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The Skating Girl in Comfortable Knitted Costume.



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There is nothing so comfortable for the girl who skates than a warm, well made, becoming sweater, and to this garment this year the manufacturers have added a knitted Breton cap that is the choicest thing of its kind in existence. A delightful scarf of fleecy wool and a splendid pair of gauntlet gloves, all in wool, the girl who loves to skate may have for her own this winter.

In Velvet Attire.

Persian paw, a comparatively cheap fur as to price, but exceedingly good looking in appearance, makes this smart coat, combined with black velvet. The upper part of the coat sleeves is of the fur, while the deep cuffs are



COAT OF FUR AND VELVET.

of velvet. There is a perfectly new feature to be observed in the stole of velvet trimmed with a wide fancy black silk braid. This braid also trims the entire jacket, which is very French in design and execution.

Uncle Joe's Daughter Popular.

While the insurgents are fighting to drive Uncle Joe Cannon from the speakership of the house of representatives, their wives would feel very sorry to have Uncle Joe driven from Washington. They are fond of Helen Cannon, the speaker's daughter, and they frankly confess they do not wish to lose such a charming woman. Of course the wives of the insurgents sympathize with their husbands and want to see them victorious, but they like Miss Cannon as a hostess. The speaker's daughter has been one of the most modest and yet charming entertainers in Washington for several seasons. She has managed to avoid all political disputes that sometimes get the women into disagreements and has been as cordial to the wives of the insurgents as to the wives of the stand-patters.

Vaseline a Cleanser.

Vaseline has quite a number of domestic uses. When the brasses are cleaned it is little extra work to rub them over with vaseline and polish with a soft duster, but this will save much work ultimately, as after this treatment they will not readily tarnish.

To Save Stockings.

To save stockings from being torn by the garters, stitch an inch wide strip of silk ribbon round the top. It gives the stockings a new lease of life and prevents needless darning.

REMOVAL OF STAINS.

How to Clean Soiled Clothing by Simple Methods.

Pretty frocks are apt to pick up soil from grass and stains from fruit in summer, and, though white may be restored to their original condition, this is not always the case when the material is in dainty colorings.

It is not generally known that lukewarm water and a little good white soap will remove many different stains if the remedy is applied in time. From personal experience I have found that new paint will disappear if the material stained is rubbed together exactly as one might wash goods. I once stood close to a large pillar that had just been painted a light yellow and transferred most of the paint to a long brown broadcloth wrap. I was in despair, but a man standing by simply rubbed and rubbed until not a trace of stain was evident. No agent beyond the rubbing was used, but the paint must be taken before it is dry.

Acid stains will usually respond to an alkali treatment. One part of ammonia, borax or washing soda to twenty parts of water is the proper proportion. A stain caused by an alkali may be neutralized with one part citric acid, vinegar or lemon juice to twenty parts of water. In both cases chloroform will usually restore the original color, supposing colored goods have been treated. One should keep away from the fire during the process.

Drops of blood should be treated with soap and warm water first and then be covered with a paste made of raw cornstarch, exposing it to the sun for some hours. It may then be brushed off and the spot washed again.

Stains from coffee, tea or chocolate should first be treated with hot water if the goods can stand it. If obstinate the stain should be soaked in glycerin. A stain of this kind on silk should be treated with glycerin mixed with cold water.

In the case of fruit stains on colored fabrics apply equal parts of glycerin and alcohol. Allow the solution to dry and then rinse in warm water. In the case of white goods javelle water is a sure—and if carefully done—a perfectly safe remedy for fruit stains. To make javelle water take one part chloride of lime and ten parts water, then one part of washing soda dissolved in four parts of water. Allow this to settle, then pour off the clear fluid into a jar or bottle, throwing away the sediment. When needed for use, heat well and lay in the goods to be bleached. Rinse in several waters, and if the fabric is very sheer it might be well to rinse finally in a solution of hyposulphite of soda one part and water ten parts. This is to neutralize the effect of the lime, which, if left in the fabric, might injure its strength.

Stains caused by orange or lemon juice will usually respond to an application of one part ammonia to twenty parts of water. This is good in the case of either white or colored fabrics.

Grass stains on white goods may be removed by covering them with molasses, and some people use the same remedy on colors. In my opinion, just keeping the stains wet with alcohol is the better plan, afterward gently sponging with a little warm water and soap.

Rust stains on white goods are not difficult to remove. They may safely be steeped in a solution of citric acid one part and water twenty parts. When the rust marks have disappeared the goods should be washed in warm water.—Elizabeth Lee in New York Telegram.

RECIPES FOR BLACKING.

How to Make a Liquid and an Oil Paste Variety.

A fine liquid blacking is made as follows: Put one gallon of vinegar into a stone jug; add one pound of ivory black, well pulverized; half a pound of loaf sugar, half an ounce of vitriol and one ounce of sweet oil. Mix by stirring. This blacking is highly recommended as producing a fine jet polish and is less injurious to leather than most of the pastes and liquid blackings in common use.

A fine oil paste blacking is made thus: Take a quarter of a pound of oil of vitriol, ten ounces of tanner's oil, four ounces of ivory black and ten ounces of molasses. Mix the oil of vitriol and the tanner's oil together and let stand for one day. Then add the ivory black and molasses and the whites of two eggs and stir well together until there is a thick paste.

