



WHAT THE GLASS SAYS.

The average woman has a looking-glass attached to her dressing-table, and from that glass it is that she gets a general idea of her appearance.

In nine cases out of ten she does not even trouble to take a side or back view of her head, but imagines that the whole of her person is looking as smart and well-set as her looking-glass told her she was.

A long mirror and a hand-glass ought to be a necessity of every well-dressed woman, and it should invariably be placed in the strongest possible light.

Every woman has one side of her face less pleasing than the other—and a rule it is the right side—and a woman should make it her business to devote time and trouble in coaxing and continual care, in order to make it as attractive as possible.

MODISH LINGERIE.

The sheer daintiness of the lingerie is one of the salient features of the toilet of the modern woman. The newest offerings for spring show unusual taste and beauty in their designs.

In night robes the Empire shape is a great favorite, and is developed in India linen, longcloth, cambric, muslin, mazzala or wash silk, elaborated with Swiss embroidery tucks, Valenciennes or Mechlin lace.

For petticoats several styles are popular—silk, saten, moreen, and, of course, the wash skirt of white. One pretty silk undershirt was created from lavender taffeta; adorned with point de Paris cambric with Hamburg edging it makes a serviceable skirt, but, while more durable, it is less dainty than the India linen ones.

The cut and hang of the new drawers are unusually good. Fitting perfectly around the hips, they hang just like a short skirt at the bottom. They are fashioned from the same soft stuffs used in making other lingerie, and are quite as variedly and attractively trimmed with lace and ribbons.

The disposition this season seems to be to trim corset covers all over. Not only the neck and armholes, as formerly, but the entire front and back are a mass of lace or sheer Swiss embroidery laticings, ribbon-run beading, etc.

Sleeveless nightgowns in chemise style, that may be slipped on over the head, are novelties for very warm weather, but are not apt to be generally popular.

Sleeves on lingerie are full or elbow-length, bishop style, with narrow bands or flowing sleeves, with the lower edge in fancy outline and finished with lace frills.—Philadelphia Record.

OLD MAIDS WHO MARRIED.

Long ago the silly odium that attached to old maidship disappeared, but even in the days when popular notion made a spinster of forty a hopeless old maid, records show that there was no age limit to matrimonial hopes.

For instance, so long ago as 1774 Miss Jane Hodgson, of Steppay, England, was wedded to Henry Hulton, of the same place. An account of the affair continues:

"The bride, who had once been noted for her beauty, and had, so it is said, refused lovers by the score, had reached her ninety-second summer, and the bridegroom, who had vainly offered her his hand and heart seventy years earlier, was two years older."

More remarkable was the wedding of John Jackson and Annie Bates on March 22, 1796, the 101st birthday of the bridegroom, who was three years older than the bride. It was his fourth marriage within two years, and 10,000 persons escorted the couple to the church.

A youth of nineteen, a son of Mr. Graves, of Balcock-on-Herts, married "Miss Lake, spinster, aged seventy," April 20, 1731, and in August of the same year, at Bath, Captain Hamilton, aged thirty, married Miss Manson, a blushing bride of rank, fortune and eighty-five years.

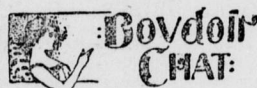
More than half a century ago a Yorkshire belle who had so many suitors she could not choose among them, told

one of the most persistent that if he would ask her fifty years later she would marry him. He waited loyally and faithfully for the fiftieth anniversary and she, too, kept her word.

A celebrated French artist who fell in love in his student days, was told by the maiden that she would never marry so long as her mother lived. They waited half a century before they were united.

Only two years ago a wealthy maiden lady in a Midland county provided a delightful sensation by marrying the curate of her parish church, a young man exactly sixty years her junior. An astonishing feature of this marriage was that as a girl the aged bride had been engaged to the curate's grandfather, and perhaps it was the memory of this ancient romance which inspired a sentimental regard for the youthful clergyman, who under other conditions might have been her own grandson.

Not long ago a maiden lady of over seventy created considerable sensation in the West country by marrying her coachman. She promptly dissipated any idea that it might be a match of sentiment by settling an annuity on her husband on condition that he never came within twenty miles of her house, and by letting it be known that she had only married in order to spite her nephews and nieces with whose conduct she was displeased and who through her marriage would lose the reversion of her estates.—New York World.



