

STRINGING PEARLS

A Difficult Task That Calls For Skill and Judgment.

CORDED ON SURGEON'S SILK.

A Soft, Round Strand of Pure White Woven Thread Is Employed, and an Intricate System of Knotting Guards the Gems Should the String Break.

Every now and then a story is printed about the loss of a valuable string of pearls through the breaking of the cord on which they were hung and their slipping off and scattering over the floor or sidewalk. Those who know anything about the stringing of pearls, however, always read these tales with incredulity, because nowadays, as a general thing, only false pearls or those of small price are strung without a knot being tied between each of them, so that if the cord breaks no more than one can fall off.

It is common belief that because of their great value pearls are strung on something durable, like catgut or wire. As a matter of fact such material is never employed. There is no beauty to a string of pearls that looks wiry or stiff. It must be flexible to the highest degree, otherwise all its graceful effect will be lost. Up to the time of the introduction of surgeon's silk for pearl stringing nothing had been found that would absolutely meet the requirements of strength and flexibility.

That the most valuable pearls are today strung on cords of surgeon's silk is due to the suggestion of a woman employee of a New York jewelry house.

Surgeon's silk—the thread that is used for sewing up cuts and wounds—is a soft, round strand of pure white silk which is woven, not twisted. The weave, when viewed under a magnifying glass, closely resembles that of fine silk braid and is capable of only a small degree of expansion. This thread is produced in several diameters or grades, which makes it all the more desirable for pearl stringing. These are numbered instead of being lettered like ordinary sewing silk and are wound on small cards like darning cotton.

When the young woman's idea was first adopted it seemed as though it would prove impracticable owing to the quantity of surgeon's silk manufactured being insufficient to meet the new demands from the jewelers. It was also very expensive. But the idea was such a good one and the surgeon's silk was so much superior to anything ever tried before that in time it was found possible to secure it in sufficient quantities and at wholesale prices.

The principal safeguard against loss, however, is in the method of stringing. An intricate system of knotting the thread between each pearl is employed. This prevents the escape of more than one jewel should the thread break. This knotting is done with tweezers and is a task that requires great skill. There must be no unsightly gaps between the knots and the pearls, and the whole when finished must be immaculate in its whiteness. The tiny knots instead of detracting from the beauty of the necklace enhance it, for they look like seed pearls alternating with the larger ones. Knotting lengthens the necklace also and is often resorted to for that purpose.

When a strand of a certain length is desired and the number of large pearls is not sufficient imitation pearls of the exact size and color are often substituted. Some of these imitations will deceive the eye of any but the most expert.

It often happens that the largest pearls have the smallest holes drilled through them, for every grain that is taken from the pearl reduces it in weight. In such cases, however, the risk of the cord breaking is increased owing to the slenderness of the thread and the sharp edges of the pearls cutting through it quickly.

Stringing pearls is never done with a needle. A needle is not yielding enough to pass through very small holes, and the doubling of its diameter at the eye makes its use impracticable. Therefore the end of the thread is sharpened to a very fine point, which is waxed stiffly enough to be used exactly as a needle would be.

Ordinarily pearl stringing is mechanically difficult and also requires taste and judgment. The pearls may have to be rearranged in order to improve their general appearance. In the laying out of collarets especially a great deal of skill is required. In the first place, the collar must fit exactly. This seems comparatively easy, but it is not. A pattern is always fitted beforehand, but it is rarely the case that the result is satisfactory the first time. Some necks require straight collars and others slightly curved. The same care is given to the fitting of a collar as is to the set of an expensive gown, and it has to be tried on and changed and adjusted as many times.

Dividers are used to gauge the exact position in which the vertical diamond bars that support the strands of pearls should be placed. Endless care and judgment may be given to laying out the pattern for one of these baubles and getting the measurements absolutely exact, but when it comes to be fitted there is sure to be trouble. It may be too tight at the bottom and too loose at the top, or perhaps the ends may not even meet at all.—Thaddeus S. Dayton in Chicago Record-Herald.

