

THE REAL FEMINE

Easy Reforms.

WHEN it is the duty of the daughter of the house to dust the parlor and put it in order, she often goes to the task joylessly. Something is the matter with it, though she does not know what, and it is something that takes away all pleasure from what should be a cheerful and pleasant task.

It is a womanly instinct to want to make the home attractive, and from the days of her babyhood the daughter has loved nothing better than playing house and setting a toy equipment in order for her dollies.

If the dissatisfaction is your trouble, dear girl, let us see if we cannot do something to remedy it. Perhaps, to begin with, it is the carpet. It is a good carpet in its way, but mother doesn't admit its present shortcomings. Try as you will, the shabby places and conspicuous spots, and the faded colors defy all your efforts to make the room look attractive. Could she not be persuaded, think you, to have the carpet sent to the rugmakers, to be made into one large, soft rug? The work done by such establishments in the city is usually satisfactory, and the contrast between a good rug and a shabby carpet more than repays one for the \$5 or \$6 expense.

When the carpet is away, persuade the big brother, or take upon yourself the pleasant task of staining and tiling the floor. The dealers in paints will talk the case over with you and will advise as to what is the best for your particular floor.

Look next to the window curtains. Are they the traditional lace affairs, which are still going around there, still will be used, no matter how out of date? And are they hung on wooden poles much too heavy for them, and with great brass rings which are growing tarnished?

These mother a little and she will let you take them down and perhaps make up some of them in a bedroom. Look over late numbers of the household magazines and find a window treatment that will fit your particular window. It will cost very little to make cheese-cloth curtains bordered with two strips of silk and feathers stitched with the corresponding color. Hang these close to the windows on the telescoping brass rods, which cost only a few cents apiece.

If it is desirable to add to the width of the window, hang at the sides, from a few inches pole, heavy curtains of simple stuff and of a restful color. If the shades are cracked and spotted, they can be replaced with new ones quite cheaply, and the expense is too much, they can be painted with common floor paint and be made to do a whole lot.

This is not theory! It has been done and proved satisfactory. Simply spread the shade full length in the attic or in an unoccupied room and paint it. So much for the windows.

How about the fireplace? Is it draped with a silk affair and littered with a motley collection of things that must be kept on exhibition because somebody gave them to you? Is it in your home, and it is showing no respect to your friends to make it attractive? Is it in a room where you look awkward on your fireplace shelf, but then somewhere else. If they are too valuable to be discarded altogether put them on high, and in a conspicuous place, and change those which are exhibited from time to time. But get rid of the surplusage.

The open fire is the cheeriest gathering place in the whole house, and one does not want to be disturbed by the sight of a heterogeneous mass of things which do not go well together and which confuse the eye. Remove the dust-catching and the ill-assorted articles of ornament. Have only a few ornaments, which you know are good of their kind. If you have none that are good of their kind, get a plain vase or jar with ferns or fir boughs or pussy-willows or Oregon grapes.

Don't have picture cards, nor last year's valentines, nor photographs of your relatives or family on view in the general living-room. The pictures are intimacies for your own bedroom or your album of remembrance.

Don't be afraid of simplicity. We have generally outgrown the age of paper flowers on the walls, and knitted dolls and sad-looking figures, and all the frumpy nonsense that cluttered the living-rooms of 20 years ago. We no longer care for the picture ornaments of discarded tomato cans and papa's suspenders, but we have not yet fully learned that a few things rather than many make a room more attractive. Most people have too much furniture, too many tables, too many ornaments, too little room to move about in.



Calling Costume With Paquin Skirt and Callot Tunic, Laid in Folds Over the Front and Hips. The Double Sleeve is a Feature of the Corsage.

THE MOTHERS' CORNER

Children's Quarrels.

THE child who keeps his temper under all circumstances, who never says a naughty word, but smiles and sticks to play, according to Stevenson philosophy, is a rare if not an extinct creature. For it is as natural for children to want the same toy at the same time, to fly off at a tangent over some trifling incursion on their infantile rights and to pout and cry and scold, as it is for older people to do the same things more politely.

