

OF INTEREST TO WOMEN

LITTLE DEEDS OF KINDNESS.
The little things which you may do for those about you will fall back upon your heart as the summer dew upon vineyards. What if it is nothing but a kind word to a school-boy crying in the street? It dries his tears, and the aching heart grows light and glad again. Who knows what a cloud of darkness one kind word may dispel? Wear a smile and makes others happy. There is no joy so great as that which springs from a kind act or a pleasant deed.—Woman's Life.

THE REAL "NEW WOMAN."
Women of the future may outdistance men in many of the activities of life. As woman becomes better educated, that is, secures a better all-round development, she improves both mind and body. She acquires natural and normal views, in contradistinction to the emptiness and folly of fashion that now possesses so many women. She will enjoy better health than the average man, she will be more careful about the kind of husband she selects, so that succeeding generations will be more virtuous in every respect. Add to all this, woman's superiority over man in her powers of intuition, and this type of "new woman" will be indeed a power in the land.
More than ever will she be wife, mother, housekeeper—feminine in the best sense, yet with broadened views and enlarged capacities.—Good Housekeeping.

WOMEN WHO TELL THEIR AGE.
In Japan no woman is ashamed of her age, but she tells it out in the arrangement of her hair, so that all the world may know it.
Between the ages of nine and fifteen girls wear their hair interlaced with red crepe in a semicircle round the head, the forehead being left free, with a curl at each side. From fifteen till thirty the hair is worn high on the forehead, and gathered at the back into a butterfly or fan shape, and is decorated at the back with silver cord and, perhaps, with colored balls. After the age of thirty women wear their tresses round a tortoise shell pin.
Different styles of hairdressing, says Woman's Life, are affected by maidens, wives and widows, and a glance will tell whether a widow intends to remain faithful to the memory of her dead husband or whether she would like to marry again.

THE MODERN SLEEVES.
And now some feminine genius has seen the possibilities of present-day sleeves. She has produced an innovation which will appeal to every woman with ideas.
This is nothing less than an adjustable sleeve. The bodice is made sleeveless, finished on the shoulder with a band or a frill, under which the separate sleeve, which is full length, is fastened. It need not be of the gown stuff, but must blend in color. Any light, filmy fabric is accounted dressy, and some bodices have two or three sets of different style sleeves made to wear with them.
As everybody knows the sleeves make the dress, and by this method a gown cannot only be made to appear several gowns, but it has its life prolonged indefinitely, for new sleeves, following the ever changing modes, can be made to bring it right up to date.—Newark Advertiser.

TITLED DECORATORS.
As sexes natural, many members of my sex are possessed of wonderful capacity when floral decoration is concerned and several hostesses of the day take pride and personal interest in the adornment of their dinner and luncheon tables. And some of the most artistic results are often achieved at least cost, as, for instance, autumn foliage, heather, red berries, and variegated ivy are not to be surpassed where beauty is concerned, says Woman's Life. Lady Brougham, a votary of red in house, dress and floral effects, often superintends the decoration of her dinner table, and her color schemes, from rose pink to deepest crimson, are simply admirable. The Duchess of Fife, whose love of the country is proverbial, and only arranges the flowers and leaves on her tables, but with her two little daughters gathers them herself during country rambles in Scotland. Another well-known hostess favors wild flowers, and a color scheme of yellows and browns, with candle shades ranging from palest yellow to deepest orange. One welcomes the simpler ideas as opposed to the costly outlay followed by some people who adorn their table with orchids at fabulous prices.

CHILDREN'S FASHIONS.
The writers for the fashion magazines tell us that "the very best of the clothes now being shown for the small girls are comfortably full and pleasantly plain, combined with a new conception of the best lines of the childish figure." Fine soft flannels, charmingly colored and patterned, with checks very much in the lead as a favorite, and the brighter and gayer colors are used, the checks being quite small, many of the colors being merely thread lines.
Blouse suits, the details of which blouse but slightly, but comfortably



HOUSEHOLD AFFAIRS

CORNSTARCH PUFFS.
Rub one cup of sugar and half a cupful of butter to a cream; add the beaten yolks of four eggs and a cupful of cornstarch alternately with the stiffly beaten whites; stir in two teaspoonfuls baking powder and one of vanilla extract; bake in well-greased, heated gem pans, in a quick oven; ice with a boiled icing. This recipe makes twenty puffs, and they last fresh for several days.

PUMPKIN PIE.
Stew pumpkins till no water is left in them, mash very fine and let stand where all water will dry away. Do not let scorch. For each pie take one well beaten egg, half cup of sugar, two teaspoonfuls pumpkin—more, if liked—half pint of rich milk, a little salt; stir well together and season with cinnamon, ginger or nutmeg, as liked; bake in an undercrust in a hot oven. Steamed pumpkins, instead of boiled, is much nicer, and no risk of scorching.

