

# THE REALM FEMININE

## A School For Grownups

There is said to exist in New York the oddest kind of a school yet devised, which has for its object the instruction of grown women, heads of families, mothers who find themselves falling behind their cultured children or their husbands whose chances of progress are greater than theirs. "Fathetic" indeed, yes. But she is doing a valuable work who started such a school, do you not say? And her pupils are many and eager to learn.

From little things, such as the using of "with," "done," "did" and "been" for "saw" have arisen quarrels between the critical husband and his sensitive wife that have caused a breach in the family circle. The husband, who in the days of courtship failed to perceive the grammatical errors and the lack of knowledge of his sweetheart in the admiration of her beauty, has come to realize her. The daughter or the son, fresh from the grammatical instruction in school, is quick to notice the errors and thinks it smart to make fun of the mother.

From such trivial causes have arisen quarrels which have made the wife wretched. To send happiness into such homes this new school has been started by an alumna of Columbia University. To it go women prominent in society, wives of brokers and professors who wish to learn the rudiments of grammar, English history and the best things in art and music.

The majority of them are ashamed of the fact that they are going to school and do their utmost to conceal it not only from their friends, but their husbands and children. They wrap their text books up in paper to prevent an acquaintance whom they may meet in going to or from the school-room from seeing their books. Several of them give false names to the principal of the school lest their real identity become known. So fearful are they when they chance to meet the principal in a theatre or at a social function they do not recognize her, so that the principal now only speaks to those pupils who first bow to her.

Every morning or afternoon those women can be seen entering and leaving the school. They are fashionably dressed, wearing furs and hats of the latest Paris style. A number of them drive to Central Park in their carriages, and then, dismissing their coachmen, tell them they will walk to the park. Instead, however, they go to the barren little school-room, presided over by a prim-looking young woman. Blackboards, chairs, maps and outlines familiar to those found in the grammar schools form the equipment of the room.

"It is almost tragic, the stories some of my pupils tell me," said the principal the other day. "Many of them come to me with their hearts in their hands. They tell me how their husbands use bad grammar or do not know anything about art and things like that. They are eager to learn. They ask me what they shall read, what the best pictures in the museum are, what theatres they should go to in order to learn the things that put them on the same intellectual level with their husbands or enable them to avoid the criticisms of their children."

**Revolutions.** Glass door knobs in all sizes for doors and bureaus, desks and stands are again in favor, and those who have treasured them in all the years they have been "out," may feel that they are now in the extreme of knob fashion. Besides their beauty—and what in the line of knobs is handsomer than a cut glass one glistening in the light—they are more easily kept clean than marble, brass or bronze.

Another old fashion revived is the "cottage ornament," as it used to be called—curious dogs, red-spotted, chained and padlocked, made of metal or either side of the mantle or fireplace; "bookies"—figures with background of trees or flowers, round Falstaff sword in hand, the "Flight Into Egypt" with Joseph in Turkish trousers, flowing beard and great embrochure, and all the other china delights turned out by the early or Victorian potters of Staffordshire. If you have any of these quaint old pieces stored away, bring them out, wash them up yourself, to make sure that now in the days of renewed popularity no evil befalls them, and set them up in state, assured that they and you are once more in the "swing."

That our American forests abound in plants which possess the most valuable medicinal virtues is abundantly attested by scores of the most eminent medical writers and teachers. Even the untutored Indians had discovered the usefulness of many native plants before the advent of the white race. This information imparted freely to the whites, led the latter to continue investigations until to-day we have a rich assortment of most valuable American medicinal roots.

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## Fashion Paragraphs from New York

At this time of year there is never much attention given to evening gowns save, of course, in the bridal trousseau, and yet it is certainly just as important to be attractively robed now as at any other part of the year. Of course, from now on for the next month or two there are not many formal evening entertainments, and old dresses can be made to serve, but the old costumes of the past have not quite the charm of the new spring suits, and if it is a possible thing there should be provided at least one pretty new dinner frock.

If one would look really sprightly the new French dinner gowns of flannel, silk and lace, worn over a pale colored silk slip will be exceptionally pretty, for the workmanship is so fine and the lace so handsome that such a dress is quite appropriate for even a formal dinner at this time of year; and the frock can be worn right through the summer, for it can be cleaned and freshened to look always like new. Pink seems the favorite color for the silk slip, but there are also lilacs, blues and pale greens that are all exquisitely pretty and hang two or three silk slippings the robes may be made to look quite new each time they are worn. The majority of these lingerie costumes are made in princess, with just a suggestion of empire in the bodice but many of them are made up with a small skirt separate, and these are worn with a bright colored or fancy ribbon girde.

For warm weather capes are to be rather more popular than the cloaks, but a cape with sleeves is always more stylish and more comfortable until well on in the spring. There are many wraps of two or more long shoulder capes and loose armholes, the lower cape giving good protection, and this model garment has the added advantage that it cannot possibly injure the most delicate lace or chiffon. All evening coats are made to fasten well up to the throat, with a lace or chiffon collar and jabot, for even if a soft scarf is worn under the neck the danger of cold in the wrap is open at the neck. At this season evening cloaks begin to grow somewhat shorter than winter styles, but they remain very full and loose, so as to be altogether distinct from the afternoon and carriage garments. The empire model is still a popular one, and is seen in heavy textures, such as cloth and satin, as well as in all the light silks and chiffons.

Butterflies and "rabats" are of the greatest interest to the up-to-date of the wearer, the turn-down collar, which she makes a habit of wearing, is so faithfully as do her brothers, cousins and other masculines. The difference is that hers are embroidered and that she wears with them all sorts of chic and dainty butterfly bows of a lingerie order, as well as those made of silk or rosettes. Rabats, which are the long, plaited and lace-trimmed lingerie neck fixings that used to be called jabots, are shown in innumerable styles, that have the hall mark of their Parisian

**The African Way.**

From the New York Herald.

