

### MISS VIOLET OAKLEY.

America's Woman Mural Painter and Her Ambitious Work.

For the first time in the history of American art a woman is intrusted with the mural decorations of a great public building. When the splendid new capitol at Harrisburg, Pa., is finished one of the most interesting sights the guides will have to show visitors will be a great frieze entitled "The Romance of the Founding of the State."

Violet Oakley is to be the creator of this work. The room in the capitol and varied peculiarities which are towhich Miss Oakley is to decorate is tally incomprehensible to women. Do 70 feet by 30 and 16 feet high. The not try to understand them, for you frieze, divided into panels, is to be 5 cannot, and that is all there is about it. feet in depth, beginning 11 feet from the floor. The subject, "The Romance of the Founding of the State," is one that allows unlimited latitude for original treatment in a way that will appeal to popular favor, for the artist



who undertakes to carry out this scheme of decoration is not hampered by tradition, as is the case with the subjects, the old stock ones.

glasswork that Miss Oakley especially excels. Her decorations in the Church of All Angels in New York placed ber name foremost among the artists in that line of work.

Just how many years it will take to went on a tour of Europe, visiting As sisi. Venice. Naples. Rome and Flormasters of mural decorations and treasuring a wealth of suggestions.

Then she went to England to obtain museum, Oxford and elsewhere Miss Oakley found the necessary groundwork for the compositions and then re. things cheerful and pleasant. turned to her studio at Villa Nova, Pa., to begin the designs.

The young artist who is thus honored with work that none but a master with

Then she went for a year abroad, Gean at the Academie Montparnasse during a winter and spending a summer under Charles Lasar in Rye, Sussex. The following year she spent in Philadelphia, taking lessons at the Academy of the Fine Arts under Cecilia Beaux, Joseph de Camp and Henry Thouron.-Boston Globe.

### The Plain Woman.

"The pretty woman hasn't all the good things in life," said a plain woman. "She misses one thing certainlythe comfort of ugliness. To be sure, she has to be old enough to have philosophized a bit about life before she finds this out, and before that time she is certain to have lain awake nights crying because the skin deep gift of the gods has been denied her. But by and by she begins to see that her plain features, if they haven't brought her joy. have spared her pain. In the first place, she hasn't expected much of the world, and so she has not been disap pointed. Then she has had leisure from her mirror and her admirers and, next of all, from herself to think some thoughts worth thinking and to do a little something of solid worth. The worst slave I ever knew was a remarkably pretty girl who was always in terror lest she was not at her beauty's best and whose whole life was a round | ket. of severe self exactions that she might keep her beauty unimpaired. The poor child actually found time for nothing else in life than the office of being her own groom.

"Best of all, the plain woman is reasonably sure to escape the observation and comment that are sure to follow a pretty girl and which are not half so pleasing to per if she is sensible and right minded as the most of mankind

"Oh, yes; life has pienty of compensation to offer the ugly woman, as surely I am qualified to know, having led the life of one, lo, these many years."

How to Treat Your Husband. A man doesn't want to be asked his reasons for everything be does Nine times out of ten he doesn't know what they are himself.

Don't try to ape your rich neighbors or nag your husband for the money he cannot afford to give you. Have the courage and independence to accept your life as you find it and make

No one ever realizes her most brilliant expectations of happiness. You will never be quite so happy as you expected to be, but you must not grieve over that. Take the goods the gods provide and be thankful.

The average man expects a good deal of his wife. He wants her to stay at home when he is out. He doesn't know why, neither does she, but it is so. He wants her to be there when he comes home. It doesn't seem right if she is

Don't stand on your dignity with your husband, for it doesn't pay. Your husband is a man, and men have many -Boston Traveler.

#### Floor Cushions.

Large floor cushions are as convenient as they are ornamental. Their manufacture and arrangement admit of much variety of taste, and they are not difficult to evolve out of homely materials. Even common sacking and the ever present excelsior can be pressed into service. The usual size is 27 by 36 inches. They may be simply stuffed, tufted or untufted or even fitted with springs. For the first named sort cut two pleces of stout, unbleached sheeting the desired size and set in a piece four inches wide for sides, just as a mattress is made. Put in the filling-hair, cotton, excelsior, sawdust or even shredded corn husks-using an upholsterer's needle and cord. Then comes the outside cover, which may of course be of anything desirable-cre tonne, velours, Bagdad squares (which come for the purpose), flexible matting carpet, bright cloths or flannels.

