

Woman's World

MRS. WILLIAM J. BRYAN.

The Mistress of Fairview and a Glimpse of Her Home Life.

Dorothy Dale in an interview has the following to say about Mrs. Bryan and her home: The mistress of Fairview was at home when I arrived. So was Mr. Bryan. He came out after the servant to greet me with: "Mrs. Bryan decidedly objects to being interviewed. She has nothing important to say." Pause. "However, a visit is different. Oh, Mary!" he called, "Mamma, Mary!" And I understood why that voice holds a multitude.

Mrs. Bryan came. There was an amused twinkle in her gray eyes as she held out a hand and prefaced by saying that she didn't really need any introduction to the people of her country. She was by no means a debutante.

That is Mrs. Bryan's way. She accepts everything graciously, serenely. Her manner says that if she is to go to



MRS. W. J. BRYAN AND HER HOME AT LINCOLN, NEB.

the White House all well and good. And if she doesn't, why, all well and good. Campaigning is only one interesting phase of life, after all. But wherever she goes and whatever she does she will always be bigger than the circumstance. Every detail of her home life shows that.

For instance, a Nebraska hill knows the sun in all his glory. Besides, it is treeless. But this did not disturb Mrs. Bryan. She planned a house which, waiting for trees to grow, would be comfortable. Then she considered the grounds. There were acres in them, rounding up from the roadway far below.

A lawn would look bare and stiff, she decided. So alfalfa was sown. And no one who has not seen the bushy green growth can appreciate how it softens the vast expanse. The alfalfa also stays green long after fall has seared other grasses.

Then the porch—it is a masterpiece. From the outside it is a curving white heat reflector with its panels of glistening windows. But inside you are introduced into another world.

The house is red brick. The porch pillars are of red stone. And connecting these is a circular wall of windows, shaded and arranged so that the sun is kept out and every morning breath of air let in. Vines droop from the walls. Ferns and flowers surround the supporting pillars. And with the bamboo furnishings and Indian rugs it looks as inviting as a mountain grotto.

However, its invitation is deceptive, for it's a sort of watchtower, where a servant keeps guard and detains politicians and autograph seekers and the rest of the daily pilgrimage to Fairview that has some pretext for overstepping the camera line.

The rest of the house is a gallery of art gems and curios. From Mr. Bryan's study and the dining room, built below ground for coolness, to the garret roof there are beautiful gleanings from the accident and orient.

The Bryan household is large. Everything is well apportioned. Everything runs smoothly. If people are ready for meals when meals are ready, very well. And if they are not, why, the meals wait and no one fusses. The servants follow their mistress' lead.

To Prevent Fading.

An excellent laundress who has never been known to fade a summer frock says she has a special "fixative" for every color.

Alum used in the rinsing water will prevent green from fading. A handful of salt thrown into the rinsing water will set blue.

Ox gall is good to use for gray and brown. Hay water made by pouring boiling water over hay is excellent for washing tan or brown linen.

A tablespoonful of black pepper stirred into the first suds in which cottons are washed will prevent colors from running.

Five cents' worth of sugar of lead crystals dissolved in a pailful of water makes a solution which fixes the tone

of pinks, blues and lavenders. The fabrics should remain in the sugar of lead bath half an hour or so before going to the suds.

These baths will not prevent a garment from fading if it is hung in the sun to dry. Delicate colors—in fact, any colors at all—are safe if dried in the house.

Vinegar is useful in reviving colors. Add one teaspoonful of common vinegar to each quart of cold rinsing water. Thoroughly saturate the article, wring tightly and dry quickly.

If the color has been taken out of silks by fruit stains, ammonia will usually restore it.

To wash brown holland dresses use bran, but no washing soda and no soap unless the skirt is very dirty. Boil two handfuls of bran in one quart of water and strain through muslin. Put the bran on to boil again, as you will require a second supply of bran water for rinsing.

Cool the water by adding one quart of cold water to it. Then wash the skirt. You will be surprised to see how the bran extracts the dirt. Rinse first in bran water, then in plain water. Put the article through a wringer and iron while damp on the wrong side.

When Broiling Chicken.

To broil chicken so that it is cooked through, yet not burned, is an art few cooks seem to possess. The reason is usually that the fire is too hot and the chicken too close to it.

The perfection of broiling requires a clear bed of coals and the broiler far enough away for its contents to cook slowly. This latter requirement is met by having several bricks on which the broiler can be set to raise it above the flame, instead of allowing it to rest directly on the surface of the range, as is the usual way.

Should the fire be too hot insert another layer of bricks for a short time, removing them later.

A medium sized pair of chickens require twenty-five minutes to be broiled in this way. At the end put into a baking pan, covered with butter, pepper and salt, until a nice gravy is drawn.

In putting the chicken on the broiler turn the inside toward the fire first and later turn over on the back.

A Way to Pack.

A business woman who makes frequent trips abroad has evolved an excellent idea for keeping her gowns in good condition. Her plan entails considerable work at first, as she makes pasteboard packing boards and covers them with a cheap percale. When these cases are slipped over the board the ends are sewed up, and tapes to fasten in the gown securely are sewed to the cover at equal distances on each side and on the ends and tie in the center. The garment is thus held secure. In laying in the skirt all the plaits, tucks and other fullness are smoothed in place as it would naturally hang. Each gown or skirt and shirt waist has its pasteboard, that has been cut just small enough to fit inside the trunk. With this arrangement a dress may be taken from the trunk without disarranging any of the others.

A Novel Salad.

Do you want to serve a salad that isn't commonplace? Make it of cherries, luscious pink and white hearts served on delicate green lettuce hearts covered with a highly seasoned French dressing.

