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ATMOSPHERE

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Life's mightiest forces are the intangibles. Engineers lay out a town, but the people who live in it create its "spirit." The quartermaster's corps feeds an army, but its "morale" is a spiritual something which comes out of the hearts of the men. Carpenters build a house, but the home makers themselves provide its atmosphere, which does more to make it a home than the furniture or the house itself.

Occasionally I visit a house in our town that is beautifully furnished—expensive rugs cover the floors, exquisite etchings and paintings adorn the walls, and every piece of furniture has been chosen to please the eye of a sensitive artist.

The place lacks nothing but atmosphere!

There is an air about that home as clean and cold as the steel engravings that hang on the bedroom walls. I grow lonesome for the sight of a little ragged doll sprawled out somewhere in the middle of one of those big rugs, or a boy's school books thrown down helter-skelter on the broad window seat.

Atmosphere is a spiritual something—a blending of kindness, patience, good humor, love, faith, optimism and self-forgetfulness. Creating an air of cheerfulness and contentment about a home is as fine an art of artistry as knowing how to combine colors to get the right effects.

Blessed is the home that has a real "home atmosphere."

Home Decoration

By Jane Snedlicor.

This department on Home Decoration is for the benefit of all women who have household problems to solve. Queries pertaining to problems of this kind may be addressed to Miss Snedlicor, care of Women's Department of the Mail Tribune.

"There is stored up capital represented in the life of a man whose work is a recreation and expression of his own personality."

This applies especially to the home maker whose daily joy is in making her home more attractive and interesting.

Query—Are slip covers good for summer use, and where should they be used? Mrs. T. F. D.

Answer—A slip cover is much cooler than the usual upholstery materials used on chairs and davenports, for such covers are usually made of cotton, mohair or linen. Use the pieces of furniture in the same places you would the upholstered pieces.

Query—Are floor lamps better than table lamps? Mrs. T. R.

Answer—Everything depends upon the room, and the use to which the lamp is to be put. A junior floor lamp, very tall lamps are not used now, is better balanced and more decorative than a table lamp. Bridge lamps are adjustable and therefore better for reading or sewing.

Query—How shall I make the cushions for the davenport? What shape is preferred, and how should they be trimmed? Mrs. E. H.

Answer—Make them as simple as possible and use the best material you can afford. Square or oblong with or without hocking are more popular now, and the better the material the simpler the design.

Special Recipes

- Oven Cooked Meals**
- 1 Swiss Steak with Browned Potatoes
 - Spinach Egg Dish
 - Celery Radishes
 - Fruit Salad
 - Bread Butter Jelly
 - Hot Gingerbread with Chocolate Sauce
 - Coffee
- Veal Loaf Scalloped Potatoes**
- Buttered Peas
 - Green Onions Radishes
 - Pocketbook Rolls Butter
 - Fresh Cherry Pie
 - Tea

with melted butter. Bake in a hot oven about 12 minutes. Makes 18 rolls.

A Spinach Egg Dish

2 1/2 cups cooked or steamed spinach, 2 tablespoons butter, 3 hard cooked eggs, 1 cup minced ham, 1 cup milk, 1/2 tablespoons flour, 1 teaspoon salt, 4 tablespoons grated cheese, 1/4 teaspoon pepper. Make a sauce of the milk, thickening it with the flour and adding the butter, salt, pepper and the cooked ham. Place alternate layers of the spinach, sliced egg, and the sauce in a buttered casserole, using a portion of the sauce for the last, or top layer. Sprinkle on the grated cheese, set the baking dish in a pan of warm water, and bake from twenty-five to thirty minutes.

HOUSEKEEPER'S CHART HANDY FOR THE HOME

Every housewife will be interested in the Easy Housekeeping Chart and the things it tells you about! The what, where, when, and how to clean, bleach, disinfect, and deodorize. This chart makes you think of the old nursery rhyme, "Up stairs, down stairs, and in my lady's chamber."—For it gives over a hundred ways to easier house-keeping all over the house!

For instance, it tells about quick and easy ways to keep the bathroom in hospital perfection. How to remove stains from tile and porcelain. How to clear the sluggish drainpipes of the bathtub, the basin, and the toilet bowl. How to destroy odors and to kill germs. And the interesting thing is that you can do all these things with just one product. And of course if you use this "bottled magic" in the bathroom, you can use it in pantry and kitchen as well.

As a bleach it not only makes cottons and linens snowy white, but it removes stains. Even mildew and sores spots respond to this "bottled magic," and of course ordinary stains such as are made by fruits and vegetables are equally easy to remove.

