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# NEWS AND NOTES FOR WOMEN.

**ADMIRER BY QUEEN VICTORIA.**  
Queen Victoria's newest maid of honor, Miss Majendie, is said to owe her entrance to royal favor to a curious chance. She happened to be singing in a church choir one day when the Queen was present at divine service, and Her Majesty was so greatly pleased with the fresh sweetness of the girl's face and voice that she invited her to fill the place coveted by the young girls of the English aristocracy. The position was the last thing Miss Majendie herself would ever have expected.—Philadelphia Ledger.

**WORE A BELT OF DIAMONDS.**  
At the party at Devonshire House, London, the other day, the display of jewels exceeded anything of the kind ever before seen in London. The Duchess of Marlborough, formerly Miss Vanderbilt, easily led all others in this respect. It was not her coronet that attracted so much attention (though that was a trifle higher than any worn by other peeresses present), but her unique attraction was a belt of diamonds, which was really magnificent.

Lillian, Duchess of Marlborough, once Miss Price, of Troy, N. Y., and later Mrs. Hammersley, of New York, appears on the formal list for the Queen's garden party as "Lady W. Beresford." This is part of a toning down process by which Victoria discourages second marriages, and forces those who make their own beds to lie upon them.—New York Journal.

## MEDICAL WOMEN.

Medical women are making extraordinary progress in Australia, two having recently been appointed to the permanent medical staff of the Melbourne Hospital. Both are unmarried women. There was a good deal of opposition to the appointment by doctors, matrons, nurses and patients, but the manner in which they took charge of casualty and other cases compelled the admiration of those who had opposed them. Among the cases attended to by Miss Gamble in the casualty ward, we are told, was a powerfully built man suffering from alcoholism, who was so rosy and violent that Miss Gamble was obliged to stop him by the action of a powerful electric battery, which speedily brought him to his senses—a method of subduing a troublesome patient that may be effectual, but has not yet been brought into use in hospitals generally.

## HOW TO SPEND A VACATION.

Every trice wheelwoman will spend her vacation in a bicycle tour. There is nothing to equal it. A party of girls may easily go alone, for there is nothing like wheeling to make one independent. Do not bother with any baggage. A wheelwoman does not need anything but her bicycle costume, with a couple of changes of undereclothing in a satchel in the baggage-carrier fastened to the handlebar. Below this satchel a small camera is to be strapped, for no woman should return from a tour without snapshots of the prettiest bits of country through which she has passed. Nor must her outfit fail to include a repair kit to save her from involuntary walking. A watch in a leather case, to be strapped to the handle-bar, is particularly useful in touring, and it touches the feminine heart by being dainty as well. A chain lock must not be forgotten.—Modern Society.

## FINEST PEARLS IN EUROPE.

On the occasion of the grand dinner to the Emperor and Empress of Germany at Venice by the King and Queen of Italy, the Queen wore her wonderful pearl necklace, which has no equal in the world. When she was first engaged to King Humbert, who was then Prince of Naples, he presented her with a single string of these precious stones, each as big as a hedge sparrow's egg, and of the most perfect form and color imaginable. Margarita being the Greek for pearl, the offering had a special significance. At every birthday since the King has presented his beloved consort with another string, each one being a little longer than the last, so that the later ones now reach far below Her Majesty's waist. While on the subject of pearls, a few other ornaments composed of these exquisite jewels are worth mentioning.

The Empress Frederick of Germany has a very fine collar necklace composed of thirty enormous pearls of exquisite shape and color, and it is said she wears them both day and night, as the lustre of these almost living treasures is immensely enhanced by contact with the human form. Our own Queen possesses what is supposed to be the "pinkest" of all pearl necklaces, and it is reported to have been part of the dowry of Queen Catherine of Aragon. The marvelous black pearl necklaces of the Empress of Austria is well known, and she has worn it incessantly ever since the sad death of the Archduke Rudolph; attached to it is a curious black diamond, having a quaint effect quite unique. Lady Hester has a very fine string of the same black pearls, which is often seen in London drawing rooms. Of single pearls of immense size the present Pope, Leo XIII., is possessor of the most famous, a superb jewel, given by one of the doges of Venice to a former holder of

the papal throne; it is arranged as a reliquary, and has a spike of the crown of thorns placed behind it in a gold case.—Woman.

**Gossip.**  
The Empress of Russia is nearly two inches taller than her husband. The "persimmon hat" is the latest vogue in fashion with the London ladies.

Mrs. Augusta C. Pease, of Hartford, Conn., has given the site of the charter oak for a charter-oak memorial.

