

Woman's Realm

Large Families in Berlin.
The official return of births in Berlin last month throws some interesting light on the size of German families. One of the children born was the twenty-first in the family, the mother being forty years old. Another child was the twentieth of the marriage.

Gum Metal Chains Popular.
Instead of the heavy round beads that have been the fad for several seasons tiny chains of gum metal are seen. These chains have never been especially commended by manufacturing jewelers, who would prefer that fickle woman adopt a more expensive ornament. The substitution for beads is slender, almost invisible chains of gum metal, to which are attached crosses and other pendant ornaments studded with stones, both precious and semi-precious. For wear with the ever-popular lingerie waist these chains are dainty and appropriate.—New York Mail.

Under-Rim Plumes.
Putting ostrich plumes under, instead of over, hat brims is a fad of the season. The quills are sewed to the hat so that the fluffy tendrils fall on the hair, and the softness against the side of the coiffure makes many a plain woman look pretty and almost any shape hat becoming. The feathers are placed so that they will touch the hair in front and on the side, at the back and one side, or entirely at the side. In wearing a feather this way the brim should slope upward, so that it will be plainly seen. This gives the hats a coquettish tilt that will be exceedingly appropriate for young women, or for older ones if they like a jaunty looking head-wear.

A Unique Charity.
Baroness Marie Salzeber, a wealthy Austrian widow, is about to tour this country for the purpose of studying charitable work. The Baroness is President of the Empress Elizabeth Home, of Vienna, whose purpose is to give instruction in music and high art to women forced to make their own way in the world. This home, run under the special patronage of Emperor Francis Joseph and named after his late Empress, has in its six years' existence sprung rapidly to fame. In the last few years a large number of American women have entered, and now the institution has become taxed to its capacity. Since the death of her husband, who was an Austrian statesman, the Baroness has given large sums yearly to charitable work.

No Bluestocking, She.
These are days in which it is rash to count any long dead author forgotten. We note, says the London Globe, that Miss Alice C. C. Gausson is to give us a memoir of Elizabeth Carter, of "Epistetus" fame. This lady, who was a friend of Dr. Johnson, died just a hundred years ago. She was a prodigy of learning and industry. In her youth she read night and day, chewing green tea to keep her awake at one end of the night, and hiring a gardener to wake her at the other end. She belonged to an age of literary women, and in 1778 figured with Hannah More, Mrs. Sheridan, Mrs. Lennox and five others in a colored representation of the Nine Muses.

Yet "Eliza" of the Gentleman's Magazine was no bluestocking. "My old friend, Mrs. Carter," said Johnson, "could make a pudding as well as translate 'Epistetus' from the Greek, and work a handkerchief as well as compose a poem." Mrs. Carter lived to a great age, dying on the 19th of February, 1800, at her lodgings in Clarges street, Piccadilly. We understand that her biographer will tell her story as much as possible in her own words.

Old Maids' Paradise.
A veritable "old maids' paradise" is located in Scituate. That ancient South Shore town bears the distinction of possessing a fund of which the proceeds are devoted to the care of dependent maiden women. So far as the Scituate selectmen know, there is not a life fund under the supervision of a town anywhere in the State. More than a quarter of a century ago Miss Eliza Jenkins decided that women approaching the serene and yellow loof of life, who had like herself remained single, from choice or otherwise, should be provided for when they became dependent wholly upon themselves. The idea of an old folks' home in Scituate was at that time entirely out of the question. Miss Jenkins straightway did the next best thing, and left a fund of \$3000, the interest of which is yearly distributed among the worthy maidens of the town.

The Jenkins fund has always been in charge of the selectmen. In the last few years they have placed about \$20 each in the hands of half a dozen persons. This old fund has benefited persons in Scituate for so many years that the townspeople have come to regard it as a very common institution; it is available only for native born women, and this is about the only restriction its donor made.

Many a person has been helped in the last twenty-five years to pay off a mortgage, buy fuel for the winter months or purchase seeds for the spring planting through this fund. The selectmen know pretty nearly every one in the town, and it is compar-

tively easy for them to discriminate between the worthy and unworthy. Soon after Miss Jenkins thoughtfully provided for the "old maids" another maiden woman, Miss Lucy Thomas, originated the idea of a similar fund for widows. She left \$1000, also under the care of the selectmen, for native born widows. Interest has been drawn from this fund nearly as many years as from the Jenkins fund.—Boston Globe.

