By Mrs. Lenore R. Ranus
EVERYONE knows that a normal child has an active mind, but many parents do nothing to strengthen or train this vital part of their child's life, leavall mental development to the teachin the schools. Those parents are ers in the schools. Those partial indeed fortunate who have kindergartens their town or city, for the kindergarten gives systematic mental training to iren as early as the fourth year. The easiest way to teach a child to

think is through play. The mother can begin to sing Mother Goose rhymes to the mere infant-in-arms. As the child grows, he recognizes the words and often the tunes. Later, he will ask for his favorite songs or rhymes, and then begin to sing and recite, himself. Up to point the mother has accomplished three things: Strengthened the memory cultivated an ear for music and the ability to carry a simple tune, and enlarged the child's vocabulary.

Be sure to use only the best grammar when talking with a child. Baby talk is funny for the grown-ups for a while, but the difficulty the child faces in overcoming this is tremendous.

As the child grows older, a story-hour should become a part of each day. This is really a lesson in language. The nother should begin with the finger plays when the child is eight or nine months old, such as "This is the church and this is the steeple," "Pat-acake," and the counting lesson, "The thumb is one; the pointer, two; the middle finger, three; ring finger, four; little finger, five, and that is all you see." "What the child imitates he begins to understand." That is the great purpose of the finger plays.

As the child grows, other stories can be added to the story-hour. A normal child, from about two years of age on, loves the stories of "The Three Bears," "The Three Pigs," "Little Half Chick,"
"Little Red Hen," and other similar simple tales, a list of which will be found at the conclusion of this article. In telling stories to children, especially to very young children, avoid the element

Children love best the stories they have heard before. A good rule is to let the child choose his own story. Mother can introduce a new story when she deems Another good plan is to have the best. Another good plan is to have the this will aid self-expression and be esson in language

To teach counting, make use of the play spirit again. In bouncing a ball, repeat the old-time jingle, "One, two, buckle my shoe." You will be surprised at how quickly the little ones will begin to count. Again, in building blocks, make a game of counting by saying, "Give mother one block," then "Give mother one, two, three blocks," etc. It is unwise to teach a child under three, numbers higher than 10. They are well started if they are able to count as high as this

To develop the power of concentration, without which no human being can be successful in life, there must be a certain amount of directed play each day. Children are given this in kindergarten, and the mother can also give it to them in the home. When mother sews, the opportunity to direct play is at once af-forded, by having the child sit close by rpose and tied securely to a heavy thread. When the child shows evidences of fatigue, the work should be

laid aside for another day. Large, colored, wooden, kindergarten cubes and spheres, one inch in size, with a hole through the center to string on shociaces, are also fine for a lesson concentration. This occupation should be permitted only when mother is close by o watch and help.

For a child of three or older, kinder garten sewing-cards which are perforated and to be worked in colored worsteds, are interesting and instructive. An economical way to procure such cards is for mother or father to cut squares or oblongs out of cardboard, lightly trace an apple, ball, or some other obfect on one of the pieces and then perforate the outlines every half inch, making the holes as large as the head of a These outlines can then be sewed by the child in bright colors, working outlines of the objects to be sewed are large, as small objects are too trying for young hands and eyes.

The following books will help the mother in telling stories: For the Children's Hour, Carolyn

How to Tell Stories to Children, Sarah Cone Bryant.

Children's Book, H. F. Scudder Half a Hundred Hero Tales, Francis

Mother Stories, Maud Lindsey. More Mother Stories, Maud Lindsey Kindergarten Story Book, Jane I

Firelight Stories, Carolyn Bailey. The Children's Reading, Francis J

Three Minute Stories, Laura E. Rich-

Story Telling in School and Home, E. N. and G. E. Partridge. Tales of Laughter, Kate Douglass Wiggin and Nora Archbold Smith.

The Talking Beasts, Wiggin & Smith. The Story Hour, Wiggin & Smith. Wonder Book, Hawthorne. Tanglewood Tales, Hawthorne. Just So Storfes, Kipling. Jungle Book, Kipling.

Nights with Uncle Remus, Joel Chandler Harris. In Story Land, Elizabeth Harrison. bok of Profitable Tales,

Fairy Tales, Grimm, Anderson Aesop's Fables, Peter Rabbit Stories,

Beatrix Potter. Index to Short Stories, Salisbury Beckwith. Myths That Every Child Know, Hamilton Wright Mable.

In the Child's World, Emilie Poulso Poems and Songs A Child's Garden of Verses, Robert Louis Stevenson.

