

A Demonstration

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Dick Ainsworth, a young American with a rich and indulgent father, spent much of his time abroad, Paris being his favorite place of residence.

Ainsworth requested a theatrical friend to take him behind the scenes and introduce him to the lady. This was duly granted, and Ainsworth found Mlle. Verdier the same shy unassuming creature she was on the stage.

At the end of a few months, during which Ainsworth gave Mlle. Verdier all of his time that she was able to spare of her own to be with him, he found himself desperately in love with her and made her a proposal of marriage.

Ainsworth senior was but twenty-two years older than Ainsworth junior, but he had always been very liberal with his son and had told the boy that when he wished to marry he would provide for him.

Dick wrote his father about his engagement, and his father replied sympathetically that if the description he had received of the lady were correct he would have no objection whatever to the match and would provide for the couple liberally.

At last he received the welcome news that Mr. Ainsworth would sail on a certain date and go direct to Paris on his arrival at Havre.

Dick impatiently walked back and forth for an hour, when a waiter stepped up to him and bade him follow him. He led the young man to an upper story and, stopping at a certain door, threw it open.

The sight young Ainsworth beheld startled him. Around a table on which were the remains of a supper sat a company of men and women all the worse for wine.

She was Mlle. Clochette Verdier. "Father! Clochette!" cried Dick, aghast.

"My son," said the elder Ainsworth, "demonstration is better than persuasion. I have been a long while in Paris incognito studying your fiancée."

And that was the end of Dick Ainsworth's dream of love—at least that dream. He had another letter, but this time his father approved of his choice as soon as he saw her.



Milady's Mirror

Homemade Cosmetics.

Any woman who intends making cosmetics must first understand certain fundamental rules or she will only waste materials.

Fats, such as spermaceti, wax and others naturally hard, are to be softened before mixing with other things. They may even be melted a little, but two facts are to be borne in mind.

The other detail is that once fats become actually hot they are ruined and will not harden when cold. The ideal method is to break the solids into small and regular bits and soften them in the bath.

When liquids are to be combined with grease, as rosewater in cold cream, the mixing must be slow and stirring incessant. If hastily put together they will not blend.

Still another point is that glass or china should always be the receptacle. Metals will blacken cream and with some formulas will ruin the results through chemical action.

When toilet waters are being compounded they must stand always for ten days before opening, and three months will bring better results. Homemade powders are rarely successful only because they are not mixed sufficiently.

Another cause of failure is that inexperienced persons attempt to work the perfumed oils used into the powder instead of the powder into the oils.

Smoothness is impossible in either case, but in the latter way if a few grains are absorbed at a time all the oil is taken up, and many stings will finally distribute it, the lumps being forced through the cloth each time.

Lemon Juice to Remove Stains. There are various preparations sold by manicures to remove stains under the finger nails.

Stains on the sides of the fingers are quickly removed with a moist pumice stone. This is invaluable to get off the first blotches after preserving, painting or doing any disfiguring work.

Oxalic acid is also good, but is injurious to some skins. It should be applied with a bit of cotton on the end of an orange wood stick.

Colored Shoes No Longer in Fashion. The smart women in New York society no longer wear colored shoes.

To Save Cologne. The latest crystal and silver cologne bottles have an elongated stopper that touches the bottom of the bottle, and this facilitates the use and saving of the perfume.

Acid Fruits For Beauty. "To create and maintain a clear complexion," says a French beauty specialist, "it is necessary to partake of an acid fruit at least once a day."

MADE OVER PLAYERS IN CLEVELAND'S OUTFIELD.

"Did you ever stop to think," said Jim McGuire, manager of Cleveland Americans, recently, "that I have a peculiar outfield? Outside of Callahan every one of the men who will be in the outfield this season started out in some other position."

"But that is nothing new," said a friend standing by. "Some of the most famous outfielders in the country started out in other positions. Elmer Flick was a catcher; Mike Tiernan, George Van Haltren, Mike Donlin, St. Seymour, Jimmy Ryan and Jesse Burkett were pitchers, and Willie Keeler was a third baseman."

DRISCOLL COMING OVER.

English Featherweight Champion Due to Arrive First Week in April.

Jem Driscoll, the featherweight champion of England, is coming to America the first week in April. Jem is anxious to retire now that he has won the Lord Londale belt for keeps, but says that he'd like to win the American title, too, and make himself the real world's champion before he puts the old gloves, shoes and tighties away with the moth balls.

Driscoll has received several good offers from the promoters in this country to meet Abe Attell and three or four other pugilists on this side of the Atlantic.

Atlantic. Jem is considered to be about the shiftest boxer that ever appeared in the ring. He met Attell in New York about two years ago and outpointed the American champion easily. Last summer he was taken ill and forced to go back to England.

When sweeping a heavy rug or carpet it is a good plan to spread a newspaper on the floor and sprinkle it very lightly with water.

Don't throw away lemon peel. What you cannot use immediately for flavorings you can turn into essence of lemon quite as good as any you can buy.

To make it all a bottle with rectified spirits and when using lemons cut off the yellow part of the rind and place it in the spirits. Orange essence may be made in the same way.