Dreaming Hints.
Loosely-woven materials, or those which are likely to fray easily, are often a source of trouble to the inexperienced dressmaker, for, however much is allowed for seams, the threads are apt to become unraveled almost down to the seam stitches. To remedy this the raw edge should be overcast directly the garment is cut out, before any seam is sewn up. By this means the necessity for wide turnings is avoided.

Sleeves which are full at the top or are fashioned with a puff should always be made over a lining for a good fit to be insured and the fulness to be kept in a proper position.

If a sleeve is made with a long cuff of lace it is best to mount it over a lining of white satin, but if a transparent effect is wanted chiffon should be used for the lining, as it makes the arm look much whiter underneath. The same rule applies to a lace yoke.

If you wish to make a walking skirt just clear the ground, without appearing too short, adopt the following plan: Measure the person from the waist to the ground and deduct one and a half inches.

Where a very accurate straight line is required, the material should not be torn or cut, but a thread must be drawn first to act as a guide before cutting.

In stroking gathers, the needle should be held in a sloping direction, and not upright, or it will pierce through the material and weaken it considerably.

As a rule, the warp threads which run the length of a material are stronger and more firmly woven than the woof threads, which run from selvage to selvage. Remembering this, all parts of a bodice which are likely to stretch, such as sleeves, collars and yokes, should be cut the length of the stuff.

If a material has a pattern running one way only, care must be taken when cutting out a blouse that the two fronts do not have the pattern going in different directions.

And the poorer one is the more steadfastly should one turn from shoddylike materials. Fine, firm weaves are invariably cheaper in the end than poorly and loosely woven fabrics, however well they may look at first.

Popular Tonic Baths.
Tonic baths to refresh the body and give tone to the skin are the luxuries society women are indulging in, and while they command the attention of specialists these baths are within the reach of any woman who care to indulge themselves.

While the old Romans knew and utilized the tonic baths, it is only of more recent years that modern women have come to appreciate their efficacy, but it is a fact that there is nothing quite so restful after a shopping tour or at night to induce sleep as one of these perfumed or tonic immersions.

One of the pleasantest of liquid perfumes to be added to the bath is made from six grams of tincture of benzoin, fifteen grams of extract of lavender and three and one-half gills of deodorized alcohol. Allow this to stand for two weeks in a dark place, then if necessary strain through porous paper. To use, pour a spoonful into a basin of warm water or a greater quantity into the bath. It can also be sprayed over the body after the bath. In this case it should be diluted with five times the amount of rose water.

Another liquid which is said to bring the color to the cheeks and be particularly refreshing is composed of thirty grams of oil of bergamot, thirteen grams of oil of citron, the same of oil of Portugal, seven and a half grams of oil of neroli, the same of oil of petitgrain, three and three-quarter grams of oil of rosemary, eight grams essence of roses, eight grams balsam of tolu and five parts deodorized alcohol. Let stand three weeks and strain through porous paper. Use two or three table-spoonfuls to the bath, as desired. Or, if used in the basin of water, use a teaspoonful only.

One which is used for the face bath mostly but can be used by tripling the amount for the bath is made from two and a half ounces of rose water, one and a quarter ounces of myrtle water, one-half dram essence of ambergris and one-quarter of essence of musk. Mix and shake at intervals for days. Let stand two weeks then filter.

Sea salt and camphor either used separately or together, act as tonics for the skin and should be used frequently. The salt thrown into the bath in handfuls or rubbed on the body has a tonic effect. The expense of these perfumes is greatly lessened if sprayed over the body after the bath instead of using in the water, and the effect quite as good.—Margaret Mixer, in the New York Telegram.

Rubber trees are being planted and developed in various parts of Africa, India, Samoa, Mexico, Central America, the West Indies and the Philippines.

Household Matters.