All this is told very briefly but in a most readable way on the Easy Housekeeping Chart. If you would like one, just write to Clorox Chemical Corp., Oakland, Calif.

Built-in Jewelry Gains With Women

Built-in jewelry to the modern woman is as important as built-in bookshelves to the book lover.

Costume jewelry is a phrase to be taken seriously in the planning of modern wardrobes, says the Woman's Home Companion, and trinkets—small pieces of jewelry—are being considered by women everywhere in advance plans about the clothes they will wear.

By built-in jewelry is meant the accommodation of perhaps a single pendant to a costume.

"Do you dislike the weight of pendant suspended round your neck?" asks the magazine. "For you was designed the simple frock undorned save for a harmonious pendant—lapis with blue, jade with green, topaz with brown—hanging on a ribbon of fabric like the dress, fastened at the shoulder seams."

The suggestion is made that in the future women will choose their semi-precious stones with the idea of fitting them into some particular costume that is being planned.

To Keep Pecan Meats Whole

Before cracking pecans, pour boiling water over them and let them stand a few moments. Most of the kernels will then come out whole. This will also take the strong taste out of the old pecans. —Maude Nail, Texas.

Must Be Selfish



Thelma Christler, sentenced last summer at Saginaw, Mich., for attempted bank robbery, soon may go free from the Michigan house of correction as she learns to be selfish. She held up a bank because she needed money to pay the mortgage on her father's farm. Before she gets a pardon she must promise to spend money on herself.

TWIN CHOSEN CHINATOWN QUEEN



A perplexing situation, worthy of the best efforts of the finest diplomats, has been created by the choice of one of a pair of Chinese twins as queen of Los Angeles' Chinatown. The situation has been saved by naming the other twin as her sister's chief maid of honor. On the left, above, is Bo Ching, chief maid of honor, and on the right, Bo Ling, the queen.

Parent-Teachers' Associations

Poppies for Peace

Surely, if any group on earth should pray for peace it is the mothers of sons. I was about to say, but the daughters often suffer as much and more than the sons, when war comes. As our hearts have been stirred anew toward the disabled world-war veterans thru the sale of the blood-red poppies of Flanders we should make up our minds to think peace, to pray for peace. It often seems to me that no group of women in this whole land should ever disband without a heavier for, or a word about world peace.

"As a fan thinks, so is he," the Good Book says.

"As a nation thinketh, so is it," must be equally true. And the nation is, after all, made up of you and me and many other people with similar thoughts and ideas.

The blood-red poppy of Flanders. Emblem of suffering and death, or perhaps of a living death, which is worse. May we never grow careless to its message. And may we never cease to pray that the sorrow for which it stands will never be repeated so long as the world lasts.

Peace on Earth

From an address by President Coolidge.

"We are against war because it is destructive. We are for peace because it is constructive. We seek concord with all nations through mutual understanding.

"We believe in treaties and covenants and international law. But something more than these is required to maintain the peace of the world. In its final determination it must come from the heart of the people. Unless it abide there, we cannot build for it any artificial lodging place.

"Governments can do much for the betterment of the world. But the final establishment of peace, the complete maintenance of good will toward men, will be found only in righteousness of the people of the earth.

"Wars will cease when the people of the earth will that they shall cease. Peace will reign when they will that it shall reign."

Next week a complete list of the officers in all six associations and the city council will be published. Remember to cut it out for future reference. There is nothing more helpful to a worker than to have names and telephone numbers right hand.

The city council will meet Monday, June 4, at three o'clock in the regular place at the Junior High.

The new officers will be installed—the year's work brought to a close and preliminary plans made for the new year. Everyone should be present.

Styles Set Forth In Black and White

PARIS—(AP)—Dressmakers have carried out their new ideas for summer clothes in black and white, or dark gray. Color is conspicuously unimportant in the collections of the mid-season.

Black, particularly for coats, is made even more important than it was in the spring showings. It appears in silk and wool materials and is most frequently trimmed with white ermine, or ermineette, an imitation. The white fur is used in a variety of new ways, the principal one being Louis Quinze bow knots.

String ties of ermine and collars which extend into pointed yokes in black are seen at several important houses. One model has a little Napoleon cape bordered with white ermine.

For wear with these coats there are dresses which combine black and white in satin, silk crepe and wool crepe. White ermine is also used on black frocks, particularly in bow-knot trimming. Inset bow knots of white satin on black are introduced in the mid-season styles.

Black broadtail cloth is indicated as a likely material for general use next fall. It is used for dresses as well as coats at some houses and combined with plain cloth as well as real fur.