The Kabyle woman of Africa has a very peculiar her own of carrying her baby. She makes a sort of basket for it by crossing her arms at her back and secures it there by means of a flimsy shawl passed under her arms and tied tightly below her chin. The stranger, seeing the child held in this way, invariably questions why it does not fall over backward. But instinctively the little one smuggles into the hollow of the mother's back, clutching her robe, moreover, with its tiny hands. Held so freely, the baby laughs and crows in unison with the motion of her body, or, becoming weary, it succumbs to slumber.

This little Africa baby has indeed greatly the advantage of the papoose of the North American Indian, to whom freedom of movement is prohibited. It is open-eyed and a participant in the mother's active life from the day it is born. She, being a creature of magnificent muscles and strength, carries it without apparent knowledge of its weight. It hampers her hardly at all. In fact, when she works she brings her hands to the front, leaving the child dependent on the shawl for support. As these shawls, however, are woven by the Kabyle woman herself, she has accurate knowledge of their strength.

Sometimes the baby is seen without any other clothing than the holding shawl and a turban. The latter is never omitted from the head of a boy baby. Indeed, the feet and the limbs bare and the head covered is the keynote of Arabic costume. For long distances the Kabyle woman carries her baby on her back many months after it is able to walk. In the breeze her flowing hair, which increases its face, the child apparently unheeding.

**High School Students Inveterate Gamblers**

astounding State of Affairs Reported at Tacoma—From Crack-Loo to Poker.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Tacoma, May 11.—Gambling is going on in the Tacoma high school. Revelations made today indicate that card playing at the big building has been going on under the very nose of Dr. Wegener, the principal, though, of course, without his knowledge or consent.

"They are gambling there," said one of the boys, when asked concerning the matter today. "They play black jack and poker."

"At first the boys started pitching pennies and nickels and matching coins. 'Crack-loo' was a favorite game for a time, and many a lad was stripped of his last cent by the experts among the students."

These games grew too tame, however, as the young gamblers progressed in the great game of getting something for nothing. Then little decks of cards, just large enough to go snugly in the vest pocket, appeared and the carnival of gaming was placed on the higher scale of the regular green cloth devotee. In the basement in the assembly room, in the various secluded and even in un-secluded places in the big building the games have gone on. Boys have lost their last cent to the smother of the student gamblers. One boy, named Easton, is \$25 ahead on one month's playing. Other boys known to have participated in numerous games are Durray, Manley, Brokaw and Hovey.

**SALEM ORGANIZES TO CELEBRATE THE FOURTH**

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Salem, Or., May 11.—Salem will celebrate the Fourth of July in grand style. Arrangements were perfected at a mass meeting last evening at which great interest was manifested. The following committees were chosen to make preliminary arrangements:—Finance, R. C. Bishop and Dave R. Yantis; parade, Del Dinmore; music, George F. Rodgers; games, the Liberty; Sports Douglas; baby show, Charles Farmer; tribulation, A. F. Hoyer; sports and athletics, Watt Shipp; comic parade, Hal D. Patton; fireworks and pyrotechnics, Julius Pincus; decorations, Rollin K. Page; printing, press and advertising, Henry W. Meyer; floats, Harold Greenbaum; program, T. E. Kay.

## Here and There

**It is rumored that Mrs. Hetty Green is retiring from business.** Her new bank building in New York makes no provision for desk room for her.

She has not been in her office for several months, and the impression is growing that she is retiring from active business.

Word comes from Pennsylvania that the bill prohibiting buying, selling or wearing for adornment any Pennsylvania wild bird or part thereof has been passed by the house. This bill was once defeated and then reconsidered. The Audubon societies are glad of each step toward enlightened public opinion.

The prison van has received a word of approval from Mrs. Rowe (Manchester, England) one of the suffragists released from Holloway because some one has against their desire, paid their fines. "Black Maria," she told a journalist, "is quite a comfortable carriage to ride in. There were 14 of us in my van, and we were all in good spirits. We made a magnificent trip to sing our songs and to convert our very polite police escort."

Miss Ethel Rockefeller, now Mrs. Marcellus Dodge, is a judge of laces, and included many beautiful gowns in her trousseau in which rare laces had a prominent place.

Upon the bodice of the wedding gown lace was caught to fall softly over the sleeves, which were girlishly puffed and finished with lace caught close to the arm to meet the long gloves. So beautifully was the lace wrought that the design appeared as though of small white buds blooming upon a web of mist. The French artist who created the gown effectively displayed its lace embellishment upon the length of the train.

No bride of recent years has had such an elaborate and costly trousseau as Miss Rockefeller, who has brought from abroad such fairy meshes of almost priceless lace that her friends sympathized with her because she had no opportunity to display the wonderful wedding gown at a large public ceremony.

All the rare, fashionable laces are included in Miss Rockefeller's trousseau. Those who know tell of gowns of baby Irish lace, of Irish lace, of Carriker across mingled with contrasting laces, of costly Flemish, combined with transparent lace to set off its beauty the better, and of real point laces, that precious possession of women.

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Spokane, Wash., May 11.—Oom Paul Kruger, who claims to be a nephew of Oom Paul Kruger, former president of Transvaal, is held to appear before a grand jury to answer a charge of fraud. It is charged that he tried to cheat the Washington Nursery company of Toppenish, Washington, and other companies by sending fictitious orders for seedlings, the purpose of getting the commission.

**No Fought at Gettysburg.**

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