The Posie Ring, Wiggin & Smith. Small Songs for Small Fingers, Nied-

Mother Goose, set to music, J. Finger Plays, Emilie Poulsson.

January Current History A consecutive statement of what has sheviki went toward deserting the to the check family. When the checks allies and making a separate peace with are exhausted "toile de soie" assumes a Germany. Our declaration of war on camouflage of Persian prints in the tria also is fully treated, with the form of discs and circles. te text of President .Wilson's



In the garden of textiles, checks are the saucy little blooms, especially when they take on the gay colorings of the novelties of the demi-saison. Almost any little old frock will smile up and look hopeful if you show it a checked out searf or shake a plaided girdle at it. You will see at the left of the picture a saintly young lady clad in duvet de laine of trench brown, decorated with brown and ivory check. Black panne velvet has the center of the stage and its teammate is gray and white checked velour de laine. Passing along to the diamond design at the right we come to a charming exhibit of vatican purple broadcloth playing with a novelty crepe.

# and sew a piece of loose-woven cloth, such as canvas or scrim. A big, blunt-pointed needle should be chosen for the Makers Excel in Their New Designs

By Mme. Qui Vive

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CABRIC checks are not to be meddled with any more than paper ones, and handling them is about as dangerous as uggling a high explosive. The naive and inexperienced dressmaker can do more damage with a check than with any other kind of a material, but let the gown artist take the same design and she'll hit the bull's-eye of high success. Paris is having a gay time fooling round with checks and plaids, which no doubt will lead to many murderous exploits on the part of the clothes anarchists who love sartorial laws because it's such good sport to break them. Let us say then that if you are in doubt, don't. And if your guiding star in dressdom is a up and down in the holes. Be sure the with the stitches, go to it, and we wish witch with the shears and a magician you joy.

This is the demi-saison, that period of esting than styles. There is seldom any definite change of silhouette in midwinter, and so we turn to the output of the textile designers in the search for thrills. Lyons now is the great source, for many of the towns in northern Stories to Tell to Children, Sarah Cone France that produced fabrics are in the but for the last several seasons it has on here, there or other places. We are ton. also produced beautiful woolen mate- wondering just how the Florida season rials, particularly luscious velours de will pan out. The Red Crosser, who softly yielding weaves.

> Labor is scarce, dye is difficult to manufacture, materials are precious, and yet Lyons continues her great indus-try. And for what purpose? To beautifully clothe the fair and snare sex. We wonder if women realize that all the precious things of the world, satins and silks, jewels and furs, are brought to them like the offerings of the gods, that the seas are searched for pearls that they might wear them, that the forests are hunted through for costly pelts of animals, and that the wheels of industry turn for them? Surely modern industry turn for them? Surely modern woman is blessed.

Despite the handicap of wartime, the breasts and found that they also imextile makers have not only kept to the parted slimness to the figure, corsets high standards of good designs, but they under various names and of various have excelled all other efforts. They are construction have been worn; and in offering us the old stuff rejuvenated and spite of the warfare made upon them beautified, and along with these come by the comparatively few, the majority many fabrics that are entirely new. As will continue to wear them for ever-Burbank mixes up grains and flowers more. they are giving us blends and mixtures. There is a crepe de chine that would be the evil effect of corset wearing upon jersey were it not crepe de chine, for it the general health-has some foundation is both in fact. Taffetas angora puts is proven by the fact that medical men, out of joint the nose of our old-time taf- scientists, men and women of good infetas, as we know it, for the angora telligence and those who have made a sister is as soft as thistle down, supple study of anatomy and physiology with as youth and beautified with the armure a view to producing a perfect corset weave which is exquisite.

There is a "tolle de soie" on the way to us which promises to put more crimps into crepes than crepes already have, of this kind, are rendered extremely This fragile and lovely weft comes in changeable effects as well as in solid wond question unsightly to others. tones. It is not one of the precious really happened in Russia is one of stuffs reserved for the grand occasion, features of the January number of but will make up into agreeable and New York Times Current History practicable little daytime fripperies. The Magazine. Out of the chaos of con- check idea runs riot through these boits flicting reports the writer has extracted of loveliness and sometimes it bursts never accentuated to the point of vulnarrative of facts, with official out into diamond patterns and block ata, showing just how far the Bol- designs, both of which naturally belong

Tussah, too, has been through the so, the war resolution and procla- mill of experience and comes out gentler, and the house committee's little- sweeter and more tender. Old tussah official statement of our many was a careless sort, but the new tussah for war on Austria-Hungary. is a regular lady person, polished up to are many other features with a state of perfection. Foulard has become academic, forsak- veal the outlines of the figure.

ling the simple little florette desagna, and sweaters for months and whose heart company and becomes a jacket vest. investigative quality.

