



MRS. SARAH D. WINANS.

One of the Earnest Workers of the Woman's Relief Corps.

Mrs. Sarah D. Winans of Toledo, ex-president of the National Woman's Relief Corps, is the daughter of the Rev. John Darst, a German Baptist minister, who was among the earlier settlers of Miami county, O. The wife of a gallant soldier, Colonel J. Cory Winans, who was wounded in the defense of the flag, her interest in the W. R. C. has been sincere and loyal.

When the nation's great fratricidal combat broke out Mrs. Winans was among the first to organize an aid society under the Christian sanitary com-



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mission. They sent no end of needful things to the field hospitals, and they also secured liberal donations to the great sanitary fair at Cincinnati.

It is said that since the organization of the Woman's Relief Corps Mrs. Winans has never missed a department or national convention.

Mrs. Winans is thus described: "A woman in the prime of life, who served her way up through the various offices of succession, from subordinate corps to the head of the department, and on committees of state and national importance, she is thoroughly versed in every phase of relief corps work. She is thorough, systematic, thoughtful and kind, and among all the grand women who have conducted department affairs none has administered them more wisely or well or wielded the gavel with a better grace. Modest, retiring and slow to speak, she is always ready for duty and equal to the occasion, whatever it may be."—Boston Traveler.

Taking the Initiative.

Are the new century women beginning to take the initiative in their intercourse with the opposite sex? Do they not ask men to do this and that instead of waiting until the men ask them, as was customary in the days of their mothers and grandmothers? "If we did we should have a long time to wait," laughed a pretty maiden whose invitation on the telephone to a young man to come up and take tea with her had been overheard by her grandmother and had prompted the foregoing remarks. "Why, men would never come near you unless you made appointments with them," she continued, defending her position. "I'm sure I would much rather have Ned Smith call me up on the telephone and ask if he might be allowed to come up and take a cup of tea with me this afternoon, but he wouldn't. He would never think of it. But if I ask him he likes to come. I know that. When he comes I shall inquire if he is going up the river to Carrie M.'s wedding on Saturday. Perhaps then he will ask me to go up in his automobile, but if he does not I shall say I think it is just lovely going up by auto, and then probably he will think of it.

"Do you know," she continued, "it is perfectly true what you said just now? When I come to think of it, girls do always take the initiative nowadays. The nice ones do it so nicely that you hardly see it, but they do it all the same, and the men just wait for them to suggest everything. Otherwise they would go off by themselves and not remember anything about us."—Philadelphia Inquirer.

Mending an Oriental Rug.

A rare and very beautiful but ancient oriental rug came in course of time to display a hole about two inches square. The edges also for a space of two inches on either end were unpleasantly frayed and worn. It was a Bokhara of rich, dark reds, with some tan, grayish white and dark blue. At a house where antique rugs were sold and repaired I was asked \$10 for mending it. Upon this I determined to do a little surgery myself. I cut off the frayed edges for a space of two inches on one end and an inch on the other and then, raveling a few threads of the wool, left a half inch of warp by way of a fringe, which is often seen in very old rugs. This gave me a quantity of material for patching, and, taking a square cut to fit the hole, I buttonholed the piece and the cut edge of the rug where it was to go with yarn, using gray, red, tan or blue, as the pattern demanded. I then fitted in the patch exactly and overhanded the edges with strong carpet thread. After dampening and pressing on the wrong side it required a sharp pair of eyes to detect the patched place.—Table Talk.

Good Looks.

In these days good looks tell. We no longer live in Maud Muller times, when the good looking woman may wear

"any old thing" and be admired, but the woman who is passable must be carefully dressed and "groomed," as the saying is, and the good looking woman must be equally careful of her looks lest she lose them.

Brains are a factor, but the clever woman must give some time to her appearance lest she fall to inspire the respect of those with whom she comes in contact by the care her appearance shows. It is within every woman's power nowadays to foster what good looks nature has given her and to aid nature where she has been chary.

Science has made it possible to develop good figures from very poor material and by the amount of care given to the health of the body to develop good looks where but a small share exists. This can be done by fresh air, careful diet and bathing.—Boston Traveler.

The Walking Skirt.

