

Her Special Realm

Happy Homes. Homes would be happier IF Married people were as agreeable as in the days of their courting.

IF Each tried to be a real support and comfort to the other. IF Household expenses were under and not over the sum given for them.

IF Married people remembered they were married for worse as well as better. IF If people were as polite to each other in private as they are in public, and

IF Unappreciated Thrift. Benjamin Franklin was fortunate in possessing a very thrifty wife, but on one occasion her saving ways shocked, instead of pleased her husband.

When Benjamin saw these unaccustomed luxuries, he said reprovingly. "You see how luxury creeps into families in spite of principles." And directly the meal was over he went to his warehouse and wheeled a barrowful of papers home through the streets for fear the neighbors might hear of the china cup and say he was getting above his business.

My Friend. A married woman rarely makes a good intimate friend. She is far too apt to tell "him" everything. Beware also of a woman who reveals other people's confidences to you, including her husband's, no matter how specious her reasons for so doing.

She will probably give you away, too, at the first opportunity. She can't help it; it is a disease. And the worst of it is that these naughty babblers are often so lovable and kind and caressing and have such sympathetic ways that they coax our little secrets out of us almost before we know it. Really, the only way to keep a secret is not to let any one guess that there is a secret to keep.

I can picture the friend I should most dearly treasure. She has the art of coming when wanted, and staying away when I do not happen to care about visitors; she is loving, yet never gushing; helpful, but not officious; ready, but never in the way. She can praise, says Home Chat, without flattering, counsel without "advising," hear everything, and say nothing. But such a friend would need to be lived up to, and I have my doubts as to whether I should sufficiently rise to the occasion.

Is County Treasurer. Miss Gertrude Jordan, of Valentine, Neb., who has just been declared by the State Supreme court to be entitled to the office of treasurer of Cherry county, is the first woman in the United States to hold a position of this kind.

The "State of Cherry," as it is called in Nebraska, is the largest county in the United States. It is ninety miles long and seventy miles wide, and contains 4,000,000 acres. The northern portion borders on the Sioux Indian reservation, where 14,000 uncivilized Sioux live a semi-nomadic life. Cherry is largely a county of cattle ranches, cowboys, roundups and ranges. It is in the heart of the "sand hill" county and there are still 1,000,000 acres of government wild land within its borders.

It was amid such surroundings and under such conditions that Miss Jordan carried on her campaign. For the most part her mode of travel was horseback, and during her contest for the office she travelled more than nine hundred miles in this manner. Miss Jordan is twenty-six years of age and for eight years had been deputy treasurer for Cherry. Last year she determined to become a candidate for the higher position, although she is a Republican and the office was filled by a Democrat. So she resigned and sought the nomination. In the primaries she had two opponents and when the votes were counted she had almost as many as the two combined.

Then came the campaign, and it was the most interesting contest Cherry county ever saw. Miss Jordan was just as likely as not to show up at a Democratic "blow out", and she backed her opponent off the platform time after time. Wherever two or more voters were gathered together there Miss Jordan was to be found. She rode over the country time and again, visited almost every ranch house, stopped a few minutes at each bunch of grazing cattle and talked with the herders and was a visitor at all the roundups.

Fashion Notes

New York City.—Bathing suits always follow the general trend of fashion and the one that is made with sleeves and blouse in one is among the smartest. Here is a model that includes that feature and which is made with a skirt that is full enough for comfort yet falls in the fashionable straight close lines. The model is made of natural colored pongee with trimming of brown, but brilliantine



is a favorite material for bathing suits, salt water silk is much used and a great many women like the warmer flannel and serge, while for trimming bands of any contrasting material are appropriate. Dotted foulard is being used and is liked, braid is correct, and braiding with soutache is employed on many of the handsomer suits. The bloomers accompanying the costume are close fitting over the hips, consequently mean no bulk, yet they are loose and comfortable at the knees.

The suit is made with the blouse and skirt and the bloomers. The blouse is laid in a tuck over each shoulder and in the tucks at the back edges and the skirt is laid in inverted pleats at front, back and sides, and these pleats meet over narrow panels. The two are joined by a belt and the closing is made invisibly at the back. A pretty shaped collar finishes the neck. The bloomers are finished with hems and elastics at the knees and under faced at the upper edge.

The quantity of material required for the medium size (sixteen years) is seven and one-half yards, twenty-seven, four and three-quarter yards forty-four or four and one-half yards fifty-two inches wide, one and one-half yards twenty-seven inches wide for trimming.

The Hat Tilt. There is danger of a ridiculous extreme in the hat tilt, and there is the possibility of a most fetching pliancy. A hat must be placed upon the head before the mirror and experimented with until the correct adjustment becomes second nature; then one can wear the tilted brim with the saving grace of knowing that the best has been made of the new line.



