

Fashions Household Hints Gardening, Etc.

# Of Interest to Women

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## That Touch of Black



By EMMA LOU FETTA

As the sun rises to its summer heat, the woman who is both wise and fashionable lays aside her all-black costumes and turns to white and the bright and pastel colors. But after all, there is something ineffably smart about black—

Such a woman as we are picturing for you today. We sketched her at one of the famous luncheon clubs in New York. Her frock, designed by Eva Heinemann, was crystal white in a durable cotton fabric with a material which made you feel cooler just to look at it. There was an important style note in the fact that the frock possessed sleeves. They were short ones to be sure, but nevertheless the upper arm and shoulders were covered. Even in the evening these days the most fashionably dressed woman is also whose shoulders are covered if only with a whisp of a scarf.

## Decorations For The Home

By Jane Smedicor

Article XVI—The Adam Brothers. These four brothers, often called by the Greek term Adelphi, were Scotch architects and designers who settled in London and from 1790 to 1792 had marked influence on English architecture and cabinet work.

Their names were John, Robert, James and William, but the second son became the leading spirit, and he is the one best known to students of history. He was born in 1738 and in 1780 went to Italy, where he studied for four years. When he returned to London his classical taste was firmly established and it became one of the marked and important influences of the 18th century. His keen perception saw the possibility of adopting late Roman decoration to English homes and from it he evolved the quaintest styles of architectural adornment that have ever existed.

In 1762 he was appointed architect to the king and also to the board of public works. The same year the four brothers rented ground facing the Thames in the very heart of London and built on the famous Adelphi building, which was different in every way from any previously erected. It was rented quickly to artists, men of letters and notable people of all kinds.

His brother, James, became his active partner and it is interesting to note that they never became cabinet makers themselves, but employed skilled workmen to carry out their designs.

They planned all kinds of furniture and accessories, and set the fashion for light, graceful pieces of furniture like small cabinets, shield backed chairs, writing tables with tapering legs and sideboards with beautiful convex and concave curves, all of which carried out the classic spirit of their architectural backgrounds. The early furniture, designed by Robert Adam, was quite plain and his walls showed much classic ornamentation, but about 1770 he simplified his walls and elaborated his furniture until they met in perfect harmony.

He was the first to adopt the French idea of decorating furniture with painted motifs and porcelain.

## CULINARY CRAFT . . .

By Estella Dorgan, Director of Home Service, California Oregon Power Co.

### Apricots In Summer Time

The popularity of apricots has become so general that requests for recipes containing this fruit are frequent and, fortunately, easy to supply in various types of foods. The fresh fruit itself is so delectable and easily eaten that it is an ideal picnic fruit and, in season, is taking its place among the favorites always found in the fruit bowl patronized by the family at all times of the year. Combined with pineapple it makes one of the most popular marmalades. This combination is also used as a sauce for ice cream and puddings or as a most delicious spread for luscious slices of home made hot breads. Salads are made colorful and tasty with apricots and leeks are given a rich flavor by its use, with a little lemon juice to bring out the characteristic "tang" which the cold would otherwise cover. Apricot Paste makes a delicious candy and Apricot Pie is good when made with either the raw, cooked or dried fruit. Some of these uses offered today while the fresh fruit is so plentiful in the market.



I  
**Pineapple-Apricot Marmalade**  
4 cups apricot pulp  
1 cup pineapple, crushed  
(1 small can, juice and pulp)  
3/4 cups sugar  
Mix the fruit with the sugar and boil rapidly until thick. Cooking in a wide kettle allows evaporation to take place rapidly and preserves the color and flavor of the fruits.

II  
**Apricot Clifton Pie**  
3 egg yolks  
1 cup sugar  
1 T flour  
3/4 T hot water  
3/4 T baking powder  
3 egg whites, beaten  
4 T apricot pulp  
1/2 cup sugar  
1/2 t salt  
Cook the first four ingredients in double boiler until thick, then add the second group. Pour into a baked pie shell and bake at 350 degrees until set.