There are six women letter-carriers in the United States. They are all in the rural delivery service.

The Queen of Saxony's hobby is "sweet charity." She has founded numerous orphanages, sanitariums, schools and homes.

The finest set of pearls in England, besides those of Queen Alexandra, are owned by the Duchess of Marlborough, formerly Consuelo Vanderbilt.

Mme. Charcot, the widow of France's greatest physician, is compelled to rent rooms in her house in order to make both ends meet.

The mother of King Alfonso of Spain is an accomplished billiard player. Previous to her marriage she was champion of the Austrian court.

The cleverest artist among royalties is undoubtedly the Czarina. Her power lies in caricature, and she has depicted the Czar and many diplomats in all kinds of humorous situations.

A woman's club in Switzerland some time ago introduced the custom in several cities of giving an elegant diploma to servants who have remained in one place a given time. Last year more than 1000 of these diplomas were given.

Some up-to-date business women are among the descendants of Charles Dickens. The literary bent appears in one of his granddaughters, but to gain an income until literature becomes remunerative Miss Mary Angela Dickens, for that is her name, manages a shirt waist shop. Miss Ethel Dickens is the proprietor of a typewriting establishment in London, and a third sister is secretary in the London School Board of Health.

Miss Minnie Bronson occupies a unique position for a woman. She has just been appointed superintendent of elementary and secondary education for the Louisiana Purchase Exposition. This will be the third position of the kind for her to occupy. She was first assistant in the department of education and social economy at the Paris Exposition. She transferred the exhibit to the Pan-American and had charge of it there, being at the same time assistant superintendent of the department of liberal arts. Before becoming an expert in exposition work Miss Bronson taught mathematics in the high school of St. Paul.



Bonnets for elderly women are very low and broad.

The latest new skirt shown is one composed of three flounces from waist to bottom.

Many of the prettiest of the new hats are made of alternating folds of silk and net or silk and chiffon.

A vest of embroidery in blues or dull orange linen is exceedingly effective and smart for a blue voile gown.

Changeable silk linings are the proper thing for nearly all gowns, both tailor-made and more dressy gowns.

Light gray English frizzes or Scotch homespun are the correct style for the Norfolk jacket walking suits at present.

Figured and shot effects in velveteen are considered much smarter for young girls' coats and skirt costumes than the plain.

Little gilt pins that securely clasp the bow worn low on the back of the hair in the new low coiffure are among the novelties.

The proper angle for the hat aigrette is lying on top of the crown from the back toward the front, not standing in military fashion, as formerly.

To be dressed in the height of fashion a woman must have a hat to match each gown, an all-black hat and a most perishable but extremely smart white hat.

"Down in front" seems to be the watchword of the neckwear world, as the fronts of the most desirable stocks show longer and more elaborate bishop effects than ever.

HOUSEHOLD AFFAIRS



TO CLEANSE VEILS.

Steaming is the best process for cleansing veils. Wind the veil carefully with edges even around a piece of broom handle, lay across a bottle or saucepan of water and steam for three-quarters of an hour. Leave on the broom handle until dry, and all the dirt and dust will be gone, giving a new stiffness.

THE GUEST ROOM.

In preparing a room for a guest, if only for a few days, do not neglect to place a variety of books at his disposal. If there is no bookshelf in the room books and magazines should be placed on a low table near the window. Many a visitor has gone through tortured, sleepless nights in a strange house, with not a line of reading matter to be got at.

CARE OF LAMP WICKS.

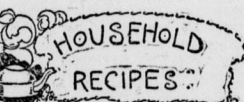
If a lamp wick sticks or will not move up and down easily, draw one or two of the threads from one side. In extinguishing the flame of a lamp never blow straight down upon it, but across it. The wick should first be turned far down. Again, when trimming the wick, do not cut off the brown tinder, as it helps in relighting. Merely rub a cloth along it to remove any loose bits.

PILLOW UNDERSLIPS.