PINEAPPLE CAKE.
A pineapple layer cake is prepared in several ways. A good filling and icing for this cake is the following: Boil together for six minutes a cup of granulated sugar, one-quarter of a cup of pineapple juice and a teaspoonful of lemon juice. Then beat a white of egg to a stiff froth and add the syrup slowly, stirring well for five minutes longer, and ice the cake. The lower layers of the cake can be spread with finely chopped pineapple before covering them with the icing. A delicate white layer cake is best for this purpose.

KIDNEY STEW.
Prepare the kidneys by cutting out all the centres of white fat and veins. Put the meat into a skillet with a large tablespoonful of butter, hot, one of finely minced onion and salt and pepper to taste. Add a tablespoonful of flour and let all brown nicely; stir in half a pint of stock, and when all is smooth and thick add a tablespoonful of tomato catsup, a drop of tobacco, or a tablespoonful of table sauce, as preferred. Serve on a hot dish, garnished with crisp points or cubes of toast and a little minced parsley sprinkled over. A very rich gravy results from using stock and boiling water may be substituted.

RHUBARB SPONGE.
Cut about a dozen stalks of pink rhubarb into inch length pieces and stew them with about one-half pound of crushed loaf sugar. Slice up four penny sponge cakes and line a small pudding basin with them, making them fit as well as possible. Now put a layer of rhubarb over and arrange the remainder of the cakes in layers with the rhubarb. Cover with a saucer and small weight and place in a cool place till next day. Then turn out into the dish it is to be served in. Beat the whites of two eggs on a plate to a firm froth and mix with it two tablespoonfuls of castor sugar. Spread thickly all over the sponge, sprinkle well with fine sugar and bake in a cool oven long enough to set the meringue.

ABOUT THE HOUSE.
A weak solution of alum or soda will revive the colors in a dusty carpet.
Coffee roasted on an iron plate in a sick room is an excellent deodorizer.
Nails driven first into a bar of soap will not split furniture or delicate woodwork.
Clean plaster ornaments by dipping in cold starch, brushing the powder off lightly when dry.
Cut round and round and round into one long strip, old stockings can be utilized for carpet rags.
When the chimney takes fire, throw on a handful of sulphur, or, lacking that, several handfuls of salt.
Equal parts of skimmed milk and water, warmed, will remove fly specks from varnished woodwork or furniture.
Have labor saving appliances. Be up to date. But do not have all the improvements outdoors; have some for the good wife.
Hoarseness may be removed by taking a teaspoonful of the following mixture every hour: The white of one egg, one tablespoonful of lemon juice and a tablespoonful of granulated sugar.
Try to sympathize with girlish flights of fancy even if they do seem absurd to you. By so doing you can retain your influence over your daughters and not teach them to seek sympathy elsewhere.
Never use the first water drawn from either faucet or pump, if lead pipes are used. Water that has stood all night in them will contain enough lead to seriously affect the health, if much is used.
Some men do not hesitate a moment to ask their wives to help them in the field, but when these husbands are asked to bring in an armful of wood, or a bucket of coal, they think that is woman's work.
Fresh air may be admitted without harm to even the most delicate invalid if a window be opened at the top and a wooden frame, over which a piece of flannel is stretched, be placed at the opening. The air strained through the woolen material can not harm. It may be screened from falling directly on the bed.
The Crystal Palace accommodates more people than any other building in the world. It will hold 100,000.

Simple Fashions

New York City.—Waistcoats, both real and simulated, make a feature of the latest styles and are to be noted on many of the advance models. The



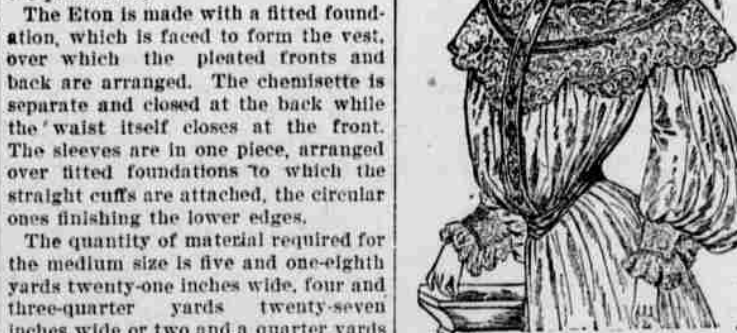
ETON WAIST WITH VEST.

very attractive waist illustrated is in Eton style and allows of many effective combinations. As shown it is made of shepherd's check trimmed with

A LATE DESIGN BY MAY MANTON.



