

How to be Healthy and Beautiful

by Mrs. Henry Symes

THE REVIVAL OF OLD GAMES



Archery an Aid to Grace

IN A "Complete Compendium of Sports and Pleasures," published in 1864, appears the following statement: "Tennis is a game once in favor, but now never played. We mention it simply that those who play at rackets may know why the small, hard, white balls they use are called tennis balls."

This simply serves to show the fluctuations in popular favor in amusements, as elsewhere. Nowadays tennis is one of our most favored sports, while rackets is utterly lost to memory.

Some of those old and forgotten games, however, are well worth a revival. Not only were they pretty and graceful, rather than rough and boisterous, but they were unvaried exercises for the cultivation of balance and poise.

First among them was the French sport of cup and ball. You may remember that one day the English and the French ambassadors were closeted together for hours. All their attaches were greatly worried; no one knew what momentous international decision might not be pending.

Finally, one of them dared to knock at the French ambassador's door. As he did so, he heard the English ambassador exclaim gleefully, "Forty-nine!"

With their countenances expressing the greatest attention and enthusiasm, the two representatives of the powers were busily playing cup and ball.

The instrument for this game consists of a hollow cup, usually of wood, and a ball attached to it by a strong elastic. The principle is much the same as that which governs the miniature bats and attached wooden balls with which the children play.

Of course, the object is to catch the ball in the cup again after throwing it up in the air. When two are playing, the strictest score must be kept, either



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to make a record or to decide the supremacy.

This game is again enjoying great popularity in France, and all its ancient conceits are being revived. Again we are presented with cups and balls of all sizes, from the midget, which has a handle the size of a toothpick and a pith ball, to the giant, which has the heaviest of iron balls, of a weight sufficient to injure seriously any but an extremely skilful player; and of all shapes, from the feather duster to the policeman's club.

The chief benefit derived from this exercise is quickness of eyes and alertness of arm. In the lighter varieties, however, it teaches extreme grace also, and certainly the slight excoils, the punching bag as a developer of muscle—though it is hardly fit for a woman!

In ye olden days, indeed, the entire sport, was tabooed by the fair sex. It was entirely too strenuous for their unaccustomed muscles. As the utmost possibility of athletic enjoyment a game of grace hoops or of battledore and shuttlecock.

This former game is just what its name implies. It is one of the prettiest sports in the world. The implements are two long polished wood sticks, covered at the upper half with velvet secured by heavy tape and two tips and velvet wound hoops.

It is distinctly a parlor game, though it may be played out of doors in the open air. The hoops are mounted on a block of wood instead of being inserted in the ground, and the number of failures on each side, and

Ring Toss an Excellent Game for Women

a maximum number of throws is previously decided on to end the game.

When one plays this game one soon learns that no elephantine antics will suffice to keep the hoops going. The utmost skill and grace are required to make even a fair score. One must keep cool, too, and not confuse the two hoops, one coming and the other going. And one must learn accuracy in finding how to come neither too near nor too far, and to toss neither too high nor too low.

Battledore and shuttlecock is somewhat on the same principle. The battledore is shaped like a leather-bound tennis racket, except that in place of strings it has on either side a tightly stretched skin covering, like a drumhead.

The shuttlecock is a small cylinder of wool and velvet, with a circlet of feathers around the top. Of course, it is exceedingly light, and it is difficult to keep even one ball, let alone the two often employed, going from one bat to the other without falling.

In the mode of counting and in the grace and dexterity it imparts this game is closely resembled by hoops, which is quite brought down to a parlor basis. It has exactly the same rules for playing, and the only perceptible difference is that the sticks are mounted on a block of wood instead of being inserted in the ground, and the number of failures on each side, and

CARE OF THE HAIR

Hair Thin In Spots

I AM a man, but take the liberty of writing to you on a matter that is bothering me. My hair around my ears is quite thin, in one or two places showing the scalp.

Kindly tell me what I can do to restore the hair. It was quite thick until a few months ago. The hair on top of my head is all right.

Is your scalp in bad condition, or is there any other cause for the sudden falling? I am giving you two good formulas for bald spots. If neither proves satisfactory after a fair trial, write to me again, describing your condition more fully, and telling me especially whether it is dry or oily, and I will advise you further.

Cure for Bald Spots.