Cashemire de sole is one of those maerials of quality that inspire respect, weave nor weft more ravishing. And so carved from wood.

wildering as it is exhilarating.

By Lillian Russell

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Roman women wore bandages over their

That the vital point of the argument-

have all interested themselves in the

There are some women whose figures

require support and who, without aid

in and thrust out the bust and hips.

uncomfortable to themselves and be-

manufacture of the article.

taking a sudden notion to dip into is as war torn as her fingernails, knows This idea appears on several of the pest archaic documents of the past. She that she was never in such crying need suit models that are thrown together for comes forth all dressed up with Egyp- of rest and change. It is for her to the consideration of the Palm Beachers. tian ideas. "They" say that foulard decide then whether she shall grant wasn't content with documents for au- herself a furlough, thus gaining renewed or satin frock is to be perpetuated in thority, but that she pussy-footed round strength and spirit, or shall she go on taffetas as the season wears on. The rings, which is certainly the limit of the as every good worker should. But if flock it's not up to the critic to carp.

beautiful weave among the offerings for vest effects. These garments are pat-

A novelty that attracts the eye is the fears the conspicuous, taffeta is a safe

It is predicted that the one-piece velvet readily; the argument against satin is rate we shall be happy to have old taffetas return to us because of the sovery crispness and life of it. Every woman tle; in fact, it was quite as important an limpid eyes. Of late years the rustle has been deleted from the dress films. Perhaps it will come back. Hooray

Anyhow, the textile wizards say that the looms are reeling off bolts and bolts the new lavender chasseur, the new blue, effects rather than tabliers and panels. though it is yet too early to make any definite forecast. For the woman who

Meteor georgette is neither meteor nor georgette, but a new weave that resembles a satin-faced foulard, rather transparent and delicate. This will no doubt be the fabric which will win a final victory over georgette, whose reign should be finished after several years of use-

As a lastly, let us add a few words men. Ever since the early days when that renders corseting injurious or not. ills of the flesh that a fresh top piece The brassiere may be worn to protect belongs to every month.

Shampooing a Pleasure

It isn't the washing which makes the proper way to lace a corset is to lie flat on your back in the corset and then shampooing unpleasant. pull it into place and lace it firmly, trary, there is much pleasure wrapped This must be a front-laced corset, of up in the easy flow of the water over The proper-sized corset is of your pate and through your tresses the greatest importance. When it comes What makes shampooing disagreeable too close together it is too large and is the drying which must fellow. when the lacing is too far apart the corset is too small. The adjustment

An ingenious inventor has created a hair-drying halo which is made of wire netting and which buckles around the head with an adjustable band. Today corsets are as comfortable as the flesh up and when they are too short

The hair is drawn up tight to the head one would like them and the figure is they allow the flesh to bulge out below. after the last rinsing, and a perfunctory them. By wearing them alternately you spread over this frame in all directions

### Women Propose In New Guinea

SO FAR as proposals of marriage are concerned, in New Guinea it is always leap year. There, according to an English writer, the men consider beneath their dignity to notice women, much less to make overtures of marriage. Consequently the pro-

posing is left to the women to do. When a woman of New Guinea falls of string to his sister, or if he has no sister to his mother or another of

No breach of promise actions are the other hand, if the woman proves faithless she is liable to be beaten by

# Suggestions

Thin slices of dried beef can be crisped in butter and a hot oven and when she was the wife-not of New

water and ammonia, with a little borax in it.

Beef with horse radish, egg and anchovy or smoked salmon each makes a good filling for an old fashioned sandwich.

There is economy in stocking the pantry with groceries that can be bought when the stores offer a few cents' reduction. Delicious sandwiches are made of

Stoves for Kiddies

and seasoned with a little salt.

Little toy stoves which will actually The novelty of the stoves and the wender of really "making things" appeal to the children very strongly and the utensils and how to mix the inyears later. Boys should have stoves ly "architectural."

## A Wife Helped, Secret of Success

By Edith M. Johnson WHAT can be accomplished through a fine spirit of cooperation between husband and wife is exemplified in the career of Judge John F. Hylan, New cooking, sewing, cleaning and baking, they were obliged to convenies on the career of the career of Judge John F. Hylan, New cooking, sewing, cleaning and baking, they were obliged to convenies on the career of the career ly could have reached his present ex-alted position had it not been for the over a long period of years.