A model which has attracted much attention is a frock for fall with a black crocheted chenille blouse sewed to a pleated black satin skirt. It has the inevitable touches of white.

A soft shade of blue mauve recurs frequently in the collection, particularly for tailored suits and ensembles. There also is much dark blue for summer afternoon costumes.

Worth introduces a new damask like material with a saten surface using it for beach coats and for one short jacket with a dark skirt. The patterns of this material are large and the colors soft gray or oyster white.



Children's Pleasure Column

Edited by Mary Ann

This department is for our younger readers. We want you to write freely, telling of your experiences, adventures and of interesting happenings in your neighborhood. Tell of your favorite books or authors, favorite flowers, etc. Original poems and stories will also be appreciated.

Write with pen and ink on one side only of the paper. Do not use pencil. Help one another to make this page both interesting and instructive. Address your letters to Mary Ann, care Mail Tribune, Medford.

Flower Garden Contest

The alphabet flower garden contest which started last month, closed May 24th. A number of answers have been received which are very difficult to judge as they are all very neat and answer all the requirements. However, the prize winners will be announced in this column next Sunday, June 3d. Don't forget to send in your stories, poems, etc., children, as this column is printed especially for you. —Mary Ann

Building the House-of-You

Long, long ago in the days of the prophet, Mohammed boasted to his people that he could make a certain mountain come to him at his command. On the day appointed the people gathered from far and near to see this wonder. Mohammed called to the mountain, but very naturally it remained where it had always stood. Again he called, with the same result. Finally he said, "Since the mountain will not come to Mohammed, Mohammed will go to the mountain!" And so he did.

Today, hundreds of years later, the magic of science is doing for you what the great prophet of old could not do. It is bringing the mountain to your door, ground as fine as flour, neatly packed in sacks—at your service.

You may go out on the Mojave Desert and see this wonder taking place. There is a yellowish-white mountain being come to a city drilled, and the blocks of ore, after being loaded onto cars, are carried down to the plant where, in turn, they are crushed, mixed and burned to a grayish powder, sacked and ready for use. It is now cement and the sacks proudly bear the stamp, "Victor" for man's skill has conquered the mountain.

Cement, you know, is very important in modern building. Properly mixed with gravel and water it becomes a paste which will do almost anything you want it to do. Spread flat it makes a smooth road over which autos speed, or the sidewalk on which you run to school; packed into forms, such as your mother packs ice cream, it comes out as pipes through which water is carried into the house or barn, or as steps leading up to your porch, or as the walls of your house, or the bridge that spans the river near your town. Dried and hardened into concrete it is a material which will stand the test of wind and weather, heat and cold, water and fire.

Cement is also used in laying bricks. You have probably watched the bricklayer scoop up a trowel full of mortar which he spreads between the rows of bricks, and between the bricks, to hold them in place. Mortar, as a rule, is made with cement.

Holding fast what is mixed with it, cement is a kind of glue. Grains of sand coated with it are held in a grip which does not let go. Cement which is so useful in building a brick, stone or concrete house is just as much needed in your body-mind-spirit house. Altho it does not come as powder in a sack, you have felt its glue-like quality. Don't you know what it means to stick to a friend, to stick to an idea, high grades at school, to win a "coup" for swimming, a certain someone for your friend, enough money to buy a special thing? Whatever your desire may be, if it is strong enough it will set the mind-You to work.

But do you want this something enough to work for it? Are you ready to save up for it? To study for it? Go without other things for it? Will nothing else take its place? Will you hold fast to it thru thick and thin? Then this Purpose, which is strong enough to remove mountains and which lives in the spirit-You, mixed with the "stick-to-it" cement of mind-You, will surely produce the body-You. This is the cement that makes dreams come true. —Barry-Boynton. —A Child's Garden.

New Woman Judge



Miss Genevieve R. Cline, Cleveland, O., nominated by President Coolidge as judge of the United States customs court of New York, becomes the first woman federal judge. She has been a customs appraiser.

THE BRIDE'S FATHER

By Mary Carolyn Davies.

"Something old and something new,
Something borrowed and something blue."
But oh, today the bride is you!

The bundle I was afraid to hold!
One, two, three, wee four-year-old,
Mischievous, impudent, bashful, bold!

Schoolgirl learning to spell and write!
Then came graduation night,
Another time you were all in white.

Then a calm young lady, I grew to know—
Going to dances, beaux in a row—
Always the charm of her daddy, though!

Now I'm giving you up, and it's hard to do
But under the grieving, pride-shines through
And I'm glad, glad, glad that the bride is you!