Mending Gloves.
When you mend gloves use fine cotton and as fine a needle as possible. Those long-eyed embroidery needles are splendid, unless you're supplied with the short, satisfactory little things which come for the sewing of gloves.

To Cleanse Chamois.
It is not generally known that to cleanse a chamois leather for plate cleaning or any other polishing purpose "the best way" is to wash it in lukewarm, soapy water, and to leave plenty of soap in the last rinsing water. This makes the wash-leather as soft and pliable as when new. To rinse all soap out will make it hard and dry. Dry in open air if possible.

Five Medicine Chest Rules.
Never give medicines without first reading the directions carefully, no matter how well you think you know them.

Never give a larger dose than directed in the hope of more quickly allaying symptoms; you may thereby kill the patient.

Do not glance hastily at the label, thinking all is right; carbolic acid might readily be mistaken for carbolic oil.

Never keep the medicine for internal use beside any for external application.

Never give or take several kinds of drugs without consulting a doctor; much mischief might be the result.

Turkey Soup.
After every bit of meat has been removed from the bones, break the latter and boil together with a quart of water, a few peppercorns, salt, a pinch of mace and a cupful of boiled rice. Allow these to cook an hour, at the end of which time the broth is strained off and returned to the fire. Now add some stalks of celery chopped fine. While the soup is boiling mix together one tablespoonful of flour and one of butter and heat over the fire with a cupful of milk. Add any mashed potato that may be left in the refrigerator, a dash of pepper and salt and a pinch of mace. Boil up once and strain into the boiling turkey broth. Allow these to cook together for five minutes and serve with croutons.

A Tip For the Cook.
The commonest mistakes we make in cooking potatoes are that we use too many fried and boiled potatoes. Fried potatoes are less easily digestible than food cooked in other ways. The most wasteful way to cook potatoes is to peel them, put them in cold water and bring them slowly to a boil. This method allows the water to penetrate to the centre of the potato so that a good deal of the starch may be dissolved and lost and the potato becomes soggy because it has not been "cooked dry." On the other hand, if you put peeled or cut potatoes into boiling water the gluten is hardened at once (as is that other common albuminous food—the white of an egg), thus preventing the water from getting to the starch and thereby ensuring a mealy potato.

The best way to cook potatoes is to bake them, because a dry heat being used none of the food value is lost. Next in nutritive order is the boiling of potatoes with their skins on. Next comes steaming, which everyone should practice instead of the common way of boiling, because it wastes less starch, while giving the same kind of flavor and texture. Frying is the least rational process. Of the "fancy" methods "ricing" is one of the easiest and most attractive, and it has the great advantage of being useful for potatoes unfit for other uses.—Good Housekeeping.

FOR THE EPIPURE
Wheat Cakes—Mix two teaspoonfuls baking powder with about three cups flour and a little salt; beat one or two eggs and add, with enough milk to make batter.

Macaroni, Cheese and Tomatoes.
Boil macaroni in stock forty-five minutes; drain, thicken the stock with tablespoon flour; pour this over the macaroni; add a little grated cheese and half cup stewed tomatoes; let it boil up again and serve.

Sardine Salad.—Remove skin and bones from a box of sardines and pour a little lemon juice over fish. Place leaves from a head of lettuce in a salad bowl, arrange the fish in them and scatter over two hard-boiled eggs, chopped. Serve with a plain dressing.

Plum Soy.—Allow four quarts of plums; scald and rub through a colander, add one pint of vinegar, a teaspoonful of black pepper, one of mustard, one of cloves and one of salt, four tablespoonfuls of brown sugar; boil slowly for one hour and bottle for use.

Southern Veal Stew.—Peel and boil a half-dozen spring onions, drain them and slice very thin. Take two pounds of veal sliced thin and evenly. Put the veal in a stewpan with salt and a little cayenne pepper, and cover with cold water. Cover the veal with onions and lay on them some bits of fresh butter rolled in flour. Flavor with nutmeg and lemon if you like. This stew is very nice, and lamb and chicken will make an equally nice one.

