



FOR YOUNG FOLKS

PASTIME FOR GIRLS.

How to Make Pretty Ornaments of Broken China Plates.

A broken china plate doesn't seem to be of any further use, but a girl with a little artistic talent can use these broken pieces to a very pretty advantage.

Put the plate together with china cement. Cut profile pictures from magazines and paste them lightly all over the bottom of the plate.

Paint a good thick coat all over the pictures and plate. You may use for



A DECORATED PLATE.

this purpose any colored paint or enamel that suits your fancy or that you may have on hand in the house, but put it on as evenly as you can. Before the paint dries loosen with a pin, the edges of the pictures and strip them off without smudging the edges. When the paint dries, where the pictures were will show up in glistening white against the painted background.

MARY HAD A LITTLE LAMB.

The Way This Pretty Children's Poem Came to Be Written.

The "Mary who had a little lamb" was a Massachusetts little girl. The lamb was thrust out of the pen by its unnatural mother. Mary took care of it, and it became a great pet.

One day when the lamb was to be taken to the pasture no lamb was to be found. Hearing Mary singing on her way to school, her pet had quietly trotted after. On reaching the door Mary carried it in and hid it in her desk. There it lay perfectly quiet, covered with Mary's shawl, until Mary was sent to her spelling class. The lamb trotted after her, and, as children then were very much like children now, of course they laughed. The teacher reproved Mary until she explained the situation, when she allowed her to take her pet home.

It happened that on that morning a young man named Rawlston, who was preparing for Harvard, was at school. A few days later he produced three verses of the poem. How they came to be published is not known. The young man died soon after, not knowing of the immortality of his verses.

Mary's lamb lived many years and finally came to its death at the horns of an angry cow.

His Musical Dog.

A showman in England once advertised outside his tent the following notice:

"Come and See the Musical Dog. Admission 2d."

A good many people, attracted by the title, paid the sum required and entered the tent, where a big dog, wearing a huge metal collar, was crouching in a corner.

After waiting awhile the audience called for the showman and asked that the performance might begin. The showman seemed surprised at their request and exclaimed as he edged toward the door:

"Why, there's the musical dog!" pointing to the mastiff. "Can't yer see the brass band round his neck?"

The Game of Hockey.

Hockey is an old fashioned game, but it is getting a new and increasing popularity of late. In Scotland it has been played for years under the name of shinny or shinty, and in Ireland it was long known as hurley. Today it is played not only in this country and in England, but in Holland, France and Switzerland. In England an ordinary cricket ball painted white is used in playing the game, which requires a ground 100 by 50 yards. There are eleven players on each side, the object of the game being to drive the ball over to the opponents' side. For this purpose long wooden sticks curved at the end are employed.

Little Mothers in Japan.

The little girls of Japan are real little mothers. Many a small maiden in Japan goes out to her games of tag and bounding ball with a wee sister or brother tied on her back with the big broad sash which she always wears.

Sometimes she turns the baby around and plays she is a pilgrim carrying the Goddess of Mercy on her back, while the other children pretend to worship the goddess.

Good Things to Remember.

"He who shuns burdens because of their weight can never lift."
"If we are stingy of kind words we are the worst kind of misers."

Bill Simkins' Puzzles.

"I don't think that this geography," said Bill, "is printed right. It says that rivers all have mouths, yet I can't find them bits."

"It says the mountain has a foot, which can't be right, I know. For I've just looked on every map and haven't found a toe."

"Nor I can't find a single hand, and so it's plain to me. The book is wrong again where it talks of an arm of sea."

EFFECT OF ENVIRONMENT.

Children, as Well as Plants, Profit by Proper Surroundings.

A learned professor was speaking to a large audience at the University of Philadelphia upon the adaptation of plants to their environment, says the Ladies' World. He described a thorny plant of the desert, so formidable that it has the surname of "horrida." He told them how every leaf through long generations of warfare had become a spine, but that when transferred to European botanical gardens from the burning sands of Sahara, sheltered there and watered, so wondrous was the change in it that it could hardly be recognized. The thorns in the new growth became leaves. It seemed to joy in its rest from struggle and develop lines of beauty.

One listener thought of tired, struggling women, those who have much to contend with, how sharp they are and ever on the defensive, yet how they change when freed from warring infants, trying boys, weary hours of sewing after long days about the house to lessen expenses and how pleasant it is to see them develop when rest and a better income and a more refining life are theirs.

Beside this person in a reverie was a tenderly reared little woman who had never known want or hardship or suffering. She turned to the writer and whispered:

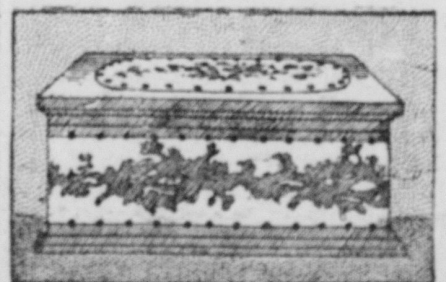
"He is talking of plants, and I am thinking of children. If only the little children could have right surroundings and develop in health and beauty!"

