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Flower Weddings. "Flower-name weddings" the fashionable in Europe just now. At one recently, where the bride's name was Violet, the bridesmaids wore Parma violet-colored satin dresses, with velvet capes of darker shade and hats to match. They carried bouquets of Panama violets.

Plans of Mrs. Sartoris. Her youngest daughter having crossed the line into the domain of matrimony, Mrs. Nellie Grant Sartoris purposes to spend her winters hereafter in Washington. Miss Rosemary Sartoris, who was married recently to Mr. Woolston, of England, had been her mother's close companion. She spent little time abroad, contrary to the custom of her sister, now Mrs. Frederic Roosevelt Seovel.

When to Give Her Hand. There are few people who have not suffered at one time or another by the offhand manner in which they were introduced to others. This kind of introduction is likely to embarrass some people, just as the careful and gracious introduction is one of the essentials in putting strangers at ease.

In introducing people, the greatest care should be taken to pronounce both names distinctly. If one name has escaped the introducer's memory it is safest and best to excuse oneself and ask for the forgotten name. The most delicate sensibilities should not be wounded by such a slip of memory, for who is there who has not at some time or another quite forgotten a well-known name? says Woman's Life.

The debatable question as to whether a woman should shake hands with a man who is being presented to her has been solved by making it only obligatory for the woman to offer her hand to the man when the occasion is informal and the man is being introduced to one person at a time. When he is meeting a group of people it makes it embarrassing and awkward to shake hands with all.

Lawns and Furs. It blows hot or blows cold for women these days, in accordance with the size of their pocketbooks, and perhaps with deference to the atmosphere of the particular cities in which they live. Take Washington as the example. One day last week, in an avenue of the capital, Mrs. Victor Metcalf, wife of the Secretary of Commerce and Labor, walked along with Miss Chabot of Oakland, both garbed in embroidered white linen, with lace and frills. They wore white felt hats, with black and apple-green ostrich plumes. But in the same avenue at the same time was Mrs. Hops Slater of Boston, whose summer meanderings had included Russia and the North Cape. She had bought a great, loose sable coat, lined with the palest of blue and reaching below the knees. She had donned her costly garment, for it is conceded November is the month in which to appear in new furs, and she knew her business if by the weather man did not know his.

On the same promenade girls in organde, with the lightest of silk wraps, linked arms with girls in new seal jackets. A foreigner said: "Washington women dress in their newest and most striking possessions, utterly regardless of climate condition."—New York Press.

Portia's Legal Wisdom. Professor F. Edge Kavanagh, of the Municipal Civil Service Board, was able to tell the members of the Portia Club at their meeting, recently in New York City, something many of them did not know about the heroine of Shakespeare's "Merchant of Venice," from whom the organization takes its name.

"The character of Portia has been criticized," said Professor Kavanagh, substantially, "on the ground that it would have been impossible for a woman of her class at that period and in that place to have displayed her knowledge. They forget that Venice was at the time the city of greatest culture in Italy, and that it was by no means contrary to the spirit of Italian life that a great lady should know something of the law."

"Owing to the Italian custom of primogeniture, by which titles, and real and other estate descended to the daughters of a noble house, as well as to the sons, it was usual to give these girls very much the same training in legal matters that the boys received. Italian mediaeval history is full of instances of women who were called on to administer and execute large affairs."

"When the palace schools developed into the universities, the policy of giving girls the benefits of higher education was continued and enlarged. It is quite in accordance with Italian precedent that at the present we find

the University of Bologna not only opening its courses to women, but giving them a chance at the highest honors, and allowing them to lecture."

Now it's Rust Color. For tailor-mades, and, indeed, for many other sartorial purposes, a color which lends itself admirably to the requirements of the season is "rust." In cloth and velvet it presents a warm, rich effect, is newer than green and gray (of which we shall have a surfeit as the winter advances) and is less aggressively noticeable than claret.

White cloth, ecru gulfure, or velvet of a darker shade, not to speak of the innumerable fancy galons and embroidery so lavishly used just now, would easily and effectively trim a gown of that particular color.

I saw a chic, though unpretentious, little costume in "rust" cloth, which embodied the very newest idea in coats.

It took the form of a loose jacket, trimmed with silk braid of exactly the same color as the cloth, worn open and not reaching lower than the hips, but slightly indicating the waist by means of a leather belt caught at intervals under the pleats of the jacket. The skirt was of walking length, with some lozenge designs of silk braid above the hem, while the chemise worn under the coat was of Cluny lace, the small, tight-fitting waistcoat—more like a high belt—being of velvet, and somewhat darker than the rest of the costume.

PEARLS OF THOUGHT.

Work cures worry. Sorrow is the parent of many a song. The law is best kept when it is lost in love. To work for love is to learn to love your work.

Cursed be the success that crushes aspiration. The doing of daily duty makes every day divine. The only way to discover truth is by doing truth.

He who cheers others need not fear for himself. The problem of living can not be solved by talking. The right to rule is acquired by ruling ourselves aright.

