

BABY'S WISDOM.

Yet baby's eyes Make glad replies, And baby's tiny hands Applaudive move To testify prove How baby understands.

Old Maid's Love Affair

BY JAMES HUCKHAM.

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sound of whetstone on scythe-blade— what a clear, cheery ring! How could Nathan beat such music with banishment for the babe—for both of them, did he but know it!—in his heart?

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What May Be Looked For.

Blue, gray and yellow are among the most prominent colors in the summer goods. Blue with black crossbars appears in sash ribbons by the hundred, and the ribbons are made to go with blue muslin gowns.

Tilt of the Hat.

The tilt of the hat counts more than the hat itself at present. Every elaborate piece of millinery is meant to be worn in a particular way, and it is seldom that a woman gets anything like the intended effect without competent instruction.

Sweet Bags for Scenting Linen.

Every self-respecting housewife likes to have her table and house linen smelling of sweet aromatic odors, so I am giving a recipe for making these scent bags economically.

Sashes in High Favor.

Sashes are in high favor this season. Nothing adds more grace to an already graceful, slender figure than a sash tied around the waist, with long ends at the side or back.

The Princesses of Spain.

The daughters of the Queen Regent of Spain are brought up much more simply than was formerly thought right for Spanish infantes, and they are allowed more liberty.

Selecting Kid Gloves.

In selecting a kid glove for wear choose a fine, but not too fine kid. Examine the inside of a glove. It is important that the glove be dyed on the outside only.

Etiquette of Mourning.

English mourning, considered by smart mantemakers to be in the best taste, is heavier than before, but is worn for a shorter time.

AGRICULTURAL TOPICS.

Ornamental Plants From Seed. The castor oil bean (ricinus) is one of the best of ornamental leaved plants which may be grown from seed and bloom the first year.

Heredity in Stock Breeding.

The attention of the stock breeder who is striving for improvement in the character and quality of his stock must be directed to the study of the individual characteristics of his breeding animals, with a view to ascertaining not only their merits and defects, but the causes of such discernible individual characteristics.

Care of Young Pigs.

If young pigs have plenty of exercise and the right kind of food there is no danger of over-feeding. A small quantity of corn ground with wheat or rye and middlings, and the whole mixed with milk, is a first-class food for young pigs.

Colic in Horses.

It is stated on good authority that seventy-five per cent. of the horses that die each year are victims of colic. During the spring the trouble is frequent among farm horses, although it is usually wind colic, but this may turn into the nervous colic so generally fatal unless prompt and intelligent treatment is given.

Fashion Fancies.

Chiffon straw hats are worn with new costumes. Dainty ribbons with gauze borders come in all the pretty colors.

Checks appear to be the leading style for dress silks, as well as for necktie silks. Bordered fabrics, by the yard or imported in robe patterns, are greatly in evidence among summer dress materials.

Plaids in clannish colors and Roman striped ginghams are greatly used for shirt waists, especially for golfing and cycling.

Bayadere stripes and plaids in ribbons are shown in large quantities, the former for gowns and the latter for children's hats.

Corduroy and uncut velvets in gray are fashionable, this color seeming to have won its way into the hearts of fashionable women.

Over a third of all the goods ordered from wholesale firms is in plain fabrics, which fact augurs well for the supremacy of the tailor made suit. Every well dressed woman feels the need of such a costume, and is glad to find new materials of suitable color, texture and pattern.

In the new materials shown are changeable and plain poplins, whipcords, plain armure effects, drap d'ete, drap de Paris and plain jacquards. In extreme novelties are plaids, bayadere goods, plain silk and wool cloths, with raised silk and braidwork, and others with a wrinkled face of fine overshot silk mixtures.

Shaded, striped and figured taffetas are still leading silks for linings, the bayadere and raye stripes being almost too new to be called popular as yet. The secret of the delightful froth that proclaims without a doubt the silken lining and underskirt can never be obtained, however, from any of these.

The chapeau par excellence is the English walking hat. The sailor model, in its new, improved outlines, is not deposed by this very popular hat, however, nor will it hold a less important position later on; but for the present the English shape has the innings of the milliners. This hat is sufficiently varied in its style and contour to adapt itself to all types of faces, for while the difference in the brim and crown is not at all pronounced, the manner of arranging the trimmings upon the hat for different people quickly transform its outlines to the effect desired.