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GOWN FOR EASTER.

Two Toned Materials Popular This Season.



Appared for Easter is now in vogue in the feminine eye. The accompanying picture shows one of the newest fancies in Easter gowns. Two toned materials are popular for this season.

Mat For Next Summer. The milliners are busy designing hats for the summer season of 1911.

Housewife Suggestions. If your irons become rough and sticky, wash in warm soapy water, dry and rub with emery paper.

A slice or two of lime or a slice of orange added to apple sauce, instead of lemon, gives a delicious flavor.

When laundry soap is bought in large quantities, as is usually done, the bars should be unwrapped and placed on the top shelf of the kitchen closet to become thoroughly dry and ripened before they are used.

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A Sympathetic Oriental

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I am the wife of a United States army officer and have lived a good deal of my time on the Pacific slope, where the only servants to be had are Chinese. There is no doubt but the Chinese make very good servants if they wish to be good, but if they prefer to be bad they can excel at that too.

I married in the infantry and went out with my husband to a station where the Chinese were as thick as blackberries. I had the pride natural to a bride of showing how well I could keep house and appreciated the importance of winning the confidence of my servants, or, rather, at that time my servant, for the wife of a second lieutenant—neither she nor her husband having anything but his pay—is not supposed to keep more than one.

My first Chinese servant was Ti Wang. Ti was the smoothest, softest tongued rascal I ever met. He had enough duplicity in him for an eighteenth century European diplomat.

"You velly young wife," he said to me. "You want velly good Chinaman for cook. Mucky Chinamen velly bad. Ti feel sorry for Melican lady. Ti be good cook."

All this was spoken with a look of commiseration for a young thing like myself that to one familiar with the man from the Flowery Kingdom would have boded no good. I did not doubt that my servant would be a great comfort to me. It was not long before his true inwardness showed itself. He first made an excuse of having a sick brother who couldn't wash, wash to provide for to wheedle me out of a month's wages in advance.

Then he surreptitiously removed under his capacious coat and ample sleeves all the staple kitchen provisions I had bought to last several months. Tea, coffee, sugar and spices disappeared like magic. Then, having received an offer of better wages than I was giving him, he took himself off without so much as saying he was going.

My next servant was Charlie Li. Why so many Chinese are called Charlie I don't know, though Li is an appropriate name for them. Charlie was recommended by the major's wife, who had him in her kitchen for awhile when her regular servant was ill. She told me she would rather have Charlie than the other. I had no fault to find with Charlie except that he stayed with me but a day.

He didn't stay long enough to ask for any wages, and since experience had taught me not to pay Chinamen in advance he didn't get any.

After this servants were passing through my kitchen, none staying with me more than a week. In vain I refused to engage one unless he would agree to stay a month. Something must be scaring them away. I didn't see how they could see anything in a young woman of nineteen to frighten them, and I was the only person with whom they came in contact.

One of them, who was about to depart after three days of service, I asked why he left.

"You get Melican cook. Chinaman not velly good in this house."

"Why not?"

"Donno. Chinaman won't stay here."

"Why do you go so soon after coming?"

"I am velly well."

He did not seem to care whether I believed him or not. Indeed, he knew he was lying, and I knew so, too. However, I had had enough of Charlie with Chinese servants—and there were no others to be had—that I made up my mind to do my own cooking for awhile.

Meanwhile my husband, who had been making inquiries for me as to servants, had rather officers' wives, began to be considerably vexed that I could not keep any of them. There was no such loss of servants among those who sent me mine, and it appeared that I must either be too exacting or have a frightful temper or some other bluish that prevented a servant from working for me, whereas the truth was that after the earlier ones left I simply gave up everything to those who came later, granting all requests and opposing them in nothing. I didn't even dare criticize the cooking of a single dish.

The first tiff I had with my husband was when he ventured to remark that perhaps I didn't give them quite free rein enough. I resented the imputation with a fervor that sent him off to the officers' club and prevented his ever making any such suggestion in future.

One day I put the tin bread box out in the sun, turning it up on its side and exposing the bottom. I was surprised to see Chinese characters on it. I wondered what they meant. When a woman begins to wonder what is the meaning of anything it is preparatory to making plans to find out. I called the servant of my next door neighbor, who was heating a rug, to come over and translate the characters. He did so as follows:

"This is a very bad woman. She doesn't pay the servants' wages and gives no extras."

That smooth tongued villain Ti Wang, who had pitted my youth and inexperience and had robbed me beside, had chalked a notice on the bread box warning all other servants against me. I waited patiently till my husband came in from his duties and, showing him the characters on the bottom of the box, handed him a translation.

To Celebrate Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Cheney, formerly residents of this city, but now of Portland, have issued a few invitations to friends in this city to attend the china wedding anniversary at their home in Portland on Thursday evening, March 30.

Lecture at Congregational Church. An illustrated lecture will be given at the Congregational church this evening by Rev. A. Waters, who has been a missionary for many years. The subject of this lecture will be "South Africa," and there will be no admission charged.

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