Patti, who is spending the summer at her castle in Wales, told a visitor that if she ever gave up her residence in that country she would make her home in America.

A woman pilot has taken charge of the trading steamers between Bristol, England, and Cardigan for some years past, and "Betty," as she is called, is a familiar figure on the Cardigan rivers.

Mrs. Martha Beers, a stenographer in Boston, has invented a collapsible theater hat, which can be folded into a small and almost invisible compass while on the head by simply pulling a string.

The first woman who has received the permission of the Minister of Public Instruction to attend lectures in the University of Munich is Miss Ethel Gertrude Skeat, the daughter of Professor Skeat, the eminent philologist.

In Paris it is said that France is now governed really by the President's daughter, Mlle. Lucie Faure, who has been already nicknamed Mlle. Lucifer. She is clever, ambitious and determined, rules her family completely and has published a book.

Mrs. Katherine G. Reed, who has just died at Sistrerville, W. Va., was a widow in straitened circumstances five years ago, her only possession being a farm, looked upon as worthless. But oil was found on it, and when she died she was worth upward of \$1,000,000.

Some time ago the Supreme Court of Ohio decided that Miss Nellie G. Robinson, a lawyer of Cincinnati, could not be appointed a Notary Public. She has now applied to the Supreme Court of the United States for a decision of the question, and the case will be considered by Justice Harlan.

During her recent visit to Spain the Empress Eugenie received much attention from the authorities and nobility in Andalusia. She visited her estates in the south of Spain and the house in Granada where she was born. This is now the property of the Marchioness of Videm, who has kept in its original state the room where the Empress was born.

Two Chinese girls have been graduated from the Medical School of the University of Michigan. They were sent to the university by Miss Charlotte Howe, of the mission school at Kinkiang, and are to act as medical missionaries in China. So many Japanese have been graduated from the university that three years ago they were able to form an alumni association in Tokio.

Mrs. Jessie Benton Fremont is a member of the Advisory Board of the Landmarks Club, an organization formed at Los Angeles, Cal., a few months ago, for the preservation and restoration of the old mission buildings and other relics as monuments and landmarks. The club is now engaged in restoring the historical mission of San Juan Capistrano, the most beautiful and elaborate church of those built by the Franciscans.

**FASHION NOTES.**  
White linen bicycle suits have strapped seams. Pretty bathing suits can be made up of black and dark blue mohair. Tennis suits of bright red can be worn with a white wash silk shirt waist.

The newest corset covers have puffed elbow sleeves to hold out the sleeves of their waists.

Batiste, lawn and organdie dresses have yokes made of lace insertion and puffs. These are trimmed around the edges with ruffles of lace or white chiffon.

Fancy flower bonnets are much worn, but are in many instances made upon a foundation of green straw, in place of the wire frame. Orchids, iris and pink clover are much used in large erect bunches placed directly in front.

The loveliest toilet sets can be had in light blue opaque glass, set in unchangeable silver, or canary yellow, or white in gilt. The pushon and toilet drapery, if there is any, corresponds in color. These sets are not at all expensive. Crushed morocco in shades of green is fashionable for card cases, purses, etc., and there is also a rich dark blue.

Ribbon is immensely used now, especially satin, shot silk and the delicate chine crepon and soft silk, with misty flowers. Pretty fronts for wearing with the open coats are arranged with two lengths of ribbon, from three to five inches wide, fastened to the neckband, and again at the waist, forming a simulated waistcoat, with full lace of chiffon filling in between. Another and narrower ribbon forms the waistband, and is finished off in one central or two smaller bows. This is easily managed by any one, and the front constantly varied.

## HOUSEHOLD AFFAIRS.

**CLEANING BLACK LACE.**  
It must be carefully sponged with gin, or if preferred with green tea, and afterward wound around and around a bottle to dry. No iron must be used, as ironing would give it a flattened and glossy appearance which would spoil it. It is a good plan to fill the bottle with hot water, to hasten the drying process. The lace must not be placed near the fire, as it will become of a rusty color and never looks well.—New England Homestead.

**WOOD FOR SUMMER FIRES.**  
There are very few housewives, at least in the country, who will be satisfied with coal fires in summer. They may do well enough on washing days, when a continuous fire through the day becomes a necessity, but for cooking a fire made of well dried wood that will heat up quickly and as quickly go out is what is required. The wood fire also on most farms is cheaper than the coal. It can usually be grown on some part of the farm that would otherwise be of a little use, and its only cost is that of cutting and preparing for the stove. Wood can also in part take the place of coal for winter on farms where it is abundant. The coal market is controlled by great railway monopolies that oppress not only the miner but the coal consumer. Happy is the farmer who can find his own independent of them. We are afraid that part of the increasing use of coal for fuel is due to dislike of the winter labor required to prepare the wood fuel that might be its substitute. This in olden times made no small part of the winter's work, and though the fuel was burned the work saved buying coal, and therefore paid enough to make no small part of the prosperity of old-fashioned farming in the days when the rule was to only buy what was necessary, and what could not profitably be produced on the farm.—American Cultivator.

