

### Girls' Ambitions.

Many girls will have noticed that as our lives advance our ambitions are apt to become more simple. We learn gradually to know that in smaller duties better fitted to our hands lies the greatest happiness and the possibility for fullest and richest development. Almost every girl when she first begins to realize that she will probably never fulfill all her girlish ambitions because there are many that beyond her power, abilities will have the inclination to "give up" as the children say. This is apt to be the beginning of real discontent, and it ought to be battled with. Let a girl once try fully to realize what it means to be the inspiration of some one person's life, the sunshine in the darkened lives of some one or two people, and she will then understand how it may fill her life almost to the brim with happiness.—New York News.

### Furniture and Mantels.

Elaborate carpets and mantels should be banished from the house. It is too difficult to dust them. The walls should be finished with smooth paper or paint, so that dust will not readily find a lodgment, and a wall mop will free the wall of what that would adhere. Rugs should be adopted in place of carpets where possible. The windows should allow sunlight free access and not be covered with heavy draperies, which not only exclude light and air, but absorb odors and hold the dust. Very elaborate curtains and hangings that do not admit of ready cleaning may be considered at once to be insupportable. The wall papers, draperies and carpets should be free from arsenic.

### Versatile Chicago Woman.

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### Iron Kettles.

To mend iron kettles beat two parts of sulphur until mixed, add one part black lead and stir briskly; pour out and when cold break into lumps; apply to the cracks and melt with a soldering iron. Those that are discarded by the tinner will do very well for household use and cost little or nothing. Lutarize mixed with glycerin to the consistency of putty will close cracks in kettles. Do not use after applying for twenty-four hours.

### Dust Cloths.

Provident housewives never for a moment consider buying dust cloths for their always worn garment being discarded that can be used for this purpose—soft silk petticoats, old silk pocket handkerchiefs, for example. If dust cloths have to be bought, cheese-cloth is the best material for the purpose. Three-quarters of a yard is enough for each cloth. Naturally they should be hemmed, as should also the silk ones.

### A Bad Combination.

As you value your own and your family's digestion do not serve too fish. The tannic acid hardens the fiber and makes it indigestible. It should not be offered with any form of fish, shellfish or the articulates animals like lobsters and crabs. Teal tea and soft shell crabs, for example, are a combination that should be avoided.—Harper's Bazar.

### Broncos.

Do not scour your broncos. If you do you will not see any of them. They will be so sore they need no cleaning, can be regularly washed in boiling water and soap. They should be afterward dried with a chamois skin. There are several other methods, one being the application of a dry, rough cloth.

### Keep a bottle of coal oil unopened in the closet.

It is not only a fire hazard, but will not need oiling. Replenish as the oil evaporates.

### Bamboo furniture may best be cleaned with a small brush dipped in warm water and salt.

### Damp towels should never be left in a closet that is dark, consequently not ventilated.

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