To Clean Smoky Paper Hangings. Take a piece of wood of the shape of a scrubbing brush, nail a handle on the back, then upon the face nail a piece of dried sheepskin with wool upon it, or flax or tow will do, or cotton flannel of several thicknesses will answer very well. Dip this brush into dry whiting and rub the smoke lightly with the brush on the upper parts of the room first, protecting the carpet with matting or newspaper, as the whiting dust is hard to sweep off a carpet. The whiting that remains on the wall is easily brushed off with a soft cloth attached to a stick. It is It is in mural design and in stained very effectual if the room is not damp and the whiting is dry.

### Monotony In the Sick Room.

When persons are ill a long time they naturally become tired of seeing just the same things in the same identical complete the present work Miss Oak. spot in the room week in and week out. ley has no idea. As a preliminary size The nurse has it in her power to renotony of view by occasionally taking ence, studying the work of the Italian | the pictures down and replacing them with others from various parts of the house. Remove the bric-a-brac, which becomes wearisome after a time, and the historical data which were only to put in its place vases of sweet, bright be obtained there. At the Kensington flowers. Bring the bird in for awhile, if the patient is not suffering with headache, and so direct the attention to

### The Finishing Touches.

The girl who is careful to have ber collar, cuffs, belt and other trifles harwould be intrusted with was born in monize and who chooses them with an New Jersey, but lived the greater part eye to their appropriateness to the of her life in New York, where she first dress and to the occasion upon which started her lessons at the Art league, they are to be worn will also see to working for awhile under Carroll Beck. It that her gloves and shoes are neat and clean, while her hair will be arranged in a simple, becoming style, studying with Raphael Collin and Aman | without any attempt at exaggeration or desire to follow the latest fad or fancy.-Success.

### Tarragon Vinegar.

Tarragon vinegar may be inexpensively made at home with cider or white wine vinegar and dried tarragon leaves bought at the druggist's. Allow half a pint of leaves to a quart of vinegar and allow the leaves to steep for about two weeks. Strain carefully, using a flannel jelly bag. Bottle and keep in a cool place.

In the long migrations of the birds from north to south; in the journeys of the blacktall deer of the Rockies, when death lurks by the pathway to their summer or winter homes; in the wild stampede of the buffalo that once ranged the mighty plains-we never hear of a "weaker sex." Queer.-Washington Times.

For a Child's Cot. A good mattress for a child's cot may be made of torn paper. Old letters or any clean paper which is not too stiff may be torn into strips for this purpose. Make a stout case of the size required and fill it with the torn paper. Over this mattress lay a folded blan-

How well an old cookbook was dedicated when it was signed "To those plucky housewives who master their var instead of allowing it to master

Don't think it enough to be a beauty. In order to approach perfection a woman should improve herself intellectually as well as physically.

A Japanese bride gives her wedding presents to her parents as a slight recompense for the trouble they have had in rearing her.

Women make their own opportunities nowadays without waiting for opportunities to come to them.

No. 393 .- Easy Meragrams. 1. Behead a kind of rod and leave a

person given to unlawful arts. 2. Syncopate and transpose the person and leave a small portion.

3. Transpose the portion and leave a

4. Curtail the preposition and leave a man of genius. 5. Behend the man of genius and

leave a pronoun.

beverage.

No. 394.-Postman's Puzzle.

6. Curtail the pronoun and leave a

A youth received a letter which made him a guide to navigators. An intensely wicked person received a letter and was transformed into a trustworthy companion.

An American poet received a letter and became bishop of Rome. A French cook received a letter which made him a commander.

#### No. 395,-Charade.

Take the same little word for my FIRST and my THIRD;
In the MIDDLE place two letters more, Which will give a short term which is frequently heard

When children their mothers implore. My WHOLE is a fruit Which epicures love; The name you can guess As you read the above

### No. 396 .- Word Building.

1. A vowel. 2. Part of an irregular verb. 3. Part of the body. 4. Seldom seen in a town. 5. Timbers of an edifice. 6. One who makes an occupation of cultivating land,

> No. 397 .- Novel Diagonals, 1 . . . . . 3 .

