

# WOMAN'S PAGE

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## GIRLS' WEEK

Men's clubs are doing a remarkable work for boys. Women's clubs are not doing as much for girls. Boy Scout troops in many places have been helped by men's clubs, but few women's clubs have realized their opportunity to help the girls. Boy Scout troops are always organized in a community many years ahead of Girl Scouts or Camp Fire Girls. What is the reason? Do the women not love the girls as much as the men care for the boys; or do we not realize the need?

A little girl, in her teens, came into a welfare headquarters the other day, and said, putting her hand to her breast, "I wish I had something far what's eating me in here." That was her crude way of telling that she craved friendship and social life and fun. Her family was very poor; her tastes were above her environment; her home was too shabby and barren to bring there those who company she longed for—and she was consumed by a longing for more of the amenities of life. Many a frail little girl, a future citizen and potential mother, is struggling against such handicaps, trying to preserve her ideals against heavy and lonesome odds. Is this not a matter of concern to fortunate women?

Girls' Week, in many places is being sponsored by women's clubs. In some of these "Weeks" there will be Mothers' and Daughters' banquets; an "At Home" for daughters, to which they may bring their friends; a church service which mothers and daughters attend together; a high class movie dedicated to the girls; a program put on by the girls, for mothers; and other such celebrations in which the girls bear the honors.

If we would make the next generation fine, one of the best means is to help the girls of today. To sponsor the Girl Scouts is a worthy work for any group of women. If one has no daughter of her own, there is somebody's else daughter.

## FASHIONS. FADS, FOIBLES

Pin tucks are the fad of the moment. Many women are getting eyestrain doing them by hand, but they can be done on the machine.

Dresses of tow tones of one color are the season's latest. Lace, fine and lace of coarser pattern is largely used on the newer dresses. Hats, which have been so simple, are to be trimmed under the brims.

Jabots may be merely neck ornaments, or may extend the entire length of the frock. For sports, yellow, green, blue and white are the thing. There are new pant frocks, with the skirt and trousers made in one piece.

Eton jackets, or boleros, mark the newer styles. Organdy is a popular material. Skirts may be shorter in front than in back. The sleeveless sweater still reigns. Sleeves vary from nothing in sport jackets to short, elbow, three-quarters and long in gowns.

Skirts may be knee length, or two inches below, with a tendency to "going down" and waist lines gradually "going up." Uneven hem lines and drapes on the side or in front, prevail.

## WE ROLL OUR OWN.

"Ninety-two percent of homekeeping women are without help in the home," claims a writer who pretends to know, "and they each spend forty ten-hour days each year washing dishes." Hurrah for us! We're an independent lot, aren't we? No little girls like to wash dishes, and many women do not like it either, but haven't you often noticed that some of your sweetest thoughts and feelings come to you as you splash and dribbled in the dish-water, humming a tune, perhaps or just letting your mind drift along comfortably.

There are discomforts of dish-

washing, such as straining to hurry through, cold water, not enough soap dishes not scraped clean, first, a greasy rim, around the edges of the dish pan—but these are foolish miseries to suffer from. They can all be easily remedied.

Anyhow, if we do and must spend so much time washing dishes, why don't we face it manfully—or womanfully—and enjoy it as a matter of policy? It's impractical to dislike what we must so constantly accept. There are sure to be roses among the thorns. Ho wmuch wiser to revel in the roses and forget the thorns.

## WASH DRESSES.

To keep fresh as a rose, one needs several wash dresses for hot weather. It is the part of common sense to make these simple and easy to wash and iron. Too much fussiness, too many tucks, frills, ruffles and inaccessible parts make them difficult to launder and incline one to wear them too long. Clean crispness in a frock is more lovely than soiled fanciness.

Do not combine goods in a wash dress which do not have the same washing qualities, as silk and satin and cotton and velvet bows. These can be used as detachable accessories, but the more one has to rip off and baste on again before and after each washing, the more loath she will be to keep that dress frequently laundered. Rayon launders about the same as cotton and is an exception to the above rule. In buying ready made wash dresses, one should note their laundering possibilities, with the same critical eye as if she were making them.

## A SCREEN PLANT

A quick growing screen plant for those who wish to hide some unsightly view is the castor bean. It is useful for those who are in their country homes only a few months of the year. It compares with the canna and caladium, with its broad leaves and rich appearance. When sown thickly it will form a dense foliage drooping over to the ground and forming a tight screen, masking well anything you wish to cover. The plant sometimes grows six or eight feet high and is really quite gorgeous and tropical in appearance. Even when one has a pretty group of shrubbery, a few castor beans are valuable to lend variety and life among other plants. The canna and caladium are useful as screen plants and combine well with the castor bean.

## THAT TIRED FEELING

To cure that tired feeling, cut down on "foods, drink more water and take more outdoor exercise. "Two miles of oxygen a day, taken walking" is the prescription of one physician.

Instead of meats, potatoes and gravies, bread and butter, and pastries, eat all sorts of green vegetables and fruits and drink lots of water. These are the best spring tonics and are to be purchased at the green grocer's rather than at the drug store.

## TO WASH ORGANDIE.

Organdie seems to be coming into its own again, according to the de-crees of Dame Fashion. If laundered in cool water, the fabric will always keep its own stiffness without the use of starch. It will also retain that silky finish of newness which makes organdie different from voil. But if washed in hot water, or boiled the heat seems to kill the life of the material and it becomes limp and dull in appearance.

## WILD FLOWERS AT HOME.

Bring wild flowers home with you from your rambles in the woods. You will be surprised to see how

easily they grow when transplanted. Wild sweet William, Jack-the-pulpit, and ferns are pleasing in the yard. Group them around trees and rocks as they are found in nature. Make your garden natural. Don't have it all around the doorstep in wash tubs, or in stiff geometrical beds. Prepared sheep manure is a good fertilizer for flowers. Do not let your plants produce seeds, as seeds take more strength than several blossoms.

## A GOOD EGG.

An egg does not have to smell rotten, or you do not have to taste it, to tell whether it is fit to eat. In a good egg, broken for cooking, the white should be clear, thicker where it immediately surrounds the yolk, and thinner near the shell. The yellow should be uniform in color and stand up well. If it is discolored, or too runny, throw it away.

## THREADING A NEEDLE

If it is difficult to find the eye of the needle, when you want to push the thread through, hold it over something light colored, a piece of white muslin or paper, and you will be delighted to find how much more plainly the elusive eye shows up. You will slip the thread in easily with something white back of the needle.

## COCKTAIL SAUCE

Clams, Crab-meat, lobster, shrimp oysters make good cocktail. The sauce is the thing which makes them delicious. The ingredients of the sauce may vary according to taste but they may be such as these: Tomato catsup, a few drops of tobasco sauce, lemon juice, Worcestershire sauce, onion juice, minced celery or green pepper.

## UNWHOLESOME READING

The National Council of Women Executives of Canada expresses a wish for a board of censors who may declare the publication or sale of any book or periodical illegal, and such book shall be excluded from the mails or from importation into Canada, if published outside.

## MRS SOLOMON SAYS:

She who hopes to find "a man after her own heart" in every particular, will find that he isn't at all.

## SMILES

"Why do you cook so much more than you need for a meal?"  
"So I can economize by making left-over dishes."

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The homes adjacent to the smaller cities of the state prefer their home weekly paper. It is not folded into little squares and thrown from the street, sometimes landing on the roof and sometimes on the porch—

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