**Burns' Love for His Wife.**  
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**KEEPING OUT THE GERMS.**  
The object in canning fruit is to find some chemical that will prevent the development of bacteria and yet be safe when used in a strength necessary to accomplish this end. Salicylic acid, one part to 1,000 part of water, will prevent the development of bacteria, and in this proportion no ill effect can come from eating what sauce one would ordinarily take at a meal. First of all, sugar is not necessary to preserve canned fruit if they are put up air-tight, though the flavor of some is improved by the addition of it. The writer has found the following method of canning the cheapest, easiest and most satisfactory, and would recommend it to others: Thoroughly heat the fruit, but do not allow it to boil. Fill the cans and leave them open fifteen to twenty minutes to give the fruit time to settle. Then fill up again, put the covers on and screw down tight. In this way fruit will keep for years, and if kept in the dark will retain its original color and form. One can make cupboards of dry goods boxes for the fruit cans, and these may be kept closed in the cellar. A word in regard to the closing of cans to prevent the entrance of germs. When M. Pasteur advanced his theory that all fermentation was caused by organisms so minute that they float about in the air, he very soon announced that according to his experiments these infinitesimal objects would not pass through cotton. Many people use cotton to tie over the boiled fruit while it is still hot, and have found that it keeps the germs out as efficiently as the rubber ring, or any amount of wax. The writer has also tried this experiment with tomatoes, corn, lima beans and other vegetables, and the results were perfectly satisfactory, not even a particle of mold forming in the can. In most cases the cotton was simply tied over the canful of hot fruit; in some cases there was a piece of white paper put on first to prevent the cotton from dropping down and becoming juice-soaked. The latter way is preferable. Take the cotton just as it comes off as it unwinds, then tie it down with a strong cord. This will be found an all-sufficient method of preserving fruit for winter use.—American Agriculturist.

**RECIPES.**  
Dried Corn—Put the ears into boiling water two or three minutes, score the kernels and cut from the cob, spread upon sheets of wrapping or manilla paper, and dry in the sun or a warm hot oven. If cut as it is unwinds, then tie it down with a strong cord. This will be found an all-sufficient method of preserving fruit for winter use.—American Agriculturist.

**Tomato Toast with Poached Eggs.**  
Place three sliced ripe tomatoes in a saucepan over the fire; add one-half teaspoonful salt, three dashes pepper, one teaspoonful sugar and same of butter; boil ten minutes. In meantime toast five slices of bread, butter them and place on hot dish. Pour the tomatoes over the toast and on each slice place one poached egg.

**Potato Ribbon.**—Pare and lay in cold water one hour five medium-sized potatoes; then remove from the water and wipe dry. With a small knife pare round and round in one continuous strip (if this purpose); handle with care and fry a few at a time in fresh cottolene. Remove to a hot dish, sprinkle lightly with salt and serve.

**Breakfast Biscuit.**—Sift together one scant quart flour, two heaping teaspoonful baking powder, a half teaspoonful salt; mix a half tencup melted butter in rather less than a quart of sweet milk; add to the flour, beating well, until the batter is still enough to drop from a spoon into a buttered tin, like drop cakes; the oven should be very hot or the biscuits will not be light and puffy.

## THE AMERICAN BISON.

**A Western Rancher Says It Is Not Becoming Extinct.**  
E. A. Bennett, a Texas rancher now in the East, says that the story that the great American bison is becoming extinct is not true. "Why, do you know," says he, "they are ranching them in Montana and Texas extensively and on a smaller scale in some other places? A man in Montana is experimenting by crossing the buffalo with the black-poled Angus cattle. He is of the opinion that a finer hide can be obtained by this union.

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**Magnets as Harbor Defenses.**  
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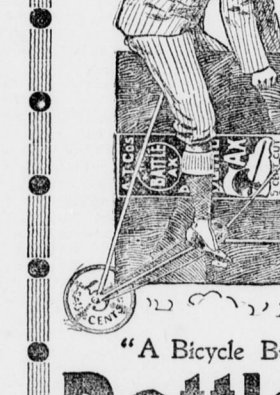
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