done by hand should finish the raw edges of all damask tablecloths and napkins unless a hemstitch is preferred. In this case the tablecloth usually has a two inch hem and the napkins are finished with an inch hem. Tablecloths cut from the web are much cheaper than those woven with a border.

Ruskin on Girl Rearing.

"You bring up your girls," says Ruskin, "as if they were meant for sideboard ornaments and then complain of their frivolity. Give them not only noble teaching, but noble teachers, and give them the help which alone has sometimes done more than all other influences, the help of wild and fair nature. You cannot baptize them rightly in inch deep church fonts unless you baptize them also in the sweet waters which the great Lawgiver strikes forth from the rocks of your native land."

Usefulness of Cheesecloth.

Absorbent gauze is virtually our old friend cheesecloth, and although one may prefer it antiseptically prepared, as for surgeon's use, it is as well to know that the plain 5 cents a yard variety is all one needs usually. The plain cheesecloth makes excellent pantry towels for the waitress—much better than stiff crash. The cook uses it also for straining jellies, sauces and gravies, and makes towels of it for polishing kitchen utensils.

Baby's Hot Water Bottle.

Every baby needs a hot water bottle and should have one for his own individual use. For the first few months of his existence he will find this commonplace article his warmest if not his best friend. In itself a rubber hot water bottle is not a thing of beauty, but may be given a festive air if a cover is made for it of white flannel or eiderdown or crocheted of soft white wool.—Harper's.

Under the Refrigerator.

An exceedingly convenient household idea is to have a zinc plate about nine inches square, perforated at one end, in the floor under the drip pipe of the refrigerator covering a pipe for carrying away the water. A half inch wooden molding surrounds the zinc to prevent the spread of the water.

If before taking butter out of the paper in which it is wrapped it is immersed in cold water for one or two minutes, the paper will come off perfectly clean, thus avoiding waste.

Besides the thorough airing that beds and bedding should daily have, mattresses, bolsters and pillows should be beaten and shaken three times a week.

Oh, banish the tears of children! Continual rains upon the blossoms are hurtful.—Richter.

Kindness in women, not their beautiful looks, shall win my love.—Shakespeare.

THE DOMESTIC PYRAMID.

Many Materials and a Woman's Life Go Into Its Construction.

The domestic pyramid is a mythical structure which every woman builds. It seems paradoxical to say that a mythical structure is actually built, but such is the case. The more industrious the woman the higher the pyramid. Many materials go to the building, and a woman's life is given up to the occupation.

First, and these form a mighty proportion, the pyramid contains all the dishes which one woman has washed. Three times a day for twenty or thirty years she washes some fifty dishes. It makes a mighty host when it is placed in the pyramid, for since there are 365 days in each year on an average a woman washes 54,250 dishes each year.

Next on the pyramid are the brooms and dusters and scrubbing brushes and dishcloths and tea cloths which have been worn out in her battle for cleanliness. It is wonderful to think of. They will number well into the hundreds, even though the one who used them was not known as a notable housewife. Right in this section of the pyramid come the soap and washing powders which helped in the fray. Few people would imagine the quantities of these which are used, but when it is all put together it makes a very respectable corner in the pyramid.

Then come the foodstuffs which have gone through her hands in preparation for the table—the dozens of eggs she has boiled and poached and fried, the bushels of potatoes she has pared, the quantity of flour she has sifted, the fruit and sugar which she laboriously made into preserves and jellies, the loaves of bread she has kneaded and the cake she has beaten. If she be a New Englander, there are mountains of pies she has baked and innumerable doughnuts she has fried. Such an appalling quantity!

Could a woman realize early in life the domestic pyramid which she would build she would think it an impossibility. Luckily she knows nothing of this and toils on from day to day, building according to her energies and enabling the work with the beauty of self sacrifice.—Sallie Carroll in Pittsburg Chronicle.

An Umbrella Stand.

The umbrella stand shown in the illustration is a decided improvement on the old fashioned receptacles, and not the least advantage it possesses is that in it the umbrellas are distributed at a fair distance from each other, giving



BURNED WOOD UMBRELLA STAND.

no trouble in getting them mixed or in spoiling or cutting the silk. This useful article of household furnishing may be made of plain materials or may be fashioned of burnt wood or ornamented in other ways. A couple of coats of paint or enamel on the bottom where the umbrellas rest will give a waterproof finish to the wood.

Deviled Mushrooms.