How to Preserve Pineapple in the Sun.

Sterilize the jars and utensils. Grate the pineapple. Fill the hot jars with it and pour in enough sirup to fill the jars solidly. Place the jars in the sun for an hour, then fill the jars again with boiling sirup. Wipe and seal. Place the jars on a board and out of a draft of air. If the screw covers are used tighten them after the glass has cooled.

How to Blacken a Hot Stove.

Take any kind of blacking powder and any kind of oil and mix as thick as cream (lard will do). Apply with a cloth, and the oil burns off and leaves the blacking in the iron, which lasts longer than when blacked the usual way. Do not blacken the sides of the stove with this mixture, as it will not burn off. It is for the top only.

How to Rid Cupboard of Ants.

By 5 cents' worth of tartar emetic of a druggist. Use one-half teaspoonful to about two tablespoonfuls of sweetened water. Place in small dishes in the cupboard or on the shelves, and in two or three days the ants will have disappeared. Keep away from the children, as it is poison.

BURN YOUR BRIDGES.

When All Retreat is Cut Off, Then You Must Go Ahead.

Young men often make the mistake when they start on an important undertaking of leaving open a way of retreat if things go too hard, says Orison Swett Marden in Success Magazine. No one can call out his greatest reserves, do the greatest thing possible to him, while he knows that if the battle gets too hot he has a line of retreat still left open. Only when there is no hope of escape will an army fight with that spirit of desperation which gives no quarter.

Many a great general in his march on the enemy has burned his bridges behind him, cut off his only possible retreat, for the bracing, encouraging effect upon himself and his army, because he knew that men only call out their greatest reserves of power when all retreat is cut off and when fighting desperately for that which they count dearer than life.

We are so made that as long as there is a chance to retreat, as long as there are bridges behind us, we are tempted to turn back when the great test comes.

"Will you hold this fort?" asked General Rosecrans of General Pierce at Stone river. "I will try, general." "Will you hold this fort?" "I will die in the attempt." "That won't do. Look me in the eye, sir, and tell me if you will hold this position." "I will!" said General Pierce, and he did.

THEY SEPARATED.

But the Parting Was More Strident Than Jim Expected.

A man named Roynor when gold hunting in Alaska had as partner a venerable prospector, who went about habitually with his boot legs stuffed full of dynamite sticks. The old man had a pleasantly casual way of filling the stove oven with these sticks in order that they might thaw out there. Sometimes, too, he forgot them, which was imprudent, to say the least. Roynor was not at all of a timorous disposition, but the ancient prospector's reckless carelessness troubled his nerves. He remonstrated with him repeatedly and strenuously, but his protest did not seem to have the slightest effect.

"Jim," he said finally when driven to desperation, "if you can't be more careful with that dynamite we'll have to separate."

That night as he approached the shack a terrific concussion rent the air and knocked him insensible. When he recovered consciousness he perceived one of the aged prospector's legs lying near. He stared at it a moment meditatively.

"Well, Jim," he remarked at last sadly, "I guess we've managed to separate all right, particularly you, Jim!"—Minneapolis Journal.

A Picture of Eternity.

The negro preacher is noted for his enthusiasm and his picturesque, almost poetic, way of expressing things. In "Life in Old Virginia" J. J. McDonald tells about a colored minister who was conducting a revival without much success. At last, however, he awakened his congregation by asking:

"Does yo' know what eternity is? Well, I tell yo'."

"If one of dem 'f'f' sparrows what yo' see round yo' garden bushes was to dip his bill in de 'Lantic ocean an' take one hop a day an' hop 'cross de country an' put dat drop of water into de 'Cific ocean an' den he hop back to de 'Lantic ocean—jes' one hop a day—an' if he keep dat hoppin' up twell de 'Lantic ocean wuz dry as a bone, it wouldn't be break o' day in eternity."

"Dar, now," said one of the brethren, "yo' see for yo'sef how long eternity is."

A Tribute to Woman.

When everything around a man staggers and wavers, when all seems dark and dim in the far distance of the unknown future, when the world seems but a picture or a fairy tale and the universe a chimera, when the whole structure of ideas vanishes in smoke and all certainties become enigmatical, what is the only permanent thing which may still be his? The faithful heart of a woman. There he may rest his head; there he will renew his strength for the battle of life, increase his faith in Providence and, if need be, find strength to die in peace with a benediction on his lips.—Henri Frederic Amiel.

Easy Marks.

"Talk about yore easy marks," said Uncle Silas Geehaw, who had been passing a week in the city, "us rubes ain't in it with them air town chaps." "Did yew sell 'em enny gold bricks, Silas?" queried old Daddy Squashneck. "Naw, I didn't," answered Uncle Silas, "but I seed a feller peddlin' artificial ice—hed th' sign right on his wagon—an' blamed ef th' chumps did not buy it fer th' real thing, by grass!"—Chicago News.

Lots of Nerve.

Farmer's Son—My father sent me over to borrow your horse and cart. She—Goodness! Why, he already has all our tools, our axes, our hay-rakes and— He—I know. He just wants the horse and cart to bring them back.—London Telegraph.

A Baser Motive.

"Yes, he played the last two acts with a broken wrist." "Heroin, eh?" "Not at all. He was afraid to give his understudy a chance."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Sooner or later the world comes around to see the truth and do the right.—Hillard.

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