Where the 999 elevated tracklayers his lady relatives. Then the lady wao and engineers would have deemed it receives the string tells the man that impossible to attain a judgship, let countless persons. There are a great articular damsel is in love with alone the mayoralty of the biggest city countless persons. There are a great if the man thinks he would like in the world, the one who did possess many men who would be achieving to wed the lady he meets her alone the stamina and courage for that un-and they decide straight away whether dertaking may thank his wife that he to marry or drop the idea. In the actually won. For John F. Hylan mar- | Commercial statistics tell us that the former case the betrothal is announced. ried a woman who has been his constant majority of men going into business are The man is then branded on the back helper and inspirer. Though he was failures. It is the exceptional man who with charcoal, while a mark is cut eager to spend seven hours attending makes a success. The recent demand law classes after a long and hard day's for food conservation has revealed an work as elevated train engineer, he appalling waste and a too-prevalent use possible in New Guinea, though if the could not have completed his course suc- of hit-or-miss methods in home-making. lady is jilted her friends may hunt cessfully if Mrs. Hylan had not written in the face of these two well-known lover up and "go" for him. On out his daily lessons for him, which he facts, is it any wonder that there is so studied while running his train.

would not have given themselves that husband, and the husband who cannot trouble, no matter how high their hus- rely on the sustained devotion of his bands promised to climb. But when you wife, groan under heavy handicaps, look at her the secret of the Hylan fam- whatever their talents. You cannot do For Housewife | lly's success is plain. A giance will good stand."

tell you that Mrs. Hylan never wasted her forces in self-pity. She has a genuine relish for the game of life, for suggestion. lly's success is plain. A glance will good work when you never know "where

overcoming obstacles and laughing at hard work and poverty did not crush WHEN making yeast rolls, add one discouragement. I am sure that her cup of corpment to the sponge mind was never filled with half-baked with the shortening, then finish with aspirations and that she never spent one moment thinking that she was unappreciated at home. You can visualize her in those years

make an excellent substitute for bacen. York's mayor, but the helpmate of an A slice of potato is an excellent elevated trainman—getting up early in ever-increasing appropriate of his business A slice of potato is an excellent elevated trainman—getting up early in the morning to do all the work of the or profession, you may be pretty sure has become disfigured by hot cooking house, with her little girl, Virginia, to that he has the heartlest kind of encare for. While she went about her An ordinary piece of mince pie is husband's monthly wage of \$100 just said to be equal in food value to a as far as she could, her fine, wholesome household tasks, trying to stretch her piece of beef, a slice of bread and a spirit must have shone out of her eyes A faded carpet can be brightened upon a wider world. and cleaned by rubbing with warm

tater and ammonia, with a little get along happily and successfully if There is nothing like a fair division of the dessert that fails in its appeal share of responsibility. Cooperation of generous and cordial cooperation the palate is a wasted attempt, for works just as well in family life as it among all persons to make any institudesserts are eaten for pleasure, not for does in business. When one member of tion, whether it be a club, a church, a a family undertakes an unusually se- home for a corporation a live enterprise vere tax on his energies he needs the and a permanent success.

ber of his family. Yet, how many women York's newly elected mayor, who scarce- law lessons every day for a period of

in love with a man she sends a piece devotion and assistance of Mrs. Hylan are not more John Hylans. Blind indifference to the goal ahead and petty discontent and complaining are undermuch greater success were it not for

much wretchedness?

The wift who does not know how far There are a great many women who she can count on the efficiency of her

The life of Mrs. Hylan offers another suggestion to women. Long years of her spirit. She was not bowed to earth so many women. She took them as a matter of course, going about her duties in a glad spirit if she had something

Whenever you see a man full of ent couragement and cooperation at home. Likewise, whenever you see a woman thoroughly devoted to her home and family and manifesting a keen interest in all that transpires in the outside upon John Hylan just as it does now world, you may safely guess that she enjoys the unqualified support and sym-There is not a family that could not pathy of her husband.

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By Mme. Maison

SPINET desk is charming in a A SPINET desk is charming in a colonial room with a chair to corre- each article of furniture is to have a moistened with a little whipped cream spond. Have candlesticks on either side permanent place, he often can work in with parchment shades and hang a mir- | very pleasing effects. I am glad to

of antique brass or copper or a rancy cook are splendid things for tiny tads. basket may be used as a receptacle for waste paper. Place the desk near a window and have a floor plug for elec- and is often music room and library, too, tric lights in the candles.