black velvet and combined with a waistcoat and cuffs of white pique which are made detachable, the waistcoat extending under the fronts only, but silk as well as cotton materials can be used and the vest and cuffs made permanent parts of the waist whenever preferred. The little chemisette makes a notable feature and can be of lace, as illustrated, or in lingerie style as may be liked. At the waist is a crushed belt which passes over the back and fronts, under the revers and over the vest to be closed at the centre front. The sleeves are the new ones which are gathered to form two puffs and are finished with flare cuffs above the plain ones.
The Eton is made with a fitted foundation, which is faced to form the vest, over which the pleated fronts and back are arranged. The chemisette is separate and closed at the back while the waist itself closes at the front. The sleeves are in one piece, arranged over fitted foundations to which the straight cuffs are attached, the circular ones finishing the lower edges.
The quantity of material required for the medium size is five and one-eighth yards twenty-one inches wide, four and three-quarter yards twenty-seven inches wide or two and a quarter yards forty-four inches wide, forty-four inches wide, five-eighths yards twenty-seven inches wide for waistcoat and cuffs and one yard of velvet, and five-eighths yards of all-over lace for chemisette to make as illustrated.



ROUND YOKE WAIST WITH COLLARS.

with one and three-eighths yards eighteen inches wide for yoke, bertha and cuffs and two and one-quarter yards of lace for frills.

As to Panels.
Panels are seen in many gowns. The figure is the shape of a waistcoat, and they are in the form of the entire front of a skirt. On a lovely princess dress there's the panel effect from top to toe.
Umbrella Novelties.
The fashion of putting a hole through the parasol handle through which a ribbon is run and tied over the arm, will be transferred to the small umbrella, for autumn and winter convenience.
Novelty in Fur Coats.
In fur coats there is a novelty called reindeer. It is a nut brown, very useful, with fashionable shades, as well as pretty.

A Wrinkle Avert Cape Coats.
Unless one be willing to have the line of the back obliterated entirely, the cape of a coat should stop short at the side back seams.
Round Yoke Waist.
Waists made full below round yokes that are finished with circular berthas are among the notable features of the season and are always graceful and generally becoming. This one is adapted to all the fashionable soft materials and can be combined with lace as illustrated, with embroidery or with any contrasting material that may be preferred. In the case of the model, however, the yoke, bertha, cuffs and collar are of lace and the waist of pale green crepe de Chine, the combination of materials being a peculiarly satisfactory one. When liked the lining can be omitted and the blouse attached to the yoke only, but where silk or wool is used the fitted foundation always means a better fit. The applied box pleat at the front is somewhat unusual and gives the long lines that suit the greater number of figures admirably well.
The waist consists of the fitted foundation, which can be used or omitted as preferred, the yoke and the blouse. The blouse is full at both back and front and outlining the yoke is a circular bertha. To the front edge is attached the box pleat and beneath that the closing is made. The sleeves are



OUR GIRLS AND BOYS

THE RACE OF THE DICTIONARIES.

There are hurdle races, trotting races, auto races, bicycle races, and a score of other races, but who ever heard of a dictionary race?
Most simple thing in the world! By looking at the picture you will get an idea of how this very singular race is conducted. The contestants take the position shown, each with his dictionary "jockey" astraddle him, and at the



THE DICTIONARY "JOCKEYS" RIDING THEIR HORSES.

word "go" move themselves feet first toward the goal line, which they may see by looking between their knees over the dictionary. The one who reaches the line first and is still mounted by his learned "jockey" wins the race.
This is no easy matter, for the motion a boy creates while in this strange position keeps his stomach working up and down, and the faster he goes the more apt he is to slide the dictionary "jockey" off it, which instantly puts him out of the race.
School dictionaries are plenty large enough; indeed, it would be next to impossible for the average boy to ride under such a heavyweight as the unabridged. But you need not confine the race to dictionaries alone. Think of the other books!
For instance, there's the "Three R's Handicap." The participants in this race are those well known studies, Reading (represented by the school

reader), Rithm (represented by a copy-book) and Rithmetic (represented by an arithmetic). And it is a real handicap race because the reader and the arithmetic are so much harder to keep in position than the light, flexible copy-book.
Besides being very funny, these unique races prove something else, too, in a way; for by them you and your friends can literally see how fast you get on with your book!—New York Evening Mail.

IN BED.
BY EDITH T. AMER.
Sometimes I like to have a cold,
For then I stay in bed,
And have my pains and all my toys
Arranged upon the spread.
And I can have the button-box
That lives on mother's shelf.
Of course, when I am well, no one
Can touch it but herself.

I do not have to eat the things
That come on other days,
But oranges and jelly, too,
To tempt me, mother says.

Oh, every one is good and kind,
And thinks it very sad,
But mother knows I like the fun—
Unless the pain is bad.
—Youth's Companion.