Children have not learned self-control because the problem is new to them; they are good when they are happy and they are happy with very little, fortunately, when they are quite well. One mother who studies her child has discovered that attacks of naughtiness are almost always coincident with too much candy or rich and unaccustomed food, which causes restless sleep and an out-of-sorts feeling the next morning. It is the child's nature to be peevish when he has eaten too much of the household generally. Now, instead of the time-honored and much-abused recourse of the spanking, the mother looks carefully to the food the child receives, gathers him up for a little heart-to-heart talk about teasing and naughtiness and gets him to bed early with a promise of better behavior tomorrow. It is often forgotten that it is harder for the child than it is for the rest of the family when he is naughty, and too often the child receives a not wholly deserved punishment because the parent has been disturbed and not because of the nature of the deed.

The foolishness of big people is shown when mothers and fathers take up the children's petty quarrels and stir up neighborhood feeling over some trifling dereliction or some utterly insignificant prank. For children will quarrel and get "mad" over their own little problems and turn up as sweet as sunshine the next morning and be making mud pies together while their respective names are composing bitter and cutting speeches to spring upon each other in regard to the management of the children. This is sheer folly, for if the mother looks ignorantly or if when brought to the mothers they will admit that the antagonists are children and there was probably fault on both sides, instead of magnifying the matter out of all proportion, the children's quarrel will not go deep enough to be remembered or to cause any hard feeling.

The Pure Milk Problem. Pasteurized milk, which scientists claim will save the lives of thousands of babies, may be prepared in ordinary

glass jars. Every morning before preparing the milk scrub jars and tops and check thoroughly. Prepare milk in a pitcher, then fill jars and screw the tops loosely, and place on a clean cloth in a kettle of cold water and cover. The jars should stand in water about half way.

Bring water to boiling point, remove from fire and let stand about 15 minutes, then cool rapidly and keep in a cool place. When it is time to feed baby, dip the contents of one jar, pour off the desired amount into a nursing bottle, put on nipple, and heat in hot water. Two or three jars will hold enough milk for 24 hours.

The Child's Eyes. Nowadays a great deal of attention is being paid to the care of school children's eyes, proper painting of the desks in regard to the light, etc., but at home the same children often are allowed to read in poor light, or to read long for an hour or more at a time, when they are lying down.

It is a mother's duty to see that the child's eyes are not strained in this manner. When he is reading at home he always should have a good light; it should be from the left, falling on his book over his left shoulder. Every time the child reads, gather him up for a few minutes, and not read steadily for an hour or more at a time. Nor should he be allowed to read while lying down, for this is a greater strain on the eyes than most people understand.

If the child seems to hold his book nearer or farther of than most people do, the mother should try to correct this habit, and if he really cannot see when his book is held in the normal position, he should be taken to an oculist and an examination made at once. If he is found to be near or far-sighted, he should be fitted with proper glasses.

Don't Give Drugs. Injury often results to infants by the use of drugs and preparations given for temporary relief. This practice often results in incurable diseases or death. Few children need medicines, if they are cared for properly, and medical attention is needed consult a physician.

Cleanly Habits. There is no reason why children should be housed like delicate plants to insure a pink and white complexion and soft, lilylike hands, but there is every reason why they should be taught to treat their bodies with care. And if they are not taught this, if they are permitted to acquire untidy personal habits, which end in physical defects, the mother may be quite sure that she will be reproached for her carelessness when they realize loss.

regrettable ignorance for any person, man or woman who pretends to be intelligent, to be entirely ignorant of the Bible. And next to that come the great works which have left their mark on men of all times. Such things as "Don Quixote" and "Pillars of the Earth," Shakespeare's plays and Emerson's essays, and Darwin's "Origin of Species,"

and—but the list is too long. A good idea for the reader who is just beginning to broaden her taste and intellect is to get a standard text book of English literature, such as is used in the high school or the preparatory schools and to follow the lessons with supplementary readings of at least one work of each author mentioned. It will be a superficial course, but it is quite valuable as most correspondence courses offered, and it entails no expense to the girl who lives in town, except the price of the original text book, and all the standards are represented at the library.

Fads and Fashions.