Where the hair falls out in spots try the following wash:

Distilled rosewater	8 ounces
Aromatic vinegar	2 1/2 ounces
Pure glycerine	2 1/2 ounces
Tincture auz vomica	1/2 ounce
Tincture cantharides	1/4 ounce

Mix thoroughly. Apply night and morning.

Another very efficient remedy for bald spots is made as follows:

Salicylic acid	10 grains
Resorcin	20 grains
Phenol	20 grains
Lanolin (or vaseline)	1 ounce

Rub into the part night and morning.

Peroxide Not a Dye

Kindly tell me if peroxide of hydrogen is good for coloring red hair. My hair is a bright red. The color is fading, and I don't like to have it faded. I don't like to have it faded. I don't like to have it faded.

Peroxide of hydrogen is a strong bleach, not a dye, and would turn your hair an ugly light yellow. Take my advice and don't dye your hair at all. Its natural shade suits your complexion and the color of your eyes better than any artificial tint could do. You will never cease to regret it if you stain your hair at your age.

Hair Does Not Grow

My hair is all broken and split at the ends and has not grown for about six years. I am now 34, but have had a great deal of sickness, and it may be that the poor nourishment has affected my hair. I don't like to have it cut off, because one looks so awkward if one has a head with no hair.

Please let me know whether I should cut each hair off by itself where it is broken, or whether I should have it cut by a hairdresser. I don't like to cut it off short.

Undoubtedly poor nutrition due to illness is the cause of the stoppage in the growth of your hair. I am giving you a grower which should stimulate it, but in case it does not, I think the best thing would be to take a course of scalp massage at the hands of a competent masseuse. By no means have your hair cut off; it is the scalp that is at fault.

Hair Grower.

Bay rum	1 ounce
Distilled witch hazel	1 ounce
Common salt	1/2 ounce
Hydrochloric acid	1/2 ounce
Magnesia	1/2 ounce

Hair Too Curly

My hair is very curly, and every time I comb it I have to wet it, to make it look nice. I don't like to have it so curly. I don't like to have it so curly. I don't like to have it so curly.

Your case is quite the opposite of that of most of my readers, who wish to have their hair made curly, rather than straight. Here, however, is something which will make it neat and tidy without the use of water. All this, of course, if your hair is dry. If it is oily, write to me again.

Oil of Sweet Jasmine.

Scentsless castor oil	1 ounce
Cocunut oil	1 ounce
Oil of rosemary	1/2 ounce
Oil of jasmine	1/2 ounce

Mix oils with gentle heat. Bottle. Shake for five minutes.

Prematurely Gray Hair

Kindly give me your formula for keeping the hair natural color. I am a young girl, and my hair is beginning to turn gray. I don't like to have it turn gray. I don't like to have it turn gray.

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Another Who Wishes Her Hair Darker

I have light hair and am very anxious to have it grow darker. Do you know of any dangerous preparation of a dye which will darken it permanently? And, if so, will the same compound darken the eyebrows, as they are light and quite scant?

Read what I have said to "Nelle" and "Blanche P." and apply it to your own case. Nothing but a dye will darken hair or eyebrows, either permanently or temporarily. I am giving you a good eyebrow and eyelash grower, however, which will relieve your other trouble.

Eyebrow and Eyelash Grower.

Vaseline	1 ounce
Tincture of cantharides	1/2 ounce
Oil of lavender	1/2 ounce
Oil of rosemary	1/2 ounce

Mix thoroughly. Apply to the eyebrows with a tiny toothbrush once a day until the growth is sufficiently stimulated. This ointment may be used for the eyebrows also. It should be very carefully applied, it will inflame the eye, as any oil will, if it gets into them.

Retarding Superfluous Hair

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You can remove the hair by the pumice treatment, renewing the same whenever the growth reappears. Continued use of strong peroxide (hydrogen dioxide) will bleach the hair, but it will turn white and eventually cause them to fall out. Of course, you understand that nothing but electricity or the X-ray treatment will permanently remove the hair.

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ADVICE TO CORRESPONDENTS BY MRS. HENRY SYMES

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KINDLY explain further regarding the Chinese eyelash dye that you describe in your column. I found that the India ink came in liquid and stick form, so purchased the stick form, and applied it to my eyelashes. I had the same trouble trying to powder the gum arabic. As I would use very much to try your eyelash stain, I thought I would write and have you make the same clearer to me.