Stone the cherries so as to crush them as little as possible. They may be used alone, or the centers can be filled with pecans. Put them on the ice until thoroughly chilled.

The French dressing is mixed in a bowl which has been rubbed with a clove or garlic and a small piece of onion and is made hot with red pepper. Allow the cherries to stand in it for at least half an hour before serving.

This salad is as charming to the eye as to the palate and may be quickly and easily prepared in an emergency.

Ice Cream Whims.

A block of ice cream covered with a meringue, set in the oven to color and served immediately, is an easy device to combine heat and cold in one food. Yet another whim is to roll some rich paste very thin, cut in squares, put a spoonful of firm ice cream in the center and fold the moistened edges and pinch so that no heat can get in. Set quickly into a very hot oven which will bake the paste before it melts the ice. Serve instantly. This liking for eating a combination of temperature is further indulged by serving hot apple pie or baked Indian pudding garnished with a spoonful of ice cream.

To Keep Them Flat.

The plaitings seen on many of the season's waists may be laundered easily if the edge is basted before sending to the wash. This may seem a trouble, but the results after ironing make it worth while.

Another reason that the new plaitings lie flatter than formerly is that they are put in perfectly flat after plaiting, allowing no fullness of gathers. Hold the plaiting toward you while basting, for, while not fully, it must not be scant enough to draw.

A Neat Patch.

To mend the knees of little boys' trousers so they will look as well and wear as far up as worn, cut away the worn part, take a piece of cloth like the garment, sew straight across the front, carefully matching goods; press the seam well, then shape by the piece cut off, sew up the seams and hem across the front. If the pressing is well done, one could not tell they had been mended.

POLITENESS PAYS.

Nothing to Lose by Cultivating Good Manners.

Have you ever had a woman tell you that she would not say "Please" and "Thank you" to servants? They are such short little words that any child can utter them; but, truth to tell, children of the present day are not taught to use them when addressing servants. A little politeness goes a long way and helps to lubricate the wheels of domestic affairs fully as much as oil applied to machinery. There is frequently as much friction in the one case as in the other. Then why not apply the same method? Politeness and tact should go hand in hand. An order given with a smile and "Please" will, in all probability, be better carried out and more quickly executed for the little word, and if a "Thank you" is added when the service is finished what harm can possibly be done? There is certainly nothing to lose by cultivating good manners—if you have not them already. In fact, the gain is on the side of the well bred woman who requires each little service with a "Thank you." "Good manners are a greater factor in success than mental ability," said a savant. It is undoubtedly a well acknowledged fact that bewitching manners go far to secure a person social success. The inference, naturally, is that good manners are an inheritance that the possessor was raised in a refined and cultivated atmosphere—in other words, was "to the manner born." Beauty is a divine gift and wins favor readily, but beauty without good breeding soon falls to satisfy, and the person is apt to be looked upon as one whose birth was not all that it should have been. The old saying, "Beauty is but skin deep," should be a warning to the fortunate possessor who relies solely on its charms. It fades all too soon, and unless there are other staying qualities the disappointment will be great when the inevitable change takes place. Each one influences some one else. Our manners and sayings are imitated more than we are aware. So it behooves each person to be very careful of word and act, for surely our manners are reflected in those around us.

WHY THEY LAUGHED.

A Chinese Accessory That Made All the Mischief.

A girl whose long pongee coat has been the admiration of her friends all this season is seriously considering never wearing it again. There is no question as to the style and art of the wrap, a long, flowing affair with fascinating plaits and big sleeves that float in the smallest summer breeze. Its decoration is a triumph, for the girl herself to Chinatown and bought embroideries to use as insets and panels, one of the most fascinating being a black silk band not more than two inches wide. Its length is about two yards, and it is almost solidly covered with embroidery in old blues. At each end is a long black tassel. This band, you see, has been put around the low neck, so that the two ends fall free almost to the bottom of the coat.

So far so good, but one day while wearing the cloak she carried her husband's collars to a Chinese laundry. Being by no means a dull person, it took her but a moment to see that all laundry operations ceased as soon as she entered and that she had become an object of unqualified interest. Almost simultaneously it dawned on her why. It was her Chinese embroideries. To the man waiting on her she said, pointing to her coat trimmings: "You recognize them?" "Les, les," quoth he of the pigtail. "Chinaman hold up trousers with that," and he pointed to the beautiful long narrow black embroidered band.

Her Telephone Hour.

A girl whose engagements are many and who is therefore out a good deal has established a telephone hour. In this way her friends are always sure of catching her on the wire, and she comes in for many unexpected good times that otherwise might be missed. Until she did this it was almost impossible to get her. Now if she is not at home at the telephone time she calls up the house and tells the maid where she may be reached. The arrangement works to a charm, she says, and nothing would induce her to go back to the haphazard fashion of any and no time.

HEALTH AND BEAUTY.

Weakly children are very liable to have sties. Good diet and cod liver oil or malt are the best remedies.

For dark circles under the eyes regular living, simple diet, deep breathing and nutritious food are unfailing specifics.

A diet of white of egg, whipped to a stiff froth and taken three times daily, is a fine prescription for a thin contour of face.

To reduce wide nostrils a lotion of tannin and camphor carefully mixed in equal proportions and faithfully applied will invariably yield good results.

For sunken cheeks one ounce of lanolin mixed with one-half ounce of cocoa butter and rubbed into the face with a rotary and upward motion is an accepted specific.

Small wisps of hair will stay in curl much longer if just before the hair is curled with the heated iron the locks are dampened with bay rum. This often proves very helpful on damp days.

Learn to dance. Dancers are fine walkers. Dance fifteen minutes every day. It will make you more limber in the unused muscles. When you walk try to relax a little. Most walkers walk as if they were trying to walk a crack. They walk stiffly.

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