By Florence Fairbanks. NEW YORK, Feb. 22.—The new materials for spring, especially the checked ones, are certainly catching on and when made up into gowns they will be still more attractive. In silks, satins and crepe de chine, the latest fashions are showing over the surface. Foulards are showing for the latest pattern wide and narrow stripes with an overdesign of a Greek key or interlaced rings. China silks, soft and melting, are favored and striped. One checked one is a novelty in stripes with squares formed of blocks and white checks scattered over the surface. A pretty silk voile shows very narrow lines of the new wood brown on a white ground, and water dots for the over pattern. Tussore will be a great favorite and can be found plain, striped, or in color. The new check is bordered, striped or dotted in a contrasting color. Plain tussore souatched in self color, it is predicted, will have a popular run.

Sleeves on the new models will show very little change from those of the last season, and bridge parties. Some three-quarter length is more or less popular although it is less becoming than either the short or long sleeve. Costume sleeves are being made up two or three materials, the top part being in one with the bodice and the rest in a contrasting color. The elbow length to the wrist, of some transparent stuff, or it may simply be a lighter weight material than the gown.

Belts are receiving much attention at the present time. Elastic belts studded with cut steel and soft leather ones in all shades that harmonize with the cloths they are the leading styles. Wide elastic belts and narrow ones are made of suede or oozie calf fastened with plain buckles of gilt or silver. Fancy buckles are made innumerable designs and are lovely. Some are extremely wide while others are narrow and wrap around the hips and back and front. Patent leather belts are with us again and promise to be the smartest and deepest in style. They are very narrow, the stiff ones coming only an inch wide, but the more fashionable ones are of soft leather and fit the figure with a pretty curve. The buckles on these are perfectly plain, covered with the kid.

Linen dresses will be much worn through the coming season. The skirts are short, very short, and fit tightly around the hips with a few inches of the foot. The coat, to be really smart, must be of the cutaway order showing a rather elaborate waistcoat. This is made of some flowered material such as chintz, cretonne, silk or satin. The coat is fastened by one or two buttons at the waist, and is made to open and display the gay waistcoat. As to colors, mustard will be very popular around the hips and deep red, orange and from cream to the deepest buff.

Cloth dresses are now seen at all the dress afternoon occasions, and the noticeable feature is the little coats that accompany them. This is a complete wardrobe in a single article. A particularly striking dress following this description was developed in the darkest possible shade of green. The skirt is trimmed with a long train and the coat is sleeveless but with a cape effect. The latter was of golden brown cloth showing an apple design of dark green cloth outlined with soutache in brown and green. Very novel and lovely designs which were most covered with gold embroidery. The hat worn with this costume was of glistening brown satin trimmed with chiffon roses in shades of violet and green.

There do not seem to be any novelties in hand bags just at present, except as the spring season advances it is probable some new fad will be introduced. However, variety and color cannot be made much better. Morocco is really the favorite leather for the small little bags to be carried with street costumes, and is matched in the modish colors which includes violet, green, gray, brown, blue and red. The most popular is a soft, supple leather to carry on the street. Shopping-bags of plaid are having a revival, and are being made in a variety of colors and designs. The leather is so light that it soils very quickly. A bag that is more novel and beautiful is plaited around the top and run on two wheels. These are large enough to go over the arm. These, as yet, are only occasionally seen, and there are but few houses in New York that carry them. The prettiest ones of this style are made of heavy silk embroidered in Chinese designs in blues and greens with rings of jade.

The trappings that will be used on frocks and suits are certainly beautiful and, too, they are so numerous that I cannot begin to describe them. The shop counters are full of all the latest designs and it is most interesting to look at them. Bands and motifs are seen, net embroidered, braided and darned, silk and cotton brodered in silk and soutache; cotton braid fringe, and buttons in every size, shape and color. The most interesting designs are most in evidence with occasional gold and silver. These will not be used so extensively as in the fall, yet there are many handsome designs.