Negligee With Fancy Collar.—To be made with pointed elbow or long plain sleeves. The negligee that is made with a big fancy collar is always a becoming and attractive one.

Frillings in Demand. "Chanteclair" and other frillings are in great demand to use as side jabots on waists and gowns or silk or fine tub goods. They also are in high favor with mothers who love to have the little ones daintily dressed.

Ribbon Sashes. The sash or girde of ribbons, or even of silk by the yard, is as much a fashion for the child as for the grown-up.

Matching Accessories. With the violet hued suit there must be a gold chain bag with a tiny purse of gold fastened to the outside of the purse. Or, if my lady prefer to adopt the latest fad in dress, she will have a bag of violet silk with a little gold chain for change fastened to the outside. She can keep her coin in the tiny little purse while her vanities are carried in the big silk wrist bag.

Ornamental Pockets. Pockets are proving an inexhaustible mine for displaying trimming of various kinds. There are the large square shapes that are ornamented with braid, embroidery or buttons, giving the decorative plastron so much in vogue. Then, again, there are the pointed shapes that are frequently used when the lines of a coat are built on the sharp slanting scheme. Stitched flaps are placed on the tailored suits of severe cut; even lace is used on the linen costumes for ornament rather than for use, for it must be remembered that the perfection of line must not be destroyed by the contents.

Auto or Steamer Bonnet. Travelling, whether by motor or by steamer, brings about the necessity for just such head covering as this. A bonnet of some sort is really essential both as protection against the wind and to keep the hair smooth and tidy. The one illustrated is charming and attractive and becoming as well as practical, and easily made withal. In the illustration silk is the material and the trimming is rosettes of ribbon, while the ties are of soft ribbon, but chiffon is often used for ties and the trimming could be any preferred one. Pongee, chiffon



cloth and all materials that are used for bonnets of the sort are appropriate. If liked the brim could be of one material and the crown of another. The bonnet is made with crown and brim and foundation brim. The brim is laid in folds but the foundation is smooth and plain. The crown is gathered at the front edge and joined to the brim and is shirred at the neck edge to form a little frill while these shirrings are held by means of a stay.

The quantity of material required is one and one-half yards twenty-seven, or one yard forty-four inches wide with three yards of ribbon two inches wide for rosettes, two and one-half yards of ribbon six inches wide or one and one-half yards of chiffon for ties.



Tuck Pleated Blouse.—With elbow or long sleeves, with Dutch collar or neck-band. The blouse that is laid in tucks that are stitched to give a flat effect is a smart and fashionable one.

Harmonies. One of the loveliest gowns I have seen for some time is a velvet in a most exquisite soft shade of sage blue with more than a hint of mauve in the high lights, with introductions of heavy purple silk net almost hidden beneath embroideries of blue, mauve and purple, quite impossible to describe properly in mere words, and a beautiful jabot of old Flanders point held by a magnificent buckle of amethyst paste.

THE HOUSEKEEPER

Dutch Apple Tart. Line a pie-pan with pastry. Peel and halve medium-sized apples, remove the cores, and place the halves in the pan, with the rounded side up. Spread thickly with brown sugar, dot with butter, sprinkle with cinnamon, and pour over them two or three tablespoonsful of water. Bake until the apples are soft.—Harper's Bazar.

Invalid Pudding. Roll three tablespoonsful of sultana raisins in two cupfuls of milk, then add two tablespoonsful of cornstarch dissolved in a little cold milk, two well beaten eggs, two tablespoonsful of butter, half a teaspoonful of sugar and grated rind of one lemon, mixed well together. Pour into a buttered dish and bake in the oven until set.—Washington Herald.

Root Celery. Not every one knows there is a variety of celery which makes a large root like a turnip and that serves as an excellent salad vegetable. The seed is sown and the plants are planted exactly the same as the better known varieties, but when the roots have grown large enough they are dug up as wanted. The tops are trimmed off and the bulbs are then scraped and boiled until tender. They are then sliced and laid to weak vinegar, to be served with cream or French dressing the same as potato salad. The flavor is mild and delicious.—Washington Herald.

My Own Meat Pie. Take as much meat as wanted and cut up in small squares, cut up some onions (as many as you like), add pepper and salt and plenty of water and cook till tender, keep plenty of water in for gravy; when done thicken with a little cornstarch, put in a pudding dish and insert a cup or small bowl in the center; in the meantime have plenty of potatoes boiled and mashed fine and seasoned, drop by spoonfuls around the cup. Put into a quick oven and brown all around nicely; before sending to the table take out the cup and you will find that your gravy hasn't all cooked away, there'll be plenty under the cup. This is a very nice way to make any kind of a pie, as the gravy goes under the cup.—Mrs. Percy Freeman in the Boston Post.

