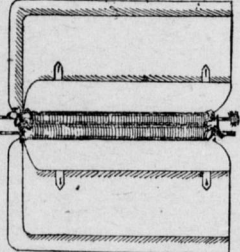


NEAT TRAVELING CASE.

Every Woman Who Visits the Fair Should Have One.

Constructed on the Plan of the Old Fashioned Needle-Book—Elaborate Toilets Out of Place at the Exposition.

A few weeks ago a lady asked for directions for making a case suitable for containing the articles of wear necessary for a trip to the world's fair. I send a design for one which I think will prove satisfactory. It is somewhat on the plan of the old fashioned needle book. Sail cloth is most suitable for the outside, and the inside pockets can be made of any strong cloth—waterproof if desired. A full piece is stitched in the center to form a case for the parasol, and if a place for two is wanted stitch through the center of this centerpiece so as to form two compartments or cases; secure the ends by a draw-string or a rubber cord. The edges are to be



TRAVELING CASE.

bound with braid, a shade darker than the cloth of which the case is made. They can be made plain, or ornamented according to taste. Crewel would be suitable. A monogram may be added. A handle and straps can be obtained of a saddler, or they may be made of canvas and embroidered. This case can be rolled or simply folded.

If any person goes to the exposition with the idea of displaying an elaborate toilet, she will be much out of place. Wear your plainest dress. A gray one is most suitable and serviceable, not showing dirt, dust and soot, which last renders Chicago nearly unbearable. "Hands off" should be placarded on everything one is liable to touch, and if you go with any definite object beside simply seeing; if you go with the object of enlarging your ideas, or learning as much as possible, you will not want to be embarrassed with any superfluous frills, flounces, etc.

A woman of culture and refinement knows that true elegance consists in simplicity of dress, and will show the same taste and sense when in public as in private. A true, womanly woman does not desire to render herself conspicuous in dress. If you are interested in art, you will find much to admire, and much to condemn—not as works of art, for they are as near perfection as it seems possible to get.—Mrs. A. C. McPherson, in Ohio Farmer.

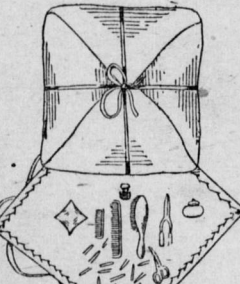
The Family Council.

The table should be a cabinet council board as well as a place to eat. Here the fathers and mothers meet with all the family, as they seldom meet at any other time. With most it is their only time for sitting down together. Why should not the head of the family at this time consider family matters and discuss affairs of common interest? Is there any reason why he should hold to himself all the business affairs that all are equally dependent upon and interested in, and she, the mother, take no counsel or get none concerning domestic affairs? I would advocate a formal council once a day, when each one shall ask advice of the other, and each child in an orderly way shall state his troubles and his problems. In such a way our families may cultivate a unity of feeling and cooperation.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

USEFUL TOILET MAT.

It Protects the Dresser Cover from Be coming Soiled.

The toilet appointments of the girl of the period are so numerous, and litter up a bureau to such an extent, to say nothing of soiling its pretty cover of lace and silk, that an ingenious girl has invented the toilet mat shown in the sketch. It is made of a twelve-inch square of linen, with the hem feather-stitched with colored floss. While its dainty mistress is



DRESSER MAT.

making her toilet it is laid over on one side of the bureau and when she has finished it is folded up, tied with the baby ribbons, fastened to opposite corners, and laid away in the drawer.—American Agriculturist.

Heliotrope Lamp Shades.

Quite the latest idea in lamp shades is to have a series of shades of delicate heliotrope. They can be either round, square or octagonal, and made of silk, chiffon or silk, or mousseline de soie without any lining.

UBIQUITOUS MICROBES.

The Little Wretches Are Found Everywhere by Thousands of Millions.