III  
**Apricot Salad (6 servings)**  
1 halves, apricots  
Lettuce  
1 T chopped nut meats  
Paprika  
6 marshmallows  
2 egg yolks  
1/2 c honey  
4 T lemon juice  
1/2 c whipped cream  
Chill apricots thoroughly. (If canned, drain them.) Arrange on lettuce, allowing three for each service. Make dressing as follows: Beat egg yolks until light and add, gradually, the honey and lemon juice. Cook in a double boiler for five minutes. Cool, and just before serving add the whipped cream, marshmallows and chopped nuts. Pour over chilled fruit and sprinkle with a little paprika.

IV  
**Apricot Delight**  
2 cups cooked apricots  
1 cup sliced marshmallows  
1/2 c shredded coconut  
1 t almond extract  
Cool the apricots and add the marshmallows and flavoring. When marshmallows are melted add coconut and fold until well blended. Serve in sherbet glasses and garnish with coconut. Chill all thoroughly.

V  
**Apricot Delight**  
2 cups hot apricot pulp  
1 pkc. lemon gelatin  
1 c whipped cream  
1/2 t mace  
Rub apricots thru a sieve. Dampen gelatin with cold water then dissolve in the hot pulp. When cool add the whipped cream and mace. Mold and chill. Serve with sauce or cream.

VI  
**Evening Party Menu**  
Chicken Salad  
Graham Bread Sandwiches  
Pickles, Olives  
Date Pudding topped with Whipped Cream  
Coffee

placates and in his hands the result was very beautiful. He invariably created mirrors to accord with architectural surroundings and with benches and gilt cornices above. They formed an impressive part of his decorative scheme.

(To be Continued)

## A HOMEBOY IN A PALACE

### Duce's Wife Shuts Out World To Rear Family in Simplicity

By Andree Bergling

ROME—(AP) Signora Mussolini, wife of Il Duce, is perhaps the most secluded woman in Italy, and certainly among the least known of the wives of the world's great men.

While the fame and name of her powerful husband carry her to the world, her own renown is confined within the four walls of her home.

No one in Italy speaks of Rachele Mussolini. Very few know anything about her. The wife of a prime minister in any other country is a person of national note, perhaps a "first lady of the land." But not in Italy!

Il Duce has ordered inflexibly that his wife and children are not to mingle or be mingled in his political life.

"My wife and family are my dearest possessions," he said, "but so greatly do I treasure them that I keep them apart from my day as something refreshing to go to when I have a moment in which to rest."

It is only in the last year or so that Signora Mussolini has lived with her husband in Rome. Heretofore she was tucked away in their little home town of Carpene, in the north.

"My duties are heavy. Yet day after day, in her own simple way, Donna Rachele fulfills her task, which can't help but be difficult, as wife of Italy's prime minister.

She is mistress of their elaborate home, the Villa Torlonia, on the Via Nomentana, in a suburb to the northeast of the city.

This is a big home, and a considerable responsibility. Signora Mussolini looks after it carefully, checking minutely the purchases and accounts, never forgetting the day when a few cents meant a whole day's pay.

She is the mother of five children. One, Edda, is married, but four live at home. Two of them, Romano and Anna Maria, are too young to go to school.

No Social Duties  
There are no social duties con-

nected with Donna Rachele's life. Her husband does not take her to state dinners or receptions. She does not entertain the political or diplomatic world.

She goes to see very few friends, and receives few friends at the villa. She is protected from importunate visitors by the villa guards.

The last time she was seen at a public function was at the wedding of her daughter Edda to Count Galeazzo Ciano, more than a year ago.

What does she do to fill up her life? She does what any wife of a hardworking husband and any mother of four lusty children would do.

A Busy Day  
At 7 in the morning she gets up and supervises the breakfast. She sees Vittorio and Bruno off to school at 7:45, and her husband off for his office at 9. She takes care that Romano and Anna Maria have something to do to occupy their time at home.

She then makes out the list of purchases for the day, and the menu for luncheon. Her husband and sons are home at 1:30 for luncheon, and leave again around 3:00.

Shopping Her Pleasure  
In the afternoon she frequently goes automobile riding and shopping. Rachele Mussolini's chief enjoyment is "fare le spese," or doing her own buying.

Occasionally, but not often, she stops at this or that friend's house. She gets home in time to welcome Vittorio and Bruno returning from school, and to put Romano and Anna Maria to bed.