HOW MANY CAN YOU GUESS?
What is the difference between the Prince of Wales, an orphan, a bald-headed man and the gorilla? The first is an heir apparent, the second has never a parent, the third has no hair apparent, and the fourth has a hairy parent.
Why is the letter "A" the best remedy for a deaf woman? Because it makes her hear.
Why is bread like the sun? Because when it rises it is light.
Which was the largest island before Australia was discovered? Australia.
What trade should be recommended to a short person? Grocer (grow, sir).
When is money wet? When it is due (dew) in the morning and missed (mist) in the evening.
What is larger for being cut at both ends? A ditch.
Why is a watch-dog bigger by night than by day? Because he is let out at night and taken in in the morning.
Under what conditions might handcuffs be used in building a wall? If they became brick (be cambrick).

ESKIMO CANDY.
It is not very pleasant to hear tallow or the marrow of the reindeer called candy, yet such they may be considered, because they delight the children of the cold as much as you are delighted with a box of chocolates.
In Eskimo land there is a kind of water fowl called dovekie. They are about the size of a duck, they are quite black, with webbed feet of a brilliant red color. When the men have killed the dovekies the women cut off their bright red feet and draw out the bones; then by blowing into the skins they distend them as much as possible to form pouches. When these are thoroughly dried they are filled with reindeer tallow and the bright red packages are regarded by the Eskimo children as their greatest treat.
Another kind of candy is the marrow from the shin bone of the reindeer, of which the Eskimo is very fond. When the marrow is stripped from the bones of the reindeer's legs, these bones are placed on the floor and cracked with a hatchet until the marrow is exposed. The bones are then forced apart and the marrow dug out with a long, sharp spoon made from the tusk of the walrus. When this tidbit is frozen and cooked it is said by people who have tasted it, to be very palatable.

FLIES BRUSH THEIR COATS.
Willie, flushed and happy, had just come in from the barn, where he had been playing hide-and-seek.
"I guess my little boy needs to find a brush," said mother, looking up from her work. For there were clinging to his pretty sailor suit bits of dry grass and seeds from the mows, and some were playing peek-a-boo in the little fellow's hair.
"O, mother, can't I wait? I'm too tired now."
"If flies had been playing hide-and-seek, they wouldn't show a speck of dust to stay on their heads. They'd brush it off," casually remarked Aunt Nan.
"Flies!" exclaimed Willie, incredulously. "Where'd they get their brushes, I'd like to know?"
"Oh, they have them, and use them," laughed Aunt Nan.
"Hair brushes?" questioned Willie; and his face took a perplexed look.
"Yes, and with them they always keep themselves very clean. Have you never seen a fly rub his delicate front legs over his head?"
"Lots and lots of times," replied Willie, quickly.
"Well," resumed Aunt Nan, "there are a great many hairs on the under side of a fly's feet and legs, and these form tiny hair-brushes. When any dust gets on a fly's head, he brushes it off at once, and then he rubs his legs together, as you have probably noticed. This is so that no dust may cling to the little brushes."
"Hurrah, Mr. Fly!" exclaimed Willie. "I guess you needn't think you're the only one who can use a brush, even if the other fellow doesn't carry his brushes around on his feet!"
"Away he ran; and, when he came back, mother said her little boy looked neat enough to be kissed."

THE WAY TO INDEPENDENCE.
"Come, Charlie, I want you to drive a few nails in the shed for me," said Nettie to her brother the other day.
Charlie was splitting wood at the time, and her father, overhearing the request of his daughter, said:
"Why not drive the nail yourself?"
"Because I can't," she replied.
"Because you can't!" he responded.
"Why Mr. McCarthy says there is no such word in the book. Come here and I'll show you how to drive nails."
With hammer in one hand and nails in the other he went into the shed, drove a few nails into the door, and then gave the remainder to Nettie. She found it an easy thing to drive the nails, and felt quite proud of her achievement in the mechanical art. She having completed the work, her father said:
"Now, my girl, that lesson makes you independent. Some of these days I'll teach you how to drive a horse, sharpen a knife, and whittle, too, without cutting your fingers. Don't let the doors creak on their hinges for want of an oiled feather; or the little children's shoes, or your own shoes, get hard in the winter time for the want of a little grease."
"And as for you, my boys," said the father, turning to Charlie, and his little seven-year-old brother, "you ought to learn how to make a bed, sweep a room, or sew on a button. A little cooking will not hurt you. Many a beefsteak and fish have I cooked in my day, and my mother told me when I was a boy that I could beat any boy making a pot of coffee. There is no telling what your lot may be, or where you will be cast some time, during life. The most helpless people I have ever met with were those who could do only one kind of work. All boys and girls should learn some one thing very well, and make that your dependence for a living; add to it as much skill as you can, and it enables you to pave your way to independence."—Maine Farmer.

During last year sixty-six of the municipal bodies in the British Isles which supply electricity showed a deficit totalling 470,201.