COSTUMES for STREET WEAR

New York City.—The short or "pony" coat is already an accepted favorite of fashion and may be looked for in increasing numbers with the incoming season. Here is one of the very latest, janifest and most becoming that is



adapted to all seasonal suitings and that can also be utilized for the separate wrap. In the illustration it is made of amethyst colored chiffon broadcloth and is trimmed with banding, the collar and cuffs being of lace.



applique over silk, but the model is in every way adapted to the light weight wool mixtures that are to be such favorites for the spring and also to the pongee and linen suits of later wear as well as to Panama cloth and the heavier suitings of the between seasons time.

The coat is made with fronts, side fronts, backs and side backs, and is finished at the neck with the flat, roll-over collar. The trimming is applied over the seams and again over the fronts, on indicated lines, so giving a vest effect. The sleeves are in the favorite three-quarter length, with becoming flare cuffs finishing their lower edges.

The quantity of material required for the medium size is three and three-fourth yards twenty-seven, two yards forty-four or one and three-fourth yards fifty-two inches wide, with five-eighth yard of silk for collar and cuffs and six and three-fourth yards of broad.

The Simpler Hats.
The simpler tailored hats are multi-colored. A Panama model, a sort of a dish shape with turned up brims, was lined with black velvet and had a bandeau in the back and a scarf across the front of shaded chamelion ribbon of which the foundation was corn color. Two long wings, pale blue in color, were arranged on the sides of the turned up brims.

Plain Ribbon is Popular.
Naturally, plaid ribbon and shaded silks are popular as hat trimmings. A startling little street hat of navy blue lace, straw was, on analysis, a sailor shape with a rolling brim. It was tilted enormously from the back, the bandeau being a regular wedge shape. It was covered with many yards of plaid ribbon tied into innumerable bows.

Eton Jacket.
Unquestionably the Eton jacket is to be a pronounced favorite of the incoming season and exceedingly chic and dainty are many of its later forms. This one is so simple as to appeal to the home dressmaker at a glance, while it is eminently smart. In the illustration the material is one of the new gray suitings, while the collar and cuffs are of velvet finished with applique. The list of suitable materials, however, includes the entire list of seasonable suitings, for the jacket is appropriate for linen and silk quite as well as for wool. In this instance the sleeves are in the favorite and always attractive three-quarter length, but long ones can be substituted if a more practical garment is desired. Velvet collar and cuffs are much liked this season, but are by no means the only ones in style, for linen on wool and linen on silk make distinctive characteristics of prevailing fashions and are to be found in a great many attractive colors, while again, Bulgarian embroideries are exceedingly smart and plain broadcloth on mixed material always makes a handsome effect.

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"So he did. And, but Johannie had a lot of boy flowers, and they were using it for flowers!"—Yonkers Statesman.

With the Funny Fellow

Too True.
Each joke is old and gray;
If you can, somehow tell
A story in a different way,
You're doing very well.
—Washington Star.

Naughty William.
"What struck you most at school to-day, William?"
"The teacher, sir."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Easy.
"If it's a nice day come and take me out in your auto, Wednesday."
"But suppose it's not a nice day?"
"Come the day before."—Cleveland Leader.

Qualified.
"Why, I can't hire that man you recommended! There's an impediment in his speech!"
"Possibly. But there's none in his nerve!"—Detroit Free Press.

And War Continued.
Miss Goodley—"Boss says she's ready to make up if you are."
Miss Cutting—"Tell her I'd be ready to make up, too, if I had a complexion as muddy as hers."—Philadelphia Ledger.

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She—"We never hear of any women after-dinner speakers."
He—"No; women can't wait until after dinner. They tell everything they know before dinner."—Yonkers Statesman.

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KEYSTONE STATE CULLINGS

WILL TEST MILEAGE BOOK PLAN

Attorney General Carson Has Started Suit to Restrain the Pennsylvania Railroad.

Attorney General Hampton L. Carson filed a bill in equity in the Dauphin courts to restrain the Pennsylvania and allied companies from collecting a \$10 rebate on each interchangeable mileage book sold. The reasons cited by the attorney general for bringing suit are similar to those given at the time his bill was sent to the State printer for printing. The date of hearing has not yet been fixed.