From 1 to 2 and from 3 to 4, a celebrated povelist; from 3 to 2, arrays.

Crosswords (left hand side): 1. Deceived. 2. Not so long. 3. To frighten suddenly. 4. A feminine stage player. 5. Shrubs that the ancients considered sacred to Venus. 6. An umpire. 7. One of the titles of the late Queen Victoria.

Crosswords (right band side): 1. One who dreams. 2. Capable of exciting laughter. 3. To cover with a hard case. 4. Becomes III. 5. A substance which will dissolve another. 6. To charm by sorcery. 7. Certain near re-

No. 398 .- A Famous English Building.



No. 399,-Enigma.

My whole's of sound a quality; Full twenty times I'm found to be. Again, remove my pate, And I'm a single, lonesome thing; A unit—nothing more. Restore my head, prefix an "a," I'm laid for street and floor.

No. 400.-Word Square. 1. Face of the sun, moon or planet.

2. A useful metal. 3. A tune or air performed by one 2nd Floor Bush Arcade. person.

4. A hard protuberance.

No. 401,-Numerical Omissions. I am composed of eleven letters and am a garden cress.

Omit 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and leave herbage, Omit 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and leave a spice.

No. 402 .- Anns We Know. This Ann lives very far off. This Ann lives close by.

This Ann is never here. This Ann comes once a year. This Ann pulls things to pieces. This Ann swallows things whole.

Easy Enough. "Johnnie," asked his father of a little kindergarten pupil, "do you know how to make a Maltese cross?"

"Yes, sir, I sho' do." "Well, tell me how you do it." "Why, you just step on her tall."

The Custom of the Country. A traveler met a man bayefoot and asked, "Is it the custom of this country for the men to go without shoes?" "Waal," was the drawling reply. "some of us does, but most of us 'tends to our own business."

Key to the Puzzler, No. 386 .- Word Square: 1. Elbow. 2. Larch. 3. Brace. 4. Occur. 5. Where. No. 387.-Picture Puzzle: A stitch in

time saves nine. No. 388 .- Enigma: Honest, No. 389,-A Thanksgiving Dinner: Fish (Hamilton Fish), Turkey, Lamb, Potato, Corn (Cornwallis), Beet (beat), Pumpkin Pie, Hickory (nuts), Oranges (East and South).

No. 390.-Charade: Man-hat-tan. No. 391 .- A Novel Zigzag: Alfred Tennyson; The Lotus Eaters. Crosswords-1, Act. 2, Heel, 3, Fate, 4, Layer. 5. Echo. 6. Tanned. 7. Thou. Stone. 9, Nine. 10. Allen. 11. Yacht. 12. Egress. 13. Order. 14. Swoon.

No. 392. - Additions: D-anger. Dandy. D-rear.

### DRESS HINTS.

Pale blue is considered a becoming color to wear with gray hair. To clean a taffeta silk skirt take equal parts of water and ammonia and

rub on with a brush. A somewhat shabby shoe may be wonderfully freshened by the addition of new strings of wide ribbon.

Mud stains on dark dresses which will not yield to the clothes brush will druggists. generally disappear when rubbed with

a cut raw potato. If you wash and iron new gingham before you put it into garments you will avoid the inconvenient letting out process which usually follows the first

Soft wool gowns are most becoming to older women and should be worn in place of the rather harsher smooth cloths with the shiny surface or the rough serges.

Restore creased ribbons by laying them evenly on a board or table and dampen them with a clean sponge and a little clear water. Then roll them tightly and smoothly around a good sized bottle-a wine bottle will do.

### Women as Architects.

It is a great temptation to a young woman architect to undercharge for her work. If she wishes her work to be judged by the same standard as that of men she must follow the principles and schedule of prices laid down by the American Institute of Architects. Even in her first house a young architect with the training, technical and practical, which she has had, should feel perfect confidence in her own ability and should not undervalue it. This confidence in her own power will also inspire the confidence of her client. It is only recently that the men in the profession began to regard women architects as other than a huge joke. Lately. however, since woman's work is coming more and more into prominence, they are beginning to accept them as fellow workers. It will not be long before schools and colleges throughout the country will offer to women the same advantages for the study of architecture as are now given to men.-Suc-

Instead of trying to convince a woman, the wise man proceeds to coax her.

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