Timbales of Spinach. Pick over two quarts of spinach, wash thoroughly (changing the water many times), add salt and let it boil for ten minutes. Boiling water may be added when the spinach is set to cook, or it may be cooked in the water that clings to it by turning the spinach frequently. Drain in a colander, pressing out all the water. Chop very fine. Add half teaspoonful of salt, half teaspoonful of sugar, half teaspoonful of white pepper, one-fourth teaspoonful of grated nutmeg and the yolks of three eggs. Set over the fire and stir constantly while the mixture heats a little. Turn into buttered timbale mold (a tiny round of paper should be set in the bottom of the mold before it is buttered), set the molds in a pan of boiling water and let cook ten minutes. Serve with rich brown sauce to which three tablespoonsful of sherry and a tablespoonful of liquid from a mushroom have been added.—Washington Herald.

Hints. Use the ordinary tongs that come with boxes of candy for plucking the hulls from strawberries. To cure a sprain take the whites of eggs with powdered alum, made into a plaster. A sure specific. To make silk that has been washed look like new, put a teaspoon of methylated spirits to a pint of rinsing water and iron while damp. The burnt crust of a loaf of bread or cake may be much improved by using a large grater by which the burnt portion may be easily removed. In choosing poultry, see that the beak and claws of the fowl are soft, not stiff and horny. The bones of young fowls are soft and easily broken. Use cold boiled sweet potato for baiting rat or mouse traps and you will find it much more effective than cheese or bacon rind in catching rats or mice. Save your celery leaves; put in the oven to dry until crisp; powder fine; you will find them very nice to flavor soups and dust on pork or beef when roast. When a white enamel vessel has become discolored, simply fill the vessel with water and add a teaspoonful of chloride of lime. Let it boil a few minutes. When a cork has fallen inside a bottle pour enough strong ammonia into the bottle to float the cork, and let it stand a few days. The ammonia will break or eat up the cork so that it can easily be extracted. If all housekeepers who have overalls to wash will simply soap them well, then take them on the wash-board and scrub with the scrubbing brush, they will find that the dirt will come out very easily and washing them will no longer be a dread. Sponges should be hung where the fresh air will reach them and where they will dry thoroughly. If possible the sponge should be dried in the bright sunshine and thoroughly scalded occasionally in soda and water.

FINANCE AND TRADE REVIEW

BRIGHT EXPECTATIONS FAIL TO MATERIALIZE

Iron and Steel Market is Rather Quiet and Uncertain at Present—Railroad Orders Small.

The "Iron Trade Review" says: "The first half of the year has failed to fulfill the rosy expectations entertained for it during the close of last year, and there is still much uncertainty concerning the future. A rather quiet market with a fair activity of mills and furnaces, is expected for the summer months, and many observers believe that the fall will see decidedly improved conditions. "The pig iron market has shown little activity in any part of the country. In the Pittsburgh district the withdrawal of inquiries, for a large tonnage of basic and Bessemer has not improved sentiment.

"The Baltimore & Ohio has ordered 1,000 all steel coke cars from the Cambria Steel Company, 1,000 all steel coke cars from the Pressed Steel Car Company and 1,000 steel underframe box cars of 80,000 pounds capacity from the Standard Steel Car Company. Other buying by the railroads during the past week has been in very small volume.

"The 'Iron Age' says: "The pig iron situation appears to be of chief interest this week. Unquestionably the volume of business has considerably increased, but of course at the expense of values. The June total of pig iron sales by New York houses will be close to the largest, and with some sellers the largest for any month so far this year.

"Philadelphia reports the purchase of 15,000 to 20,000 tons of basic pig iron and several large lots of foundry iron. Sales of fairly large quantities both Northern and Southern foundry iron, have been made in Pittsburgh and a local consumer is negotiating for 15,000 tons or more of basic iron for delivery during the year.

"Some very low quotations are being made on coke, and a Cleveland furnace interest has contracted for 6,500 tons for July delivery at \$1.55. The old material market is dull, and the most interesting development has been the rumor that the government may take some action under the antitrust law against the association of buyers in the Philadelphia district."

MARKETS

PITTSBURGH.

Table listing market prices for various commodities in Pittsburgh, including Wheat, Corn, Flour, and Butter.

Dairy Products.

Table listing prices for dairy products like Creamery, Eggs, and Butter.

Poultry, Etc.

Table listing prices for poultry, chickens, and eggs.

Fruits and Vegetables.

Table listing prices for various fruits and vegetables.

BALTIMORE.

Table listing prices for commodities in Baltimore.

PHILADELPHIA.

Table listing prices for commodities in Philadelphia.

NEW YORK.

Table listing prices for commodities in New York.

LIVE STOCK.

Union Stock Yards, Pittsburg.

Table listing prices for live stock in Union Stock Yards, Pittsburg.

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