When all is said and done, America is the home of the walking skirt. In London the short skirt is relegated to sports and business. For all social occasions trailing skirts are still the go. In Hyde park on a Sunday in the famous church parade one sees only long, trailing gowns, held up in defiance of that law of good dressing which demands for every garment the right to hang in its natural folds. Frenchwomen leave short skirts to shopgirls and all kinds of "hands." Berlin leaders of society are only just awakening to the dangers inherent in the long skirt, but they all wear trains just the same. Abroad the American girl can be picked out wherever she goes by her trim, well cut, smart short skirt.

Rest For the Mother.

You cannot serve your family better than by resting yourself. An overworked mother cannot make sunshine in the home. Try to take even half an hour of complete rest some time during the afternoon, says Woman's Life. It will often be hard to get away, but make a duty of it, and you will accomplish it. If you were ill the children would have to get on without you. Let them do it while you are keeping well for their sakes. Think over the things that can best be undone and leave some of them while you sleep. Rest is much cheaper and more agreeable than a doctor's bill, and if you do not have one you will surely have the other.

Homemade Extracts.

Homemade extracts are easily made and are much stronger, better and cheaper than those we buy. Lemon or orange extract may be made by slicing the fresh lemon or orange peeling very thin and putting it into alcohol. Allow it to stand for a few weeks and strain the contents. If you have no use for alcohol even in flavoring, grate off the outside yellow rind of the lemon or orange and mix with the same amount of white, soft sugar, rub fine, dry away from the fire, and put into a tight receptacle.—National Magazine.

Knowledge of Cooking.

The cook in the kitchen who can make better bread is to that extent better educated than her mistress, who may greatly adorn a literary society. This fact is to be borne well in mind by the young woman in college. The fact that the woman in the parlor has the money wherewith to buy assistance does not change the fact that she does not stand on an equality with the cook.—Rev. W. A. Bartlett.

Paint Stains.

However old and dry paint may be, it can be removed from carpets or draperies by a liberal use of chloroform. Saturate the spot, keep it closely covered for half an hour, then brush out. The liquid destroys the oil in the paint, leaving only a powder that usually comes out, leaving no stain unless on very delicate fabrics. In obstinate cases the application may need to be repeated several times.

Handkerchief Ties.

A hemstitched bordered silk handkerchief makes an attractive and novel tie. From one corner cut diagonally toward the middle just half the neck measure. Hem the sides just cut. Tie around the neck, making a knot at the back. It is also knotted loosely in front where the slit ends. The rest hangs in jabot style down the front.

For the Complexion.

A soft, clear complexion can be obtained if the following hint is persevered with: Mix some flowers of sulphur with a little new milk, let this stand overnight without disturbing the sulphur, and in the morning, before washing the face, rub the milk gently into the skin with the finger tips.

Sickroom Hint.

Few people except trained nurses know that a restless patient is made much more comfortable if the corners of the undersheet are carefully pinned to the underside of the mattress with safety pins. Draw the sheet tight and pin it securely. It will be a relief to you and the suffering patient.

For a good camphor mouth wash take a pint of hot water and dissolve in it two drams of powdered borax. When the water cools add one dram each of spirits of camphor and tincture of myrrh.

A loaf of bread which has become dried can be made nearly as nice as when fresh baked by plunging it into cold water, then placing in a hot oven for a few minutes.

Rub grease on the seams of new tinware, keep in a warm place for a day, and the article will not rust in the seams.

Saxony rugs are among the desirable kinds that have very artistic colors and are very serviceable.

SEWING RAW EDGES.

The French Method, Which is a Time and Labor Saver.