Pillow underslips are sensible additions to the bed. When I pass the worn outer slip along in that way I cut off the top and make it fit the pillow closely, then baste the hem together so that what was the bottom of the outer slip is the top of the under one. When sheets become thin through the middle I tear out the worn part and seam them up for pillow slips. As our favorite "slumber pillows" are soft, downy affairs, I have two pairs of ready hemmed slips out of each sheet, besides a strip that may go into the bag of old linen for home use, or to the hospital for compresses.—M. R. D. D., in New England Homestead.

LIGHTING OF A CHILD'S ROOM.

The lighting of the child's room is a very important matter from a sanitary standpoint and also from one of convenience, writes Gardner C. Teall, in Good Housekeeping. If gas is the illuminant it should never be left lighted longer than is absolutely necessary. If a night light is required, then a little night lamp should be procured, but even then it is a pity that more mothers do not train their children to be accustomed to sleeping in a room without a light. It is so much more healthful. Where lamps are in use we far too often see children squinting because the strong lamplight is directly on line with their faces. Their elders seldom stop to think of this from their superior heights. A light should never be placed so that its rays flare into a child's eyes. I think one of the most prevalent causes for poor eyesight in young children is this very negligence on the part of their elders to provide shaded lights in rooms where children are sitting or playing.

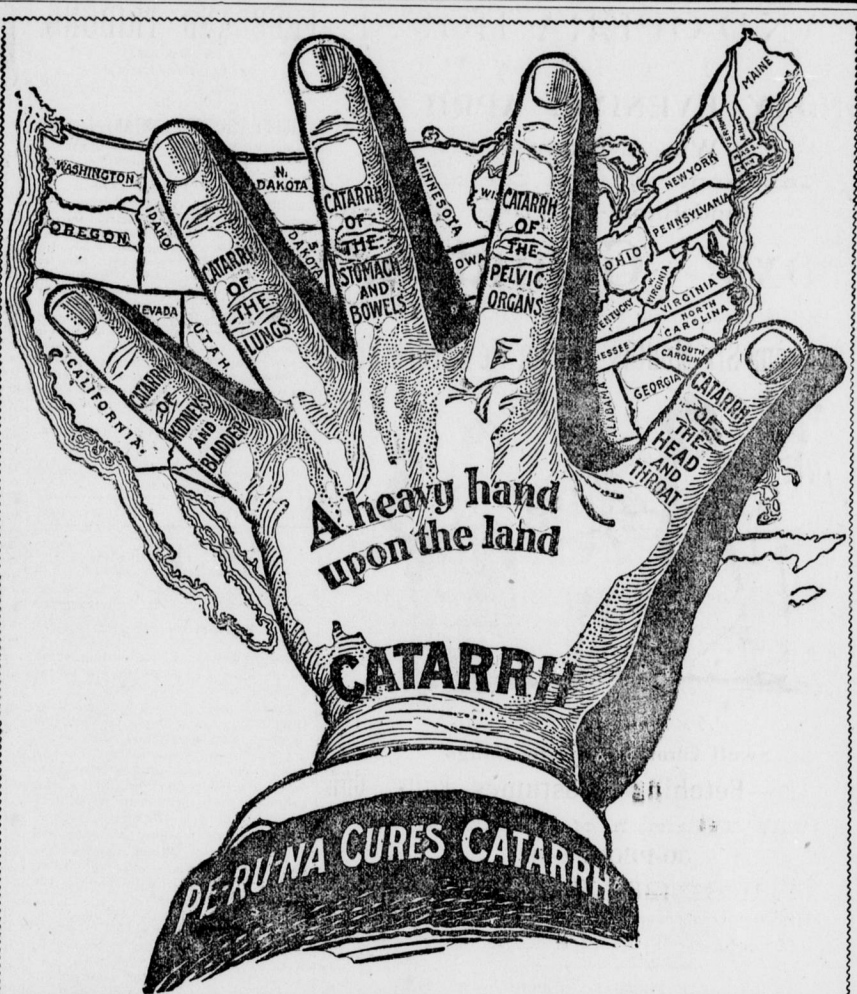


Feather Cake—Cream one tablespoon of butter; add one cupful of sugar, then one egg well beaten and one and a half cupful of flour, alternating with one-half cup of milk; beat well and add two and one-half level teaspoonfuls of baking powder; turn into a greased cake pan and bake twenty minutes.