Dr. Manfredi has been announcing some disquieting facts concerning the omnipresence of fatal microbes. In the busy thoroughfare of a crowded city he has found 1,000,000,000 microbes to a gram of dust, and in the dirtiest streets 5,000,000,000 per gram. A large number of disease-producing microbes were found among these, the number of such morbid germs being directly proportional to the aggregate number of microbes. Of forty-two cases in which he inoculated guinea pigs with Neapolitan dust he detected the tubercle bacilli (the germ of consumption) in three, the bacillus of pus in eight, the bacillus of tetanus in two, the bacillus of malignant oedema in four, and other fatal bacilli. A medical paper suggests that the streets of American cities should be tested for microbes, and is confident that in many of them a harvest as rich in variety and deadliness as was garnered in Naples could easily be secured. Emphasis is given to Dr. Manfredi's alarming statistics which have been carried on by Prof. Uffelmann with respect to the carrying of cholera bacilli by means of letters, postal cards, etc. He infected a letter with the bacilli and put it in the course of twenty-four hours the letter was taken out and the bacilli were still living. They were also found still living on postal cards twenty hours after infection, but on coins they seemed to die with great rapidity. The reason for this difference could not be discovered. On wooden and linen stuffs the bacilli enjoyed a particularly long life. The busiest and most effective infection carrier was found to be the common fly. A fly which had been infected by being put on to a mass of cholera bacilli was placed on a piece of beef. When the beef was examined soon after it contained an enormous quantity of living bacteria. Prof. Uffelmann deduces from his experiments the oft-taught lesson that in time of epidemics the most scrupulous cleanliness is the best safeguard.

YARNS OF FISH AND FOWL.
Some Wonderful Things Which Have Happened in the World of Sport.
An enthusiastic sportsman in Port Kenyon, Humboldt county, Cal., knows plenty of queer things. "I have," he says, "a true fish story for which I can vouch. A gentleman living not a mile from this town cast seven successive lines with three flies on his leader and secured seven trout weighing one pound each. Three different casts yielded three fish each, and two different casts two fish each." The writer says this is not a fish "story" and then goes on to relate some more wonderful things. "My son," he says, "killed a whole snipe on the wing with his rubber slung at a single shot." Inferentially the young man frequently kills part of a snipe. On this particular occasion it appears that he killed a whole snipe. This interesting writer says further and with becoming modesty: "I had what I think a most extraordinary thing happen to me. I was riding on horseback from Eureka, when I saw a single duck flying toward me. The duck made a swoop down to a slough, running along the roadside, and settled on the water. Being a very active man, and having a way of alighting from my horse at a leap, I jumped down and pretended to throw at the duck. He dived and the water being clear, I kept sight of Mr. Duck, and by throwing rocks and sticks kept him under water until he was so nearly drowned that I was able to pick him up and carry him home to Bear river alive." The writer concludes by telling of a man who killed forty ducks at one discharge of his gun, and of a party of six hunters who killed over one thousand wild fowl in one day.

SERENITY OF JAPANESE WOMEN.

They Are Not Fretted to Death by the Petty Cares That vex Americans.
"The secret, perhaps," says a traveler, "of the sweet expression and habitual serenity of the Japanese women can be found in their freedom from small worries. The fashion of dress never varying saves the wear of the mind on that subject. And the bareness of the houses and simplicity of diet make housekeeping a mere bagatelle."
"Everything is exquisitely clean and easily kept so. There is no paint, no drapery, no crowd of little ornaments, no coming into the houses with footgear worn in the dusty streets. And there is the peaceful feeling of living in rooms that can be turned into balconies and verandas at a moment's notice, of having walls that slide away as freely as do the scenes on the stage and let in all out of doors, or change the suites of rooms to the shape and size that the whim of the day or the hour requires."

ROCKETS BY GROWING TREES.

There is a great natural curiosity at Gardfield cottage, just a mile away, says a Bethleheim (N. H.) correspondent of the New Haven Palladium. In the side yard is an enormous boulder which must weigh eight tons, or more. It has been split by a live white birch which started life in a tiny cleft of this immense rock, sent down its shoots into the earth, little by little widened the cleft, until nearly thirty years ago came the split, and one-third of the boulder was pushed off by the tree, now of good size, but strangely twisted as to limbs and trunk. In the same yard are four smaller trees in various stages of growth, some having already started cracks in their rocky homes.

Customs as to Dining.

The Spaniard, however courteous he may be, never invites a guest to dinner; in Italy, too, the privacy of the family is seldom invaded at the dinner hour; the Frenchman is delighted to entertain, but prefers to do it at his club, while the Englishman is never so genial as when seated at his own table with company surrounding him.

IN WOMAN'S BEHALF

BEFORE THE LAW.

Antique Precedents in Favour in Great Britain To-Day.