The specialists in botany and the amateurs listened for information, but thereafter the lecture was, for those two, an allegory and a sermon.

A UTILITY BOX.

One of the Useful Things That Every House Should Have.

A utility box, without which no house is quite complete or any girl happy, is one of the most useful gifts to present to a bride, or, if the happy bridegroom be handy with tools, let it be one of his first delights to make one for the new home. Any plain packing box of a desirable size will answer the purpose after the cracks and nail holes have been puttied up and the whole



THE USEFUL UTILITY BOX.

box inside and out thoroughly sandpapered and planed until the surface of the wood is nice and smooth. One or two coats of green stain (or the color preferred) should then be applied, and the box will be ready for decoration. On the box shown in the illustration a border of cretonne was fastened on with green leather upholsterer's nails. On the lid a piece of rose cretonne was cut from a remnant and tacked on with the same kind of nails over a couple of layers of wadding. The effect when the box was finished was very good.—Ladies' Home Journal.

Bruises on Fine Furniture.

Bruises can be removed from fine furniture by means of what is known in the cabinet trade as the steaming process, and any intelligent person can do it by exercising a reasonable amount of care. The object, of course, is to raise the grain of the wood to the same level as before the damage. Take a piece of wet felt or heavy flannel about the size of the dent, to be removed and a hot iron. Lay the felt on the damaged spot and apply the iron so as to make the wood hot with the steam. Repeat the process until the grain of the wood has risen somewhat higher than the rest of the surface. Allow it to dry for some hours. Sandpaper it with 00 paper until smooth, then refinish. If this is properly done the surface will be like new. Very hard wood will succumb to this treatment, but will take more time than woods like mahogany or black walnut.

To Restore Gray Hair.

A celebrated German physician's recipe which is said to restore the color to gray hair after illness is to give sulphur and iron internally and by anointing the scalp with yolk of egg. A hair restorer is made from one dram of sulphate of iron, one-half dram of sulphate, one ounce of tincture of Jabonard, four drams each of extract of rosemary and extract of thyme, one ounce each of rectified spirits and glycerin and one-half pint of elder flower water. Add the iron to the spirits, the glycerin to the extracts and tincture, the sulphate to the perfumed water. Agitate, then add the first mixture to the second and lastly unite them to the third. Apply to scalp and hair nightly with massage.

Own a Home.

A house, like a child, is an educator. It has an ethical and spiritual influence commensurate with its economic value. With the school of thought, now somewhat in evidence, which would send the mothers out into business and professional life, "farm out" the babies in nurseries and fetch the food supply from a co-operative kitchen, we have little in common. The family, united and sanctified by a happy homemaking, is the unit of society and the bulwark of the nation. On with the home building! Simple furnishings are the height of fashion now, and the doctor and the preacher rise up and call them blessed. Practice the simple life and have a home.—Good Housekeeping.

DO THEIR OWN MARKETING.

Baltimore Society Women Are Good Judges of Food Products.

It is a recognized fact that the Baltimore society woman goes to market as regularly as she attends church, and in many instances her face is much more familiar where the good things for the inner man are to be found than it is at the place of worship. Although she may have an excellent housekeeper and a retinue of servants, yet mildady prefers to personally select the meats and vegetables for the family table.

On Tuesday and Friday mornings of each week Lexington market is the Mecca for many women who are members of the Monumental City's wealthiest and most aristocratic families, and a long line of carriages such as might be found where a reception was in progress is strung out along Lexington and Eutaw streets.

As early as 10 o'clock the woman who has the night before been the hostess of some brilliant function alights from her carriage, usually at the Eutaw street end of the market, sometimes accompanied by her butler, but more frequently she enters the market place alone. Going from one stall to another, testing the youth of the poultry, the tenderness of the beef, the firmness of the tomato and the freshness of the fruit, she brushes shoulders with the wife of the poorest laborer, for this is a market patronized by all classes. Usually her purchases are sent to the carriage, which is left in charge of a coachman.—Leslie's Weekly.

WOMEN IN BUSINESS.

A Strict Regard For Discipline Produces the Best Results.

As a general rule woman becomes efficient in business in proportion as she can lay aside the peculiarities and prerogatives of her sex and become to all intents and purposes masculine. This is not said in mitigation of the obvious truth that indiscriminate contact with men in employment tends to unsex woman or in ignorance of the other fact that in many "oursuits the feminine

equipment fits its possessor for a user type or service than most men can reach. But, whenever an employee's relationship with the question of her sex, then there are friction, waste and an impairment of availability.

The moment that the business of an office or store has to be conducted on the plan of a soiree there is an end to plain speech and quick work. It is not enough that a woman can do the same work as a man; she must be amenable without friction to the same rules, discipline and direct method as a man. Otherwise she stands in her own light; otherwise she will find herself purchasing gallantry and palaver at the cost of better pay.—Portland Oregonian.

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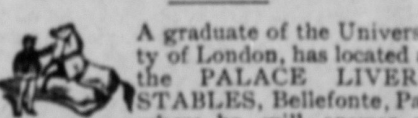
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