



INTEREST TO WOMEN

A UNIQUE CUSHION. Though her actual cash outlay was only \$3, the cushion a clever girl made for her brother in college was so odd and so charming that some of his chums have offered \$25 for it.

THE LOWER OF ENJOYMENT. We lose our power of enjoyment early in life, sometimes through overwork. We are like children with so many toys that none please, or the poor little creatures of the slums whose burdens are so heavy that the power to enjoy is paralyzed.

HOW SHE KEEPS HER SERVANTS. Here are a few rules given by a woman who enjoys a reputation for never having trouble with her numerous servants and retaining them in her service for years.

A WOMAN EXPLORER. Mrs. French-Sheldon's recent departure for Africa has been the signal for many reminiscent articles on her adventures. As a child, it is said, she was very delicate, and it was during years of enforced inactivity that the idea of wandering through unknown countries seized upon her imagination.

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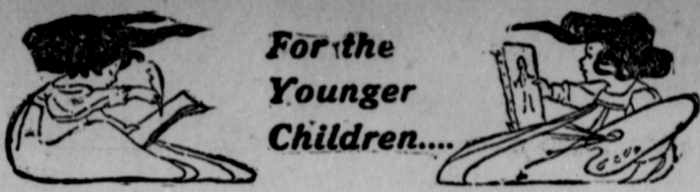
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For the Younger Children...

QUENTIN AND HIS JUMPERS.

Persons who lunch with the President may catch a glimpse of blue overalls on the veranda at the back of the house, if they happen to look out the windows; the little boy in blue is probably Quentin, very busy about his own affairs. He does not wear a "real lace" collar or a velvet doublet; he has on just the kind of "jumpers" that thousands of little American boys wear when they make their daily mud-pies or play tag or ride their bicycles.

THE ADVERB GAME.

This is a simple little game, in which a player wins by noticing the manner in which the other players answer his questions.

THE PLAYERS TAKE SEATS IN A ROW, AND ONE IS SENT OUT OF THE ROOM, LOTS HAVING BEEN DRAWN TO SEE WHO THIS ONE WILL BE. WHEN HE IS GONE THE OTHER PLAYERS AGREE ON AN ADVERB, AND WHEN HE IS CALLED BACK HE MUST ASK EACH PLAYER A QUESTION—NO MATTER WHAT—AND THE ANSWERS ARE TO BE GIVEN IN A MANNER EXPRESSIVE OF THE ADVERB.

LET US SAY THAT THE ADVERB SELECTED IS "CROSSLY"; THEN EVERY QUESTION THAT THE RECALLED PLAYER ASKS IS ANSWERED IN A CROSS OR SNAPPISH MANNER. IF "MILDLY" BE THE ADVERB, THE ANSWERS ARE GIVEN ACCORDINGLY. "LAUGHINGLY," "CARELESSLY," "QUICKLY," ARE OTHER ADVERBS THAT MIGHT BE USED.

THE PLAYER SCORES A POINT WHEN HE GUESSES THE ADVERB, AND THEN SOME ONE GOES OUT IN HIS PLACE. IF HE FAILS TO SCORE, HE HAS TO GO OUT AGAIN, WHEN ANOTHER ADVERB IS SELECTED, AND HE COMES BACK AND TRIES A SECOND TIME.

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THE "SOUVENIR" CRAFT GAME.

An Evil That the Federation of Labor Has Been Fighting For Years.

The trade will appreciate the force and truth of this editorial from the Boston Traveler:

The "souvenir program" grafter received a well merited and, it is to be hoped, a knockout blow at the convention of the American Federation of Labor at Pittsburg.

There is a species of petty larceny which has netted millions of dollars to its promoters from business and professional men, political candidates and the public generally.

The scheme is worked in connection with the public gatherings, balls, picnics, etc., of all sorts of organizations, but labor unions specially.

The organization having the ball or picnic is approached and a lump sum paid for the privilege of printing the "official" program. Once this permission is given, the "souvenir" grafter, armed with his credentials, proceeds to coax, bully or blackmail advertisements for the program. It is always represented that patronage implies the good will of the members of the particular organization in question, while non-compliance implies proof of hostility or unfriendliness which will be resented.

It is true that there is occasionally a souvenir of this sort presented to the public about which there is no deceit. Religious, social and some of the labor organizations issue souvenir programs which are managed by the societies themselves, the contributions to which go into the societies' treasuries, but the evil has come from a group of petty swindlers who have syndicated this business and turned a legitimate source of revenue to organization into a personal graft game. The Federation of Labor has been fighting the "souvenir grafter" for years, and after the decided action just taken no person who reads the newspapers will have any excuse if he is cheated by these schemers in the future.