Then comes dinner, at 9 o'clock. There are seldom any guests. After dinner she retires with her husband and sons to the large salon where they listen to the radio, and at least half the time there are motion pictures.

Sometimes her husband plays the violin to the accompaniment of the player piano. She and her family are invariably in bed at 10:45.

### Italy's 'First Lady' a Mother First



Signora Mussolini, wife of Il Duce, seldom strays beyond the walls of this elaborate villa save for shopping jaunts or motor rides with her children. Her interests are centered in making their palace a real home for her husband and their five children.

### Dolls and Soldiers Loyal Await Return of White House Children

WASHINGTON (AP)—Peggy Ann and Peter Hoyer have gone from the White House, but their little tea party corner in the big folks' part of the house remains just as they left it weeks ago.

Peggy Ann's doll is there for visiting little girls to play with. Peter (whose more formal name is Herbert III) has left his toys to await visiting little boys. The tiny tea table is set for four. Never was there a more remarkable child-corner than in this narrow second-floor hallway.

Its window looks out upon the front portico. Its walls are covered with one of the most impressive aggregations of college degrees and diplomas ever assembled in one place by one man. They are in many languages, and all bear the name of Herbert Hoover.

But, as everybody knows, university degrees are far above the heads of little children.

Down where Peggy Ann and Peter lived, it's a play-place, with their own pictures running around



PEGGY ANN HOOPER HERBERT HOOPER III

the wall. The happiest sort of a selection of drawings they are—a series depicting a little boy and a little girl seeing the sights of the national capital.

Perhaps some day Peggy Ann and Peter will be coming back to their corner. Meanwhile, there it is—for lucky little official folk to play in.

### Plant Plenty of Gladiolus

Fine gladiolus bulbs never were sold as cheaply as they are this season and there is no excuse why every garden should not have a plentiful supply. They offer the finest and at the same time the cheapest cut flower supply procurable. The glad is pre-eminent as a flower for cutting and it has high garden value for furnishing color at a season when other plants are fading. When the earlier ones are fading and the later ones are not yet at their best, the glad comes along with its spikes of bloom.

A very practical method of growing the bulbs for cutting is as a follow crop to the vegetables of early spring such as radishes and spinach and early lettuce. The bulbs may be planted in rows a few inches apart and cultivated like vegetables for the sole purpose of cutting.

In the garden they should be planted in groups of not less than six of a kind for effect. The larger the group the finer color effect but the best effect is to be gained in planting this group to a single color such as a good red, a fine pink, a white, yellow or purple.

The exception comes in the primulin class in pastel shades which so harmonize with each other that they are fine in mixed plantings, the prevailing hues being yellows and saimons. Plant gladiolus every two weeks up to July for a continuous crop. Give them rich soil and much the same culture you would for first-class onions and you will have first-class spikes.

Gladiolus bulbs are sold in different grades, the huge first size, and the smaller second sizes. Many gardeners like the smaller bulbs which give more graceful spikes than the stiff, heavy full flowered spikes from first sized bulbs. They will be first size with



Glads for Cutting Can Be Planted as a Follow Crop in the Vegetable Garden.

numerous increase after the first year in any event and are a bargain buy.

Bone meal is an excellent fertilizer to dig into the soil for the bulbs and to apply later in the season but balanced commercial fertilizers will give quicker results.

You can tuck gladiolus bulbs into any small vacant spot in the border that appears. The spike of leaves occupies little room and will be all the finer for the protection of other foliage about its roots. Buy gladiolus by the hundred this year while prices are within reach of the humblest pocketbook. You will have a supply for years to come.

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## MORE SHAMPOOS IN SUMMER TIME

Now the gentle summer winds make it easy to dispense with hats, you have to fuss a bit to achieve a head of hair that you'll be proud to show the world. If your hair is over-dry and your scalp tight, spend a few minutes each night massaging the scalp with your finger tips to induce circulation. A little oil applied before the shampoo is said by some authorities to be beneficial to hair that is too oily as well as hair that is too dry.

Keeping a normally nice head of hair looking its best is largely a matter of simple cleanliness. Brush it with a clean brush at least once a day, and rub the scalp with a towel to remove any dust that may cling to it. Wash it whenever it is dirty. Two