The man who laughs at his troubles soon laughs over them. Back of all public corruptions are our private compromises. Human kindness is the greatest law of the heavenly kingdom.

The man who lacks moral muscle always thinks he is meek. Things are not heavenly unless they essentially are happy. The front door to delight lies through the garden of duty.

The finest prospects in life are found at the summit of disagreeable duties. An unearned advantage is a disgrace if there be no unreciprocated service. He only can walk in the high places who walks humbly before the most high.

Our great losses are not the things taken from us, but the things we miss. It's not the engine with the loudest exhaust that is hauling the longest train. If you would hear the joy of Heaven you must go into the saddest places of earth.

It is an ill time to boast of your speed when your lusts are running away with you. No man has a poorer outlook on life than he who always is on the lookout for himself.

Many a man thinks he is religious because he has a peculiar pleasure in regulating other folk. He who has learned to do deeds that are immortal no longer worries over the immortality of his soul.—Sentence sermons, from the Chicago Tribune.

AN EDUCATED SPARROW.

Bird Whose Accomplishments Rival Those of a Magpie. Monsieur Mignaud, a French scientist, has recently compiled some interesting information with reference to the musical accomplishment of a sparrow in his collection of living birds.

He captured the sparrow soon after it had been hatched, and fed it by hand until it could care for itself. Then he placed it in a cage containing a chaffinch, a goldfinch and two canaries. After a time the sparrow learned to warble like the finches and to trill like the canaries, the imitations being so perfect as to deceive the ear.

In the spring M. Mignaud is accustomed to keep a box of crickets near his bird-cages. Two days after the crickets had been placed near the cage containing the sparrow the latter began to imitate their cry intermingling it with its songs. Even after the crickets had long been dead the sparrow remembered its lesson and continued to repeat their cry. None of the other birds attempted to imitate the crickets.

Singularly enough, the sparrow never utters the peculiar qualling cry of its own species, having been removed from the nest too early, apparently, to have learned it.

Ought to Change Their Style.

When a man goes out to speak to people he at least ought not to do them any harm by holding up false ideas of life and confusing young people as to the meaning of success. The commencement speaker has much to answer for along this line. Boys and girls have been told so often about the success of big men and so little about the success of those who, though not born great, made the most of themselves and lived happy and useful, thought not famous lives, they are apt to get the wrong idea about what success really means; and because they can't all be presidents, or governors, as they are falsely told they can be, they are apt to think that they can't be anything. The value of education is dwelt upon as a means to achieve wealth or fame or both. This is why there is so much error as regards the true value of education which means simply that each individual should be trained or educated to use to the greatest advantage whatever powers he has, be they large or small. But being told that education means that a boy will necessarily become a governor or a senator or occupy some other high place, many people have come to think of education only in this sense, and so when they see a man who has been to college and been "educated" and does no good in life, they say that education does not pay. The commencement sky-scrapers ought to get down to their business and find what education really is and then talk about it, and stop the meaningless jangle of words that often have more sound than sense.—Monroe Journal.

Method in it. "But why in the world did you want to elope, anyway?" "Well, I was in hopes that her family would never forgive us."—Chicago Record-Herald.

SPORTING BREVITIES.

Outlaw racing in Louisiana has now fairly started. Four Yankees—Chase, Elberfeld, Koeler and Yeager—batted over 300 last season. The conditions governing the motor boat race from New York to Bermuda have been issued.

W. M. Ford, of Wilmington, Del., won the national amateur clay pigeon shooting championship. Jockey Garner, who was discovered by John A. Drake, is riding better every day at the Crescent City.

The New York Nationals have refused to relinquish their claim to Kelley, the outfielder, and Corcoran, the Cincinnati shortstop. San Francisco fight promoters fear that the next Legislature in California will pass laws that will prohibit prize fighting in that State.

Twenty-two judges will distribute the ribbons at the Westminster Kennel Club's show, at Madison Square Garden, New York City, in February. The Aero Club of America is considering the choice of a starting point for the 1907 contest for the Coupe Internationale des Aero-nautes.

The movement to obtain the restoration of football at Columbia by inducing the board of trustees to take action favorable to the game is not likely to meet with success. A fight for the heavyweight championship of the world will be arranged between James J. Jeffries and Bill Squires, of Australia, with Rhyolite, Nev., as the battle-ground and \$30,000 the purse.

No further attempt will be made by the New England Breeders' Club to conduct a racing meeting in the Granite State unless there should be some favorable legislation in future that would permit betting.

STUB ENDS OF NEWS.

Germany has a treasury deficit of a little less than \$14,000,000. London has at last decided to connect its police stations by telephones. "Aeroplanes built to order" reads a sign outside a London motor factory.

A bill has been introduced in the Canadian Parliament to prevent strikes in all public utilities. The Moroccan Minister of War ordered Raisull's lieutenants near Tangier to stop "governing."

