

SCHOOL DAYS



Mother's Cook Book

If never a sorrow came to us, and never a care we knew; If every hope was realized, and every dream came true; If only joy were found on earth, and no one ever sighed, And never a friend proved false to us, and never a loved one died, And never a burden bore us down soul-sick and weary, too, We'd yearn for tests to prove our worth and tasks for us to do. —Edgar Guest.

EVERYDAY GOOD THINGS

A NICE way to cook ham, and one not very well known, is: Baked Ham Steak.

Have a slice of ham (one and one-half inches or two is not too thick) from the center of the ham, trim it nicely and place in a baking pan. Sprinkle lightly with mustard and thickly with brown sugar. Around the ham lay six cloves, a bay leaf, one-fourth of a cupful of carrot cut fine, one-half of a cupful of celery cut into bits. Add one-half cupful of hot water, cover and cook an hour, then uncover and cook until tender. Serve on a hot platter and garnish with small mounds of cooked seasoned peas, carrots, string beans and glazed turnip.

Glazed Turnips. Pare white turnips and cut into balls with a French cutter. Cook them in boiling salted water until tender, then drain. Put two tablespoonsful of butter in a frying pan and when melted add one tablespoonful of sugar, then the turnip balls and fry them until well browned.

Black Walnut, Cheese Sandwiches. Mix one cream cheese with enough cream to moisten nicely, add one-half cupful of chopped black walnut meats, season with salt, cayenne and a bit of black pepper. Serve on buttered rye bread. Serve with hot cider for a night lunch.

Fried Apples and Onions. Take green apples cut into thin slices, cut onions into slices and cook them for a few minutes before adding the apples. Use butter or bacon fat to fry them. Serve hot as a garnish to pork or sausage.

Chicken Salad Eclairs. Have ready fresh eclairs (they may be bought at any bakery). Remove a slice from the top of each and fill with chicken salad. Replace the top, insert a small piece of crisp lettuce in each end allowing them to curl slightly over the top. Sprinkle with paprika and serve with olives, salted nuts and coffee at a bridge party.

Nellie Maxwell (© 1927, Western Newspaper Union.)

GIRLIGAGS

Stop making a pet of your stomach. Stop worrying about your clothes. Give up some of the useless things upon which you spend and waste your time and your money. Make up a budget of your earnings and your hours that shall have in it a liberal allowance for your mind, for your intelligence, for your thinking powers. What you have inside your head no robber can get, no Ponzi can transfer to his pockets. Not even old age can destroy it and perhaps not even death can take it away from you. Be generous with your mind. Feed it. Nourish it. Care for it. It is the one part of you that really matters, the one thing upon which you should spend lavishly and continuously.

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PEOPLE OF NO IMPORTANCE

By DOUGLAS MALLOCH

PEOPLE of no importance, people like you and me, People the proud will push aside, the fawners fail to see, People who bear the burdens, people who write the songs, People to whom no heaped-up wealth, no whom no crowns belong. Once in a while we wonder, once in a while we ask, We who toil with the pick and pen, we with the humble task, Just why the good Lord made us, why we were born to earth, When, in the minds of the fawning few, only the great have worth.

Well, I will make you answer, well, I will write a rhyme Just for the folks like you and me who never the heights will climb, People with saw and shovel, people with pick and pen, People who sweep the kitchen floor, the servants of serving-men, Yes, I will make you answer, answer not you, but them, All who worship the golden calf or kneel to a diadem, Yes, I will shout the answer, answer them loud and clear— They who scoff at the humble man, but maybe our God will hear: Here is a house of splendor, here is a castle grand, Here is a ship that sails the seas, hurrying land to land, Here is the frowning fortress holding the foe at bay, Here are the churches fine and fair where even the great must pray, Here is the level highway stretching to towns afar, Here are the bright and shining rails, here is the speeding car, Here are the carving, gliding, high on the marble wall— People of no importance builded them, after all.

Painters have painted pictures, poets have written lines, Some one has melted iron or brass or labored among the pines, People of no importance, people like you and me, People the proud will push aside, the fawners fail to see, This is, I know, the answer, this is the true reply: God made poets and God made men, and this is the reason why— People of no importance, yes, even the fool who sings, Are the people of most importance in the final scheme of things. (© by McClure Newspaper Syndicate.)

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

By F. A. WALKER

YOUR MIND

EVERY man and woman should have a budget. There should be a business-like apportionment of what you earn, to your needs and your tastes.