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HOUSEHOLD AFFAIRS



THE WASHDAY.

It seems odd that most women choose Monday as washday, when Tuesday is preferable, from the fact that it gives the housewife a whole day to sort out the laundry, to remove stains that would become set in washing, and to mend and darn any rents and holes in linens and stockings.

TO BRIGHTEN GILT FRAMES.

Take sufficient flour of sulphur to give a golden tinge to one and one-half pints of water and in this boll four or five bruised onions. Strain off the liquid, and with it, when cold, wash, with a soft brush, any gilding which requires restoring; and when dry it will shine as bright as new.

USEFUL UTENSILS.

Some simple utensils, which are always useful in any family, are marble slabs for pastry, sink strainers, salad washers, dish drainers, tiny pastry brushes, egg peachers, cake and pie tins with bottoms on sides, that can be removed, of all of which there are endless numbers of styles and sizes.

SCISSORS IN THE KITCHEN.

A kitchen convenience which is not present in every household is a pair of sharp scissors. Scissors are used to trim lampshades—which is a wrong—and to cut papers and string; but seldom for trimming bacon and ham rinds, skinning parts of fowls which need skinning, and trimming salads. These are proper uses for scissors, and the use of them saves much labor.

SOILED BOBBINET CURTAINS.

Soiled bobbinet curtains do not need to go into the wash tub if the dirt on them is only the accumulation of every day grime. Corn meal cleanses them without half the bother of washing and ironing. Place the half of a curtain in a large paper bag, sprinkle a pint of the meal through it, then shake the bag in every direction hard for ten minutes. Then beat out the meal and hang the curtain in the air. If the curtain does not look a good color after one bath of meal, give it a second. Curtains treated in this way do not coarsen and mill up as when they are wet.

CLEANING FEATHERS.

Many feathers beside those of geese and ducks can be made available by the farm family, if properly deodorized and cared for. The old plan was to bake them, but a thrifty sister sends me the following: "Every time you kill a chicken, try this: The fowl should be a grown one, with few or no pin feathers. Pick dry, if you choose, or scald before picking. Save all fine, soft, quillless feathers; or, if you choose, strip the quills and throw the bony part away. Scald the feathers, and let cool enough to wash them well with the hands; wash until clean, if it takes a dozen waters; then pour on boiling water again, and let stand until cool enough to wring out by hand, wringing and squeezing them as dry as possible; then, if the sun is shining (and I hope it is), put them out, thinly spread, to dry on any clean place; if the sun is not shining, put them into a large dripping pan, a panful at a time, and dry in a quite hot oven (being watchful so they will not scorch or burn, as this ruins them), stirring very often. After they are all washed and dried, put them in a stout bag and beat them well, so as to make them fluffy. If they are cleaned thoroughly, in this manner, using a good soap suds to clean them, and rinsing them thoroughly, all substance tending to decomposition will be eradicated, and the feathers will smell sweet and clean.

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RECIPES

Maple Sugar Rolls—Make a crust by mixing two cups of flour, one-half teaspoonful of salt, two teaspoonfuls of baking powder, three tablespoonfuls of butter and a cup of milk. Roll to an inch in thickness, spread with butter, then cover with a mixture made of chopped citron, chopped walnuts and a cup of maple sugar. Roll up jelly-roll fashion, cut into inch slices and bake in a moderate oven.

Orange Cream Pie—First cut two oranges into thin slices and sprinkle thickly with sugar, allowing them to stand for three or four hours. Make a rich, flaky pie-crust and line a deep pie-pan with it, and after baking set away to become cold. Now place a layer of the sliced oranges over the bottom, cover with thick whipped cream in which a little gelatine has been dissolved and a little sugar added, then another layer of oranges, and so on with the whipped cream on top. This makes a delicious dessert.

Veal Loaf—This is a savory dish at picnics and simple country suppers. Mince three pounds of raw, lean veal and a quarter of a pound of the best fat pork. Sprinkle through the meat half an onion grated fine, half a teaspoonful of powdered thyme, a scant saltspoonful of powdered sweet marjoram, the same amount of summer savory, one tablespoonful of salt and half a teaspoonful of pepper. When the meat is minced and the seasoning added, mix in about two-thirds of a cup of cracker crumbs, half a cup of veal gravy, the yolk of an egg and the whites of two eggs well beaten together.