Delicious Cheese Cake—Mix with two cups of cottage cheese four ounces each of fresh butter and sugar, a small nutmeg grated, two stale, grated lady fingers. Stir into this mixture the white of one and the yolks of four eggs, an ounce of almond paste mixed with two teaspoonfuls of rose water and the same of white wine. Then add six ounces of well washed and dried currants. Mix all well together and pour into patty pans lined with puff paste and bake in a moderate oven until paste is done about half an hour.

Cocoanut Pudding—Soak one quart of stale bread broken in pieces in two quarts of milk one hour; beat three eggs with half a cup of sugar; add two level teaspoonfuls of salt and stir into the bread and milk; then add one cupful of prepared cocoanut and half a cup of finely cut citron; turn into a pudding dish and bake three-quarters of an hour or steam one and one-quarter hours; serve with a sauce made by creaming one-third cup of butter; add two-thirds cup of powdered sugar; when worked together until creamy add one teaspoonful of vanilla extract and pile on a fancy plate and grate over some nutmeg.

Orange Pancakes—Put two cupfuls of sifted flour in a bowl; add one and a half level teaspoonfuls of baking powder, half a teaspoonful of salt and two well beaten eggs; beat this mixture for five minutes; add one tablespoonful of powdered sugar and one cupful of milk; butter a frying pan, pour in a little of the mixture and tip the pan so that the batter will spread over the surface; when ready to roll spread over some orange pulp and a little powdered sugar; roll as for jelly cake; lift to a hot platter and pour over a glaze made by boiling together the juice of one orange and one cup of granulated sugar; when it has boiled one minute pour it over the pancake.



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Iron Production. The American Iron and Steel Association has just issued its circular of annual statistics regarding production in the iron trade. It gives the output of pig iron for 1902 as 17,821,300 gross tons, which agrees substantially with the estimate recently published by the Iron Age, and can safely be regarded as an accurate figure. As compared with 1901, last year's make of iron increased 1,942,900 tons, or 12 1/2 per cent., while the second half of 1902 showed an increase of 204,200 tons over the first half. Yet it will be remembered that owing to the scarcity of fuel occasioned by the coal strike a large number of blast furnaces were compelled to shut down, and that it was not really until July and the succeeding months that this began to affect the output of iron. The conclusion naturally follows that had it not been for certain powerful obstacles—one of which was the strike of the anthracite miners and another the congestion of freight traffic growing out of an insufficient equipment on the railroads—the expansion of our iron product, instead of pursuing a normal rate of growth during the last 12 months, would have been enormous and might have been excessive. As it is now, production not only in pig iron but in all other branches of the iron and steel industry is still held safely within the limits of consumption.

Annual Sprat Banquet. The annual sprat banquet was held at Yarmouth, England, recently, when a select company sat down to a meal consisting of a score of courses. The banquet opened with sprats in aspic, and in quick succession came sprat soup, sprats, grilled and deviled, sprats kippered, sprats soured and sprats a la corporation—a clever arrangement of filleted sole wound round the boy of each little sprat. Another quaint dish was sprats on horseback—the fish being served on tiny mounds of bacon. The more lordly herring had its turn. There were sides of silver herring, smoked herrings, Yarmouth blotters and kippered herrings.

There are now at work in the rivers of the middle island of New Zealand about 240 dredges, each costing from \$25,000 to \$70,000, with the object of extracting gold from the deposits in the beds of the streams.

Novel Test for Office. Persons aspiring to become bailiffs at Alnwick, in Northumberland, England, have to go through a curious and somewhat unpleasant ordeal. Before the election the various candidates side up in a body to a horse pond, and there, dismounting from their steeds, plunge into the water and struggle as best they may to the other side. The music of a brass band cheers them during their struggles in the dirty water. This ancient custom dates from the reign of King John, who once paid a visit to the town in 1210 and found no fitting welcome prepared for him. The blame of this state of unpreparedness was fastened on the luckless bailiffs, who were promptly thrown into the horse pond by royal command.

It is proposed to cut a railroad tunnel through the mountain known as the Faucille, in the Jura Alps, and so shorten the journey between Paris and Switzerland by two and a half hours.

Kissing a woman's lips is considered a great insult in Finland.

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