You will have to assign so much to rent. There will have to be an allowance for food and clothing, for the doctor and the dentist, for amusement and pleasure, for necessary travel and for unnecessary extravagances, for we all have our extravagances.

All these things will be promptly listed and thoroughly looked after. We shall probably be particularly liberal with those items which mean the least in the sum total of human happiness.

The last thing that will be thought about, and the most scanty allowance will be made for it, will be the development and betterment of our minds.

How much money did you spend last year on worth-while books—books you are keeping to read a second time—books that added to your wisdom or gave you something valuable to think about?

How much time did you spend in filling your mental storehouse with facts useful in daily life and valuable in your daily work?

Did you spend as much for information as you did for gasoline?

If you were to add together all the time you spent gaining knowledge, would it be half the time that you spent dancing?

Do not consider that money is the only thing you spend.

Time is your much greater asset. You can earn more money.

You cannot, with all the wealth of all the universe, in all the ages, buy one minute of time nor bring back for another and a better use a wasted hour.

Lord Brougham, a man who spent his time wisely and profitably, wrote down this short sentence filled with good advice: "Read something of everything and everything of something."

There is no excuse for any man, woman or child past twelve years spending less than half an hour a day with a good book.

Reading carefully and thoughtfully you will cover not less than 150 words a minute. That is 4,500 words a day. One million six hundred and forty-two thousand words a year. How much wiser do you think you would be if you did that for only one year?

Knowledge is the freest, the most inexpensive thing in the world and we think less of it than of anything else.

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BLACK VELVET FOR FORMAL WEAR; SHORTER COATS ARE COMING IN

BLACK velvet and pearls! A sumptuous combination this and one which is outstanding in the pagantry of midwinter evening frocks. It is not enough to refer to the beautiful pearl-worked black velvet dress, which is the "last word" from Paris, as merely a beaded gown. There is little in common with these exquisite hand-embroidered creations and the "popular" glittering machine-beaded georgette types. The be-pearled black velvet gown stands in a class all its own. If you would get an idea of the pearl-beaded and silver-embroidered



Decorated With Pearl Beads.

black velvet robe as a master artist creates it, study this picture. Regally beautiful, is it not? This exclusive model presents a new and fascinating interpretation of the black and white effects which fashion considers very smart.

The alliance of pearls and velvet is not at all times expressed through actually patterning the fabric with the beads. To achieve the now-so-modish black and white composite, women are wearing snow-white accessories with their décolleté and sleeveless black velvet dresses. These include ropes of pearls wound around the throat and falling in festoons until they seem almost like a trimming for the bodice. The inevitable shoulder flower is either a gardenia, a shaggy chrysanthemum or a white rose. Even the young girls are wearing black velvet frocks of youthful silhouette with a single white flower poised at the left shoulder or low round neckline.

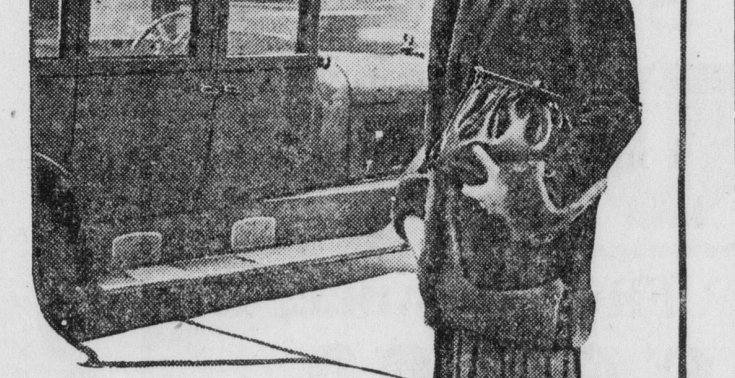
Another partnership of pearls and

brant blue with chinchilla collar, cuffs and borders, for colorful velvet is very popular for daytime coats as well as evening ones.

The fact that the sleeves are so fancifully flared, emphasizes this season's fashion trend toward cuffs of extreme novelty. The bordering of this coat is also somewhat unique. Note how it separates toward the front just enough to allow a row of cunning buttons between.

Now that colorful velvet coats have come into fashion, the vogue promises some extremely interesting versions. Very choice is the black velvet coat collared with unspotted ermine. Straight from Paris comes a black velvet tailored jacket bound with braid, worn over a black rep skirt. The tight-fitting sleeve is slightly belled at the wrist.