An old time housewife with modern ideas gives this recipe for deviled mushrooms; they are to be served as a "savory" after the dessert and before the fruit and coffee:

Peel and remove the stalks from some button mushrooms, scoop out a portion of the head of each, chop this finely with half a dozen more mushrooms and fry in two ounces of butter with a minced shallot, a dessert spoonful of chopped parsley and double that quantity of lean cooked ham. To these add a dash of cayenne, also a little salt, pepper and a dessertspoonful of curry paste. Fill the scooped out mushrooms with the mixture, place them on a buttered tin, sprinkle with fine bread-crumbs and grated cheese, and bake for ten minutes. Serve two on a small crouton to each guest.—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

Status of Finland Women.

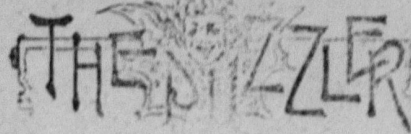
In Finland the broadest form of co-education is practiced. Since 1893 women have been eligible as members of school boards, but among the working classes equality with men has long been established. In the trades women are represented as follows in the grand duchy: One hundred and forty-four bookbinders, 112 hatters, 17 dyers, 12 carpenters, 10 paper hangers, 11 watchmakers, 20 goldsmiths, 558 bakers, 19 slaughterers, 353 hotel and restaurant keepers, 765 ship loaders, 198 printers and 550 bricklayers. There are also 850 women in the employ of the state in various capacities.

She Controls a Trust.

A South Boston woman owns and controls nine weekly papers, which circulate in the smaller New England cities. She is her own manager and employs only girls, some as young as seventeen. She never engages any one over twenty-one, her theory being that women out of their teens become "set" and that their work lacks freshness. She writes all editorials. Her papers keep the interests of women prominently in view, but are not designed exclusively for feminine perusal.

Handy in the Kitchen.

An artist housewife discovered that a palette knife is a most useful kitchen implement and keeps one in the table drawer of that apartment as well as in her studio. To ice cake, to slip in pans to which anything sticks it is invaluable as well as for various other services where a thin, pliable knife is needed.



No. 53.—Diamond.

1. A letter. 2. To lay over or on. 3. Pertaining to the moon. 4. A large dwelling house. 5. To practice painting. 6. To decay. 7. A letter.

No. 54.—Tops.

The top that is uppermost. The top that tumbles down. The top that is a subject of discourse.

No. 55.—Bits From Box.



Two of Dickens' characters.

No. 56.—Central Acrostic.

All the words described contain the same number of letters. When rightly guessed and written one below another, the central letters will spell something associated with a good country dinner. Crosswords: 1. A fruit. 2. An expression of mirth. 3. Domesticated. 4. Tubes. 5. A joint of the body. 6. To pierce acutely. 7. A flower. 8. Soaked with moisture. 9. Unbending. 10. Set free.

No. 57.—Progressive Word.

Place the 1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8 On the top of the glass. Then you may 1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8 What cometh to pass.

No. 58.—Metagram.

1. Not the greatest. 2. A sumptuous meal. 3. An animal. 4. The froth of a liquor in fermentation.

No. 59.—Riddles.

How may one gain a high position in the world? What ship has two mates and no captain? When is a sailor not a sailor?

No. 60.—Numerical Enigma.

I am composed of fourteen letters and spell the name of a writer of animal stories for children. My 7, 5, 6, 8 is an absence of light. My 11, 12, 13, 14 is a kind of fish. My 1, 9, 10 is to separate. My 7, 2, 14 is excavated. My 3, 4, 12, 13, 14 is what few people like.

No. 61.—On the Ice.

An ice that is cut. An ice that gives a piquant flavor. An ice that lures. An ice often seen at weddings. An ice fixed by the merchant. An ice feared by ladies. An ice that is dainty.

A Speculative Fall.

Tom—Poor Jagers isn't on the board of trade any more. Jack—No; he might have succeeded in wheat if he hadn't dabbled in rye.

Key to the Puzzle.

No. 42.—Novel Wordmaking: 1. Era, tare. 2. We, bew. 3. Toll, allot. 4. Tin, knit. 5. Lava, naval.

No. 43.—Curtailments: 1. Duet. 2. Hero-n. 3. Diver-t. 4. Lancel. 5. Law-n.

No. 44.—Added Syllables: 1. Wind, window. 2. Crew, crewel. 3. Port, portal.

No. 45.—Progressive Enigma: 1. Watch-word. 2. War-rant. 3. Uttermost. 4. Trait-or.

No. 46.—Double Acrostic: Primals—Africa. Finals—Europe. Crosswords—1. Agile. 2. Frau. 3. Rear. 4. Indigo. 5. Clasp. 6. Abide.

No. 47.—An Octogon:

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No. 48.—Geographical Puzzle: Baltic, Erie.

No. 49.—Riddle: Pet. Car-pet. Pet-ty (ten).

No. 50.—Transpositions: Beard, bared, debar, bread.

No. 51.—Metagram: Rome, home, come, dome, some, tome.

No. 52.—Numerical Enigma: Hezekiah Butterworth.

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