All lovers of hand "needling" will do well to persevere until they become as expert as our French sisters in the sewing together of raw edges, asserts Good Housekeeping. Insertions, beadings, edgings and ruffles can be joined to each other or to plain material in this way with infinitely less expenditure of time and labor than is usually consumed, can be made just as durable and far more dainty in appearance. Raw edge needlework does away almost entirely with the narrow hem. It is necessary to use a proportionately large needle and coarse thread so that the latter may be easily drawn with no danger of breaking. The two edges to be united should be held together and then overhanded, the tendency of the cloth to roll under being encouraged by the fingers and thumb of the left hand and the needle being inserted each time deep enough into the cloth to secure a firm hold. In the case of sewing one finished edge, like lace, on to a raw edge the latter must be held so that it projects a little beyond the other or of course they will pull apart. Practice makes perfect. Work done in this way has the same general effect as that obtained by that ultimate accomplishment of our grandmothers, the whipped seam, but it is not so exquisite, as indeed why should it be for most of our apparel? Very fine wash materials are especially adapted to the method described, the edges curling down out of sight in quite a magical manner when once one "gets the hang of it." Beyond these few directions it has to be learned by doing, but once mastered it literally removes miles of sewing from a woman's vista. One should become proficient in the simpler methods before attempting to sew a raw edged ruffle into another raw edge. Ruffles should be gathered overhand, the edge being slightly rolled.

RETAIN SENTIMENT.

Do Not Let Marriage Blow It Out of Your Life.

Life without sentiment is as insipid as a savory without salt. Yet when people marry they usually "settle down," which means they endeavor to look at everything from the common sense point of view and forswear all the delightful nonsense which they indulged in when they were sweethearts. Is it that rent, taxes, butcher, baker and candlestick maker usurp the place given to romance, or is it that people always grow staid as they grow older?

Is it possible that the wife cares less for love than the sweetheart used to do? Not in her heart of hearts, I believe. But once surrounded by it she grows unconscious of it and imagines it no longer of supreme importance, even making the hideous mistake of fancying it can be done without. Familiarity breeds contempt, and so she lightly prizes love to her own undoing.

Stick fast to the high ideals of courtship days. Don't let yourself be persuaded they are foolish or old fashioned. Don't, when love becomes a daily certainty, fancy sentiment can be dispensed with, or you will wake up with a start one of these fine days and find to your cost that the future which promised to be so fair is stretching blank and desolate before you and that your husband or your wife, as the case may be, bears no resemblance to the sweetheart of years gone by.—New York Telegram.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS.

Lavender combined with green makes a most effective as well as unusual bedroom.

Brass and copper will remain bright longer if after polishing with the paste commonly used the pieces are rubbed with whitening or silver polish.

To make paint stick to tinware scratch the surface of the tin with a piece of rough pumice or sandpaper, apply a coat of thin shellac varnish and then paint of the desired color.

Fine table linens should be frequently changed in order that hard rubbing may not be necessary in laundering them, as frequently the cleaning process is severer than actual wear.

At each ironing fold the table linen a new way if possible, as it wears first in the folds. A good plan is to purchase an extra half yard of the table cloth and after a time cut off the extra length. This brings the creases in a new place.

Cooking Utensils.

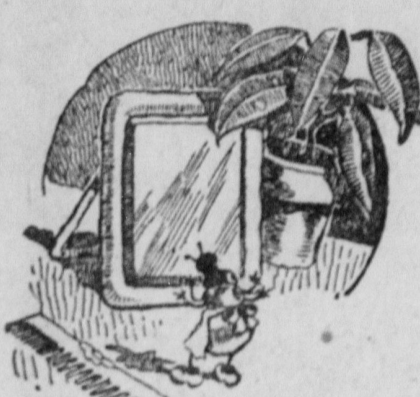
A discolored enamel saucepan is most unpleasant to look at and to think of in connection with food, yet the utensil soon comes to this state. If taken in time and frequently boiled out in water containing a little chloride of lime a saucepan can be kept clean and bright. Teapots, too, need a special washing every week. Of course they must be well cleaned and dried after each meal, but every week they need to have a strong solution of washing soda poured boiling into them. This keeps a teapot always absolutely fresh and insures delicate flavored tea if the brand is rightly chosen.

Coffee.

Coffee is a beverage few people know how to make properly. The following is the best way: Pour boiling water on the coffee in the pot and place on the stove. Just as soon as it comes to a boil take it off, pour out half a teacupful and return the pot to the fire. Within a minute or so pour gently over the top of the coffee one teaspoonful of cold water and let it stand a minute longer. The cold water by means of its greater density sinks and carries the grounds to the bottom.—London Answers.



"Ya-as, I can make meself undeh-wood in Fwench, dontcherknow." "Really! The English language is awfully deficient, isn't it?"



Miss Bug—Oh, dear! I feel so bashful with that rubber plant standing around!—New York Evening Journal.

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