An attractive Paris-made ensemble shows a dark green velvet jacket designed with a mannish waistcoat, just above which one catches a glimpse of a Nile-green crepe blouse. The skirt



Pretty Coat of Bruce Chinchilla.

velvet is registered in the realm of millinery. The latest French imports include cunning black velvet chapeaux encrusted with white pearls most elaborately designed.

Velvet, how often we repeat that word this season. It is not at all surprising that the evening coat worn over this handsome pearl-patterned velvet dress in the picture, is also of velvet—brilliant sapphire blue, if you please. This marvelously befringed wrap is heavily embroidered in metal thread across the shoulders. The colorful velvet evening wrap plays a stellar role among midwinter formal modes.

Not always does "cut it short" pertain to interviews; in the parlance of the stylist it refers to the latest-mode winter coat. Recent advice from fashion's headquarters is to the effect that shorter coats are "coming in."

Now that platted and platted skirts

Daddy's Evening Fairy Tale

By MARY GRAHAM BONNER

A ROBIN WEDDING

Little Miss Robin was preening her feathers and smoothing them down, for it was the fourteenth of February and she had received a valentine.

Naturally she was very much excited, and she looked at her reflection as she stood over the brook. "Yes," she said to herself, "I am looking well today. I hope Mr. Robin Redbreast will surely think so, too. 'My, what a fine bird he is! 'And, oh, how lucky I am to have received a valentine from him! Now Mr. Robin Redbreast for a long time had admired Miss Robin and thought she was the most beautiful bird he had ever seen.

And so he began to get his valentine ready 'way back in the autumn when the trees had turned red. He would fly from tree to tree and spend hours each day looking for the most beautiful and perfect leaf, and he wanted it to be a real crimson color.

At last he found it and put it away in his nest, very carefully covering it over with moss and straw to keep it well protected and so it wouldn't fade or shrivel up at the ends.

Then a few days before Valentine's day he got a little stick, which he stuck through the red leaf, which he had pecked off into the shape of a heart, and this was the valentine he sent to Miss Robin.

Of course the stick was to mean that his heart had been pierced by love.

Mr. Robin Redbreast sent his valentine by a messenger, and then he waited what seemed hours to him before he went to call on Miss Robin, and it seemed hours to Miss Robin, too, who had smoothed her feathers so many times.

At last Miss Robin heard him singing the most beautiful song, with such high notes it seemed as if they almost reached the sky.

And oh, how proud Miss Robin was to feel that such a beautiful singer was to be her mate!

In a few moments Mr. Robin Redbreast came in sight and stood before her by the brook.

Miss Robin was all a-flutter with joy and nervousness.

"I've come," said Mr. Robin Redbreast, "to ask you if you'll be my wife and come to my new nest in the apple tree."

And then he sang another little song.

"I would love to, I would love to!" chirped Miss Robin.

"We'll be married today, then," said Mr. Robin Redbreast, "for I've invited the guests, hoping you would surely accept my humble robin's love."

Then he gave a long call. At that, from far and near, countless robins flew down and hovered around.

Mr. Robin Redbreast and his bride flew to the branch of a nearby tree, and all the others perched about them singing such merry, happy songs.

And then they all went back to Mr. Robin Redbreast's nest, where a banquet of fat, juicy worms awaited them.

Had a Suspicion

Peggy, aged two and one-half, was left downstairs, while her mother made the bed upstairs. On seeing that Peg was so quiet, her mother suspected that she was at the cheese she had left on the table.

"Peggy, get away from that cheese," she called down. To which Peggy came to the foot of the stairs and called out: "How you know, mom?"

A Long Visit Yet

Little Marjorie (age four)—Grandma, hell is an awful hot place, isn't it? Grandma—Yes, dear, very, very hot. But what do you want to know about such things for? "I just wanted to be sure you wasn't going home soon. I heard daddy say he reckoned you'd stay till it freezes over."

Origin of Baseball

The first mention of baseball is in the Bible. Eve stole first, Adam stole second, Gideon rattled the pitchers, Goliath was put out by David and the prodigal son made a home run.—Dental Digest.

Hard Luck

Willie—Two boys were throwing rocks at each other and I got hit! Boo, boo! His Mother—What boys? Willie—Another fellow and me.

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"Pterodactyl" was a flying reptile of the Mesozoic age. "Archopteryx" is the earliest known bird and appeared in the Mesozoic age.

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