The laws of England are, in most cases, what might be called "men's laws," so unequal is the justice they deal to men and women respectively. For instance, a man is eligible for every office in the kingdom, and is under no restrictions as to voting. On the other hand, there are many offices a woman can not fill, such as member of parliament, county councillor, etc., although she may be queen. She can vote in certain municipal and school elections, but for nothing higher. She can not serve on a jury except in one special case.

All English temporal peers sit and vote in the house of Lords. A woman may be a peeress in her own right, but she has no seat or vote. There is one recorded case of a female baronet.

All professions are open to a man. A woman may not be a clergyman, soldier, barrister or solicitor. She may not even drive a cab or bus for hire in London. But women have been parish clerks and sextons. A woman was once high sheriff.

The law relating to inheritance of land prefers males to females. In nearly every case an eldest son inherits, to the exclusion of all other children. When daughters inherit land they share it equally. As regards personal property, a man is his wife's heir, but a widow is her husband's heiress only to a limited extent.

When a man survives a wife possessed of land he will, in certain cases, own it all for his lifetime. In similar cases, when a wife survives her husband she will have a life interest in only one-third of his lands. A man's domicile is not altered by his marriage. A woman has to adopt her husband's domicile for her own. A husband is prima facie entitled to the custody of his children. A wife has no such right, nor will the courts readily grant it.

A man has a right to select the religion of his children. A man has full rights over his own property. A woman married before January 1, 1883, has only limited rights over property which was here before that date.

All these points are decided favorable to the man. But he does not have it all his own way, as the following facts show:
Any adult man may be made bankrupt or imprisoned under the debtor's act. A married woman can be made bankrupt only if trading separately from her husband. She can not be imprisoned under the act.

If a man orders goods in his wife's name, he must usually pay for them. A man must generally pay for all necessary articles his wife orders. He is even responsible, to a certain extent, for debts she has incurred before marriage.

A man is responsible if his wife commits libel or slander, or does any wrongful act for which damages could be claimed. He is responsible in this case also, to a certain extent, for such acts committed before marriage. A wife is never responsible for her husband's wrongful acts.

A man may be compelled to allow his wife sustenance money while she is carrying on a suit against him, or is forced to live separately from him.
In some cases married women may testify privately as to whether their signatures to documents were made without fear or favor. Equity will assist a wife, if her husband has made some mistake in executing a power of appointment in her favor.

There seems to be some manifest injustice on both sides, but the wheel of legal reform move slowly, and probably a dozen Dickenses may write a hundred "Ileak House" arrangements of the powers that be before any changes will be made for the benefit of either party.—N. Y. Sun.

PIANO TUNING.

A New and Profitable Employment That Is Open to Women.

Much has been said about the different vocations whereby a woman can earn a comfortable living, and, with others, piano tuning is now enumerated.
This occupation is not the easy one that many imagine. It requires an accurate ear, a strong arm, and much practice. A young woman who is learning to wield the hammer, says: "I had no idea it was so hard."

A German, a professor of music, when she told him what she was doing, said: "You will never learn, you will never learn, I say. It is like music, it takes a life-time to learn it." She is disproving that, though, for she is making rapid progress, and, although she has been studying only two years, will, in all probability, soon be able to "fine tune," as it is called, a piano.

One should go into a factory to learn tuning. There are schools where piano tuning is taught, and there can be no doubt that the training is excellent, as far as it can be, still, to become a practical piano tuner, it is essential that one should be where the instruments are put together, so as to be able to acquire an accurate knowledge of the details.

The beginning is called "chipping," that is, tuning the wires after the case has been strung and before it is put in its proper place in the piano frame. Often that "chipping" has to be done two or three times, because the case not being in a firm position the wires slip and fall. Rough tuning follows, and after some repetitions the finishing or fine tuning puts the instrument in a suitable condition for the player.

A great amount of work it seems, and it is a fact that it requires much practice to become a successful piano tuner.

The peculiarity of holding the hammer, the thumb down with the little finger over the end of the hammer, and the intense strain on the hand and arm, and the pins, (around which the wires are fastened) being placed very firmly

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FEMININE PARAGRAPHS.

In Kansas women have a share in the management of the insane. Over 25,000 women in this country are engaged in the decoration of different kinds of china and pottery.
A bridegroom's certificate has been awarded to Miss Ella G. Nash, a graduate of the Boston college of pharmacy, who passed the board of examination.
A prize of one hundred guineas has been awarded Miss Agnes May Clarke, an Irish woman, by the Royal Institution of London, for her works on astronomy.

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