The housewife is fortunate who builds space into corners, as it were, by having gredients. In this way the youngsters and has an understanding architect who groups of furniture that are related and get a sense and feeling for the art of is willing to sacrifice effect for real make for individual comfort of the vartcookery which would be hard to kindle practical results, no matter if not strict- ous members of the household. It is such a satis as well as girls. Surely no one is faction to have just the right space for more welcomed than the man on an all large pieces of furniture, as it makes cuting who can get up a smacking settling easy and gives the air of "at homeness' at once.

decorator has a diagram of just where tell you that excellent paper is now made The desk set would be exceedingly in panel design which works out beausmart in the new crystal. A howe bowl tifully in rooms where this scheme of

Now that a living room has supplanted the old-fashioned front and back parlor it is necessary to arrange portions of the

To Keep Pans New Always fill the cereal saucepan with water as soon as the cereal is served.

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garity. Rubber plays a large part in fitting corset and then order two of buckled around the head. The hair is the up-to-date corset. No pressure is necessary; in fact, the save both and keep them in shape. Like so that the air can circulate through it, best dressmakers will not fit smart one pair of shoes worn continually, they With the aid of the breeze of an electric gowns, which require graceful move- are too near the shape of the foot to be fan the drying process will take no time

was a veritable vise. It pulled the waist comfort.

ments to show them properly. over either good to look at or good to wear, at all. tightly laced corsets. They understand Comfort in corsets means comfort in By this process there is no longer any the necessity of absolute freedom, of life. I would rather save on materials need for getting your clothes wet, espemuscles for graceful movements and for gowns and feel that my figure was cially the blouse over the shoulders and

the mummies and copied their wrap- with the job? We fancy she will stick, argument against taffeta is that it spots she does fly away with the southbound that it is too snakety-slinkity. At any In looking over the Palm Beach exhiand we find much of this delicate and bition we observe many cunning trench loves a rustle and a swish. All the good

spring. It comes in dull finish or in terned after the sleeveless sweater and high lights: "you pays your money and permit the application of gay patterns element of charm as her coral lips and you takes your choice." But if you are and designs to be worn with white inclined to be a money flinger you are blouses and white skirts. Odd decoralikely to select one of the cashemire tions for frocks are buttons, loops and de sole brocades, than which there is no girdles builded from raffia and beads The novelists will be able to write real Whether or not stuff again. hey go, in endless streams, like pleasant | these pretty ornaments are the result memories on a summer day. Marquiset- of dress conservation we cannot say, but the year when materials are more inter- tes, voiles, shantungs, twills, crepes and it is rather a poetical idea that the dozens of other fabrics pass before our designers are seeking the trees and of taffetas, and these new products are eyes, each one loveller than the last, grasses of the forest, as Eve sought the thinner, more summery and crisper than making the matter of selection as be- fig trees in solving the first great dress they have ever been before. They are problem. Fancy a smock of black velvet doing them in the new colors-bruyere. Palm Beach attire is getting consid- bearing a loose girdle of twisted raffia. erable attention, but mainly from the It's a delightful notion, rather Ophelia pampre, the new plum shade, and all the France that produced fabrics are in the shopkeepers. Palm Beach stuff isn't like, yes? Handbags and knitting bags clever smoke, or "cendre," shades. Tafhands of the wicked Huns, curses on anything definite. It is composed of of raffia can go to any wild limit of feta's return means that the skirt will When the world was in its right summer fabrics, but it is winter style | design, and, of course, match up with | become extended, with round and round mind Lyons made a specialty of silks, made over with a zippy touch shapped the frock to the last nob, nub and but-

laine, duvetyn and all that family of has been packing woolen blankets and skirt girdle that grows tired of its own old friend.

from its natural place.

Comfort is economy.

The corset of only a few years ago must be perfect to insure health and

the bust and at the same time give a

freedom of movement to the entire

figure. Some doctors will tell you that

When corsets are too long they push

Beauty Chat With Lillian Russell

> about millinery. With the frost nipping The woman of average intelligence pretty well into the winter lid, we allow whose vanity does not dominate her as how our minds turn toward thoughts judgment, will not injure herself by a of straw. A new chaneau is an eleccorset. It is the judgment of the wearer trifying inspiration and there are few will not cure. These new helmets are The brassier plays a most important seasonable affairs, composed for the part in the present-day dressing. No most part of pickings from the fabric two figures are exactly alike-some are counters or the upholstery department. short-waisted and with a high bust and You will find lovely georgettes, duveothers are long-waisted and with a low tyns, brocades, metallic tissues and silk bust. Therefore the short-topped corset weaves and with such a multitude of or what is called the "low bust" corset materials it is not difficult to secure a is the most in demand and safest to thought-dome covering that matches wear, as it protects the abdomen and suit or manteau. Further along in the waist without pushing the bast away season these materials will be combined