In the first place, India ink may be purchased in powdered form, thus making lighter the work of preparing it. In the second place, I should advise you to let a druggist have all the trouble, and not to try to prepare the stain at home. Not only will he have all the materials at hand, and thus spare you expense, but by his knowledge of the mixture of ingredients he will make a better dye. It is very hard for the amateur to do a prescription, and I would not advise you to attempt it.

Cure for Acne

Kindly give me the formula for acne. I have had it since I was a boy, and it is every way perfectly satisfactory, but I have lost it.

Do you refer to acne molluscum or confluent acne? I am here giving you formulas for both:

Cure for Confluent Acne (Mollusca).

Powdered alum	20 grains
Oil of zinc	15 grains
Tincture of green soap	1/2 ounce
Glycerine	1/2 ounce

Acne Mollusca (Whiteheads).

Open each comedo with the point of a fine cambric needle. The hardened mass must be pressed or picked out. The empty sac of the gland should then be bathed with a weak toilet vinegar and water, or with weak solution of carbolic acid and water. Sterilize the needle before using it by dipping it into boiling water, as the use of any instrument, unless the skin, as well as the needle, is thoroughly cleansed, is always dangerous.

The Vaucaire Remedy

Kindly give me the formula for Dr. Vaucaire's remedy. I would like to hear

through your columns from some one who has used it successfully.

Here is the oft-repeated Vaucaire formula. It may be procured from any reputable druggist, insist on getting the genuine South American galega.

Dr. Vaucaire's Remedy for the Bust.

Liquid extract of galega (Leontopodium)	1 fluid dram
Lacto-phosphate of lime	1/4 ounce
Tincture of cantharides	1/2 ounce
Simple syrup	1 1/2 ounces

The dose is two soupspoonsful with water before meals.

Dr. Vaucaire also advises the drinking of milk extract during meals.

I should be glad to receive the assurance of some of the many whom I know this remedy has helped.

Please Explain Further

Kindly give me the lotion for curling the hair that you had published about a month ago and state whether it is injurious to the hair.

I am afraid your question is rather indefinite, will you not explain further, so that I may be able to give you the correct formula?

Developing the Chest

Is the Vaucaire remedy for women only? I thought it might be good for my boy, who has a small chest.

The Vaucaire remedy is naturally used by women only, as it develops, not the chest, but the bust. I am giving you an exercise for chest expansion, which will doubtless be of benefit to your son.

Chest Expansion.

Depress the chest, letting the shoulders come forward, with the head up and back. Raise the chest by muscular effort, not by breathing, to the point of greatest expansion. Relax and lower the chest in this way eight times.

Developing Bust and Arms

Kindly publish a massage cream for the bust. I am 21 years old, and my bust measures only 30 inches.

Kindly publish also a cream to fatten the arms.

For the bust I am giving you an excellent massage cream. For your arms, however, I would massage simply with cocoa butter, unless you

Wrist Too Large

Kindly prescribe me something to reduce the wrist. I am 40 bust, 35 hips and 33 wrist. I am here anything for making the wrist smaller.

With a 40 bust, you should have 48 hips and 28 wrist. However, as your wrist grows smaller your hips will grow larger. I am also giving you an exercise to develop them, as well as one to reduce the wrist.

To Develop the Hips.

The following exercise is excellent for developing the hips: Stand alternately on each foot, swing the free limb pendulum fashion from the hips, each time allowing it to go as far forward and backward as possible.

To Reduce the Waist Measure

Deep breathing will help to reduce the waist measure and enlarge the bust. The stretching exercises, too, are splendid on waist depletors. Raise the arms high above the head; then, holding hands straight, try to touch the floor with the fingers; then stand erect, place hands on hips, bend from waist as far as possible to the right; then to the left.

Peroxide on the Hands

Kindly tell me how to use peroxide of hydrogen on the hands to whiten them.

You must remember that peroxide is a powerful bleach, and you must not be too lavish in its use. Pour a little of it into a saucer, add with half as much again of pure water and apply with a soft cloth. Let it dry on the hands, and then rub on lanolin or cold cream to prevent possible irritation. Repeat every night until the desired result is obtained.

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