Boston is getting a thirty-five-foot channel, and Baltimore has had a survey for a similar channel. New York politicians who formed a syndicate to sell short American Ice securities lost upward of half a million.

The Administration at Washington was not disturbed by stories that Japan seeks or desires war with America. General Crozier, Chief of Ordnance, declared the life a twelve-inch gun would be exhausted in an engagement lasting two hours.

Watching from a window her young son playing football, Mrs. John Batterby, in Jersey City, N. J., saw the lad, aged ten, drop dying from heart disease. Estimates of the country's copper production for 1906 place the output at between 940,000,000 and 970,000,000 pounds. 1905's production was 901,000,000 pounds.

A movement was started in the South to appeal to the Postoffice Department for a fraud order against the New York Cotton Exchange to forbid it the use of the mails. Referee Leslie made his report in the matter of the failure of the Empire Life Insurance Company, of New York, showing assets of \$8000 to pay claims which will amount to \$4,000,000.

CLEANING HAIR BRUSHES.

Valuable brushes, such as those with ivory or tortoiseshell backs, may be thoroughly cleansed by using bran instead of soap and water. The brush is dipped into bran, which must be rubbed into the bristles as one would soap, and the particles may afterward be removed by tapping the brush bristles downward on the table. The process is somewhat lengthy, but it prevents the bristles from becoming softened, as they inevitably must be if wetted. When every trace of bran has been removed, the brush will be found to be perfectly clean, and may then be wiped with a soft silk handkerchief.

PROMINENT PEOPLE.

Bishop Turinaz was fined \$10 at Nancy, France, for striking a gardener. Colonel Thomas Wentworth Higginson has just celebrated his eighty-third birthday anniversary.

Senator Thomas C. Platt, of New York, intends to resign soon after the end of the present Congress. Count Witte has said to friends that he believes a renewal of war between Russia and Japan is an impossibility.

The Austrian Emperor has more titles than any other monarch. He is a king nine times over and a duke eighteen times. The students and alumni of Columbia are preparing a petition to Dr. Butler for the restoration of football at the university.

Lord Knollys, King Edward's private secretary for the past thirty-six years, is the only man from whom His Majesty has no secrets. Archbishop Ireland says the clergy are much to blame for the troubles in France and that monarchist ideas have done dreadful harm to the church.

Count Eugene Zichy, who died at Budapest recently, left an estate valued at nearly \$10,000,000. He has bequeathed a splendid collection of pictures and other works of art to the city of Budapest.

Attorney-General Leroy F. Youngmans died in Columbia, S. C., recently. He was Attorney-General under Governor Wade Hampton, and was regarded as one of the most brilliant orators in the South. Rev. William F. Brand, pastor of St. Mary's Protestant Episcopal Church, Belair, Md., recently celebrated his ninety-second birthday. He has served the church continuously since its foundation fifty-five years ago.

RECIPES.

Lemon Ice Cream.—Squeeze a lemon and strain the juice upon as much fine sugar as it will absorb, pour 3 quarts of cream into it very slowly, stirring fast all the time. Another simple but very good recipe is: Heat a quart of milk hot, but do not let it boil. Add the yolks of 4 eggs, beaten with a coffee cup of sugar, and flavor with lemon or vanilla. Chocolate cream can be made by adding some powdered chocolate and mix before freezing. Also peaches or strawberries can be used for a change.

Picallilli.—One peck green tomatoes and one dozen small onions. Place them in layers, sprinkle salt between, one cup for this quantity, 1-2 cups dark brown sugar. Let stand twenty-four hours, drain through a sieve, add 1-2 ounce whole cloves, 1-2 ounce allspice, tablespoon red pepper, 1-2 pint whole mustard seed. Place tomatoes in a kettle with layers of spice between, cover with vinegar and boil two hours.

Currant Jelly.—Measure the juice and allow one pint of white sugar to one pint of the juice. Let the juice simmer ten minutes before adding the sugar. Let it boil twenty minutes, remove the scum carefully as it forms. When ready pour the jelly into glasses which have been rolled in hot water and are still standing in it. When the jelly is cold and firm pour melted paraffine over the top, cover with paper and keep in a cool, dark, dry place. Be careful not to tip the glasses or in any way break through the edge of the jelly which seals the mass to the glass.

Velvet Sponge Cake.—The yolks of 6 eggs and 2 cups of sugar beaten to a cream. Add the whites of three eggs well beaten, then 2-3 cups of flour, with 1 heaping teaspoon of baking powder. Flavor with lemon or vanilla. Add 1 cup of boiling water. Beat well and bake in a moderate oven. This makes a large cake and should be baked in a dripping pan. For a common size cake use half of this recipe.

It is not too much to say, according to the New York American, of the Gould family today that the head of it, George Gould, has the respect of those who feel a certain hostility to the financial world, in which he is at all times a prominent figure. As for his sister, and the sister of the Countess de Castellane, Miss Helen Gould, there is probably no woman in New York more thoroughly admired or more widely known.

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