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I knew that Mr. Rurales lived on a much traveled turnpike, and I asked him if he and his family were not greatly troubled by tramps stopping at his house.

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"Yes," he said, with a grin. "It reads, 'Employment Agency.'"—Chicago News.

Precisely That.

Briggsby—I tell you I'm overworking. I am turning out an awful lot of work just now. Nocker—That's just exactly the word your employer used in describing your present work.—Baltimore American.

Plenty of Changes.

"I always dress according to the weather." "I haven't as large a wardrobe as that."—Pittsburg Post.

Concert is vanity driven from all other shifts and forced to appear to all for amusement. Hazlett.

Men and Horses Perish.

Fire starting in the old Exposition building in Portland early yesterday morning swept over a territory embracing seven city blocks. Two men perished in the flames and six more are missing, and 145 horses, stabled in the basement of the building were cremated. The property loss is placed at half a million dollars. The Multnomah club house, six residence hotels and other buildings were destroyed.

SUMMONS.

In the Justices Court for the District of Athena, county of Umatilla, state of Oregon.

Flora Stover, Plaintiff vs. Edward C. Stover Defendant.

To Edward C. Stover, the above-named defendant:

In the name of the State of Oregon, you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit within forty-two days from the date of the first publication of this summons upon you. Defendant will take notice that if you fail to appear and answer or plead within said time, plaintiff, for want thereof will apply to the court for a decree of divorce, a dissolution of the bonds of matrimony now existing between you and the plaintiff, and the plaintiff will ask the court to award the plaintiff the care and custody of plaintiff's and defendant's minor child, and for \$15.00 per month permanently, as alimony.

This summons is published pursuant to a certain order made and entered in the above entitled Court at Pendleton, Oregon, on the 14th day of July, 1910, the first publication is to be on July 15, 1910, the last on August 26, 1910.

Homer I. Watts, Atty. for Plaintiff.

Notice for Publication—Isolated Tract. (Publisher.)

PUBLIC LAND SALE. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR. U. S. Land Office at LaGrande, Ore., July 7th, 1910.

Notice is hereby given that, as directed by the Commissioner of the General Land Office, under provisions of Act of Congress approved June 27, 1906 (34 Stat., 517,) we will offer at public sale, to the highest bidder, at 10 o'clock a. m., on the 1st day of September, 1910, at this office, the following described land:

Lots 3 and 4, Sec. 5, T. 4 N., R. 35 E. W. M., Serial No. 07115.

Any persons claiming adversely the above-described land are advised to file their claims, or objections, on or before the time designated for sale.

F. C. Bramwell, Register, Colon R. Eberhard, Receiver.

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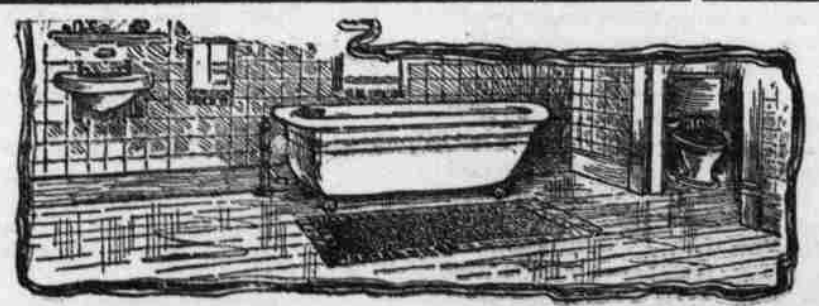
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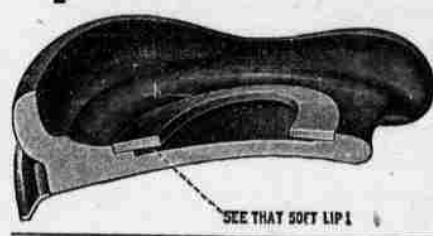
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