HINTS FOR HOUSEKEEPERS

What Kitchen Needs. THE equipment that should go into a model kitchen, as shown at a recent housekeepers' conference, includes: A gas range, with water front and boiler attached; a hood above to carry off odors and vapors, a kitchen cabinet, a refrigerator (outside being), a small table on rollers, a window lock outside for use when there is no ice kept, an ironing board, three irons, a coffee pot, a teapot, a double boiler, a Berlin kettle, two pudding pans, a sauce pan, a steam cooker, a meat chopper, a bread mixer, a soapstone griddle, two French frying pans, a muffin iron, an iron frying kettle and basket, a roasting pan, six pie tins, two baking sheets, an angel food cake pan, two layer cake pans, a colander, four large bowls, a rolling pin, a mince tin, a mince teakettle, an ice cream freezer, a coal hod, a fine shovel, a dust pan, a poker, a glass lemon squeezer, a rolling pin, a chopper, a nut grater, a nut slicer, a wire potato masher, a funnel, a cream whip, a can opener, a corkscrew, a large grater, a small grater, two strainers, two dispensers, a hand basin, a quart measure, two glass measuring cups, a wire egg beater, a wire egg beater, two spatulas, two paring knives, a French knife, two large spoons, two wooden spoons, two teaspoons, two tablespoons, two knives, six forks, a cake turner, a bread knife, a butter knife, three molds, a whisk, a rack of several sizes, 12 glass jars for food materials, a broom, a mop.

Pass It On. A Shirt Waist Case.—A very welcome gift case. An extremely dainty one is made of white and half of any pretty orandy, dimity lawn or dotted muslin. Turn a hem an inch wide along the cut edge, and with white ribbon, center of the design in the lawn fasten the hem down with a row of two or three buttons. Place the hem to meet the center and baste the gathered portion upon the plain selvage below. Fasten with a row of finer stitching through the gathered portion on the other side of the case. Then choose two yards of inch-wide satin ribbon, cut each yard into halves, and sew the half-yard pieces an eighth of a yard from the sides upon the two hems where the folded pieces meet in the center, tying them in pretty bows.

The white dotted muslin can be attached in white with white ribbon, or dainty gift for a bride—or the brier, stitching and ribbons can be blue, pink or green.

To Wash a White Sweater.—Dissolve one level tablespoonful of borax and one level teaspoonful of soda in cold water to cover the sweater. Generously wet and soak an hour, then squeeze it thoroughly, but do not wring. Rinse very thoroughly through several cold waters, then squeeze as dry as possible (or put through the wringer), pull it into shape and dry on a wool flannel and blankets are safely washed thus.

A Safe Fire Kindler.—It is not easy in all localities to get suitable material for the quick kindling of the kitchen fire, hence it is well to have on hand

a substitute for the "fat pine" of earlier days. To make a quick and satisfactory fire kindler, add three ounces of tallow to each pound of resin, and melt together. While hot, stir in dry pine sawdust (finely screened) and mix in a moderate quantity until very thick. Have ready boards or boxes spread with sawdust to the depth of an inch or more, and upon this pour the mixture and leave until cold. The layer of sawdust prevents it from sticking to the boards and when poured out the mixture will be found stored for future use. A block of this mixture an inch square will kindle with a single match, and give a blaze strong enough to light a fire in a stove. This is quick and cleanly as well as a safe fire kindler.

The Sunday Menu. BREAKFAST. Grape fruit, Oyster Omelet, Waffles with maple syrup, Coffee. DINNER. Cream of barley soup, Celery, Roast capon, chestnut stuffing, Cranberry jelly, Browned sweet potatoes, Creamed Cauliflower, Lettuce, French dressing, Tapoca cream pudding, Nut plum cake. SUPPER. Peanut butter sandwiches, Fruit salad, Waffles with soft cheese, Chocolate.

Oyster Omelet.—Drain the liquor from half pint of Olympia oysters and remove the bits of shell. Break into a bowl four eggs, without separating and add a quarter of a pint of milk and four tablespoonfuls of cold water and the oysters. Have a smooth pan heated with melted butter and pour in the mixture slowly and cook over steady fire. When set, salt and pepper and fold half over. Send to the table immediately.

Cream of Barley Soup.—Boil steadily for an hour ½ pint of pearl barley, adding water as it boils away. To one pint of barley and water add ½ pint of soup stock, one by leaf, one onion, one carrot, one potato, one turnip and minutes. Blend together one tablespoonful of butter and three tablespoonfuls of flour, then add one pint scalding water and stir in. Blend with the soup stock and add this liquid to the soup stock already prepared. Simmer five minutes and serve.

Chestnut Stuffing.—Remove the shells and skins from a quart of large French chestnuts, wash them in cold water, boil in salted water and cook until tender. Press the nuts through a colander, add two tablespoonfuls of butter, one teaspoonful of salt, one teaspoonful of pepper and beat until very light.