The standing committees of the Pennsylvania state board of trade, which was organized at Harrisburg, to make a systematic campaign for the election of legislators pledged to a 2-cent flat passenger vote on the railroads, were appointed by ex-Mayor Vance C. McCormick of Harrisburg, president of the board. Following is a list of the standing committees: Constitution and by-laws: William H. Stevenson and W. A. Griffith, Pittsburgh; Wilmer Crow, Harrisburg; J. D. Wentz, Washington. Finances: William R. Brinton, Lancaster; Clarence E. Groesbeck, York; Joseph C. Smith, Harrisburg. Baggage and transportation: D. C. Staw, Pittsburgh; F. H. MacIntyre, Philadelphia; H. D. Burlingame, Altoona. Interurban railroads: D. D. Harmon, Pittsburgh; Representative William T. Creasy, Catawissa; A. M. Howes, Erie.

W. A. Stone has bought 150 acres of coal near Smock, from the Pittsburgh Coal Company, for \$1,300 an acre. He has also purchased the plant of the O'Connell Coal and Coke Company, near Smock for \$70,000, and will increase the plant from 25 to 150 ovens. A new company will be organized with a capital stock of \$200,000, and among those interested are W. A. Stone, L. H. Frasher, W. E. Crow and Dr. W. H. Hopwood of Uniontown.

The First National Bank of Freeport, which was declared insolvent, and placed in the hands of a receiver March 17, 1906, having complied with the conditions imposed by the comptroller of the currency, precedent to resumption, and its capital not being unimpaired, has been permitted to resume business as an active national banking association.

Two men were taken to the hospital in a dying condition, a third is seriously stabbed, several others are injured and seven men are in the Windber lockup as the result of a clash between union and non-union men at Paint Creek, near Windber.

Newton B. Weddell, of Chambersburg, who was arrested while running away with \$100 he had secured from Mrs. Zlpha Rutherford on the representation that he meant to buy her a grocery store, was sentenced to three years in the penitentiary.

Gov. S. W. Pennypacker issued a requisition on Gov. Pardee, of California, for the return to Pennsylvania of L. H. Mitchell, who is wanted in Luzerne county to answer a charge of conspiracy in connection with a mining deal.

The Pennsylvania railroad has ordered the employes of the maintenance of way department to work 10 hours a day instead of 9. This gives an additional hour to about 12,000 men between Philadelphia and Pittsburgh.

Capt. Charles J. Harrison and Milton J. Pritts of the Somerset County National bank, sold 1,500 acres of "A" and "B" vein coal to the Pennsylvania Coal Company, a \$150,000 corporation composed mainly of New York capitalists.

Five footpads held up and robbed Leo Marks of \$50 at a lonely bridge in North Bridgewater. Marks was so severely injured that it was an hour before he could crawl into the village and give an alarm.

George G. Gans has purchased from W. F. Patterson of Waynesburg 200 acres of coal land in Center township, Greene county, and 100 acres of coal land in Marion county, W. Va.

Palmyra, 10 miles west of Lebanon, had a serious fire. The blaze started in Shiner's bake shop, soon spreading and destroying a residence and several large barns.

Governor Pennypacker reappointed General John A. Wiley of Franklin and George F. Davenport of Meadville trustees of the Polk Institution for the Feeble Minded.

The poor directors of Fayette county have taken action to provide needy persons bitten by mad dogs with proper medical attention.

New Castle council ordered the city solicitor to file a bill in equity to compel the Bell Telephone company to use the new city conduit, which cost nearly \$100,000.

The body of Luther Neiman, a Pennsylvania railway engineer who had been missing from his home in Harrisburg 10 days, was found in the Susquehanna river.

The Governor issued a death warrant for the execution of John Bodnar of Chester county, on June 28.

Major W. H. Davis will be the next postmaster of Pittsburgh.

The Boston Clothing Company's store at Connellsville was entered by robbers, who got away with nearly \$800 worth of goods.

Guy L. Reed, of Charleroi, has purchased the Exchange hotel at Titusville, and expects to take possession at once.

Henry, the 19-year-old son of George Baltzer, of Shanksville, Somerset county, was run over by a wagon and killed.

Fire destroyed the residence of Justice of the Peace Houston at Blacklick, Indiana county.