Tapoca Cream Pudding.—Soak two cupfuls tapioca in cold water overnight. Add one pint milk, half teaspoonful salt, sugar, vanilla and quarter teaspoonful nutmeg extract. Beat with two eggs without separating, and bake ½ hour in steamy oven.

Nut Plum Cake.—One half cupful butter, two cups of sugar, one cup of eggs, well beaten; one cup sweet milk, three and a quarter cupful flour, one cup cold water, one cup raisins, one cup baking soda, four level teaspoonfuls baking powder, cover with chocolate icing and dry.

Fruit Salad.—Slice one pineapple and six oranges. Add one cupful walnut meats, one pint strawberry preserve and one cup of grape juice. Chill and serve in small glasses.

grew strong and big, and died laughing away from her. The old women and you will find she holds maternity to be the acclime of womanhood. The old women will tell you, however, that her social triumphs, but only her children's beauty and their many graces. And she will tell you, however, that she is a perfect rose set around with precious buds.

Woman, at the period of her early life—like the blossom of the fruit tree—quizzes, but a sweet, unobtrusive promise. Her advanced girlhood is not unlike the setting of the tree's young fruit, filling out to fair form, but lacking tenderness; unripe to bitterness. But at the period of her young motherhood, woman, like a tree, is in the prime of mellow richness, and splendid color—promise fulfilled.

Never is woman so beautiful, so charming, so womanly, so loving and so loved as in her young motherhood. The care of her children widens her eyes, and her heart is made more practical helpmate, a better friend, a milder judge. Her beauty is not in the face, but in a perfect rose set around with precious buds.

Woman is at her fairest, best and sweetest when she is yet a young mother.

The Tailor Made.

THE lingerie waist is not considered suitable for morning wear with tailor-made suits. The absolute plain or tucked shirtwaist, like the one shown in the cut, of linen, madras and lawn worn with the high embroidered collars are the ones that the woman of good taste will select for her morning walk or shopping trip. The new chiffon taffetas and the raw silks—ponces, shantungs and rajahs—make excellent waists for the afternoon suit, and the soft lace Jabots and Marie Antoinette frills give a touch of daintiness that makes them suitable for informal afternoon wear.

First Aid Rules.

IN case of drowning, loosen clothing if any. Empty lungs of water by laying body down. Jerk the body a few times. Pull the tongue forward by using handkerchief. Imitate motion of respiration by alternately compressing and expanding the lower ribs about 20 times a minute. Alternately raising and lowering the head from the sides up above the head will stimulate the action of the lungs; it will be done gently and the water will be forced out by friction to the extremities. Press the tongue forward, closing the nostrils, and pressing the "Adam's apple" back, to cause the air to enter, and direct inhalation may be tried. Take a deep breath and breathe it forcibly to the mouth of the patient, compress the chest to expel the air, and repeat the operation. Don't give up. People have been saved after hours of patient, vigorous effort. When breathing begins get patient into warm bath, give warm drinks, fresh air and quiet.

Not So Modern.

BRIDGE, it would appear, is not quite so modern a game as has been supposed. A correspondent of the Liverpool Post mentions that he has received in what is stated that the game was played as far back as the time of the Greek colony in Manchester. "No trumps" then counted 10 tricks, instead of 12, and four aces in one hand 80, instead of 100. The heart convention was also known and practiced there too, a pamphlet in the British museum on "Biritch," dated 1836, which gives a brief account of the rules much as they exist at present.

Coiffure Ornaments.

NEXT to the jewel and feather ornaments, the Parisian most favors a single large rose or cluster of smaller flowers, but coronets and full wreaths of leaves have a decided vogue and are certainly among the prettiest and most becoming of the hair ornaments. A wreath of simple green leaves pointed in shape and arranged in Napoleonic fashion with the points meeting at the center front and back, trimmed with a few charming possibilities in association with the right coiffure, and this same design appears

Fancies in Dress.

VIBRATING diamond necklaces are the latest ornament. The stones are fitted on the necklace or bracelet by means of tiny pieces of flexible silver wire so that the diamonds vibrate at the slightest movement of the wearer. The effect of the diamonds flashing and trembling is dazzling; they resemble drops of water falling in the sunshine.

A rope of trembling diamonds is, of course, expensive, prices ranging from \$150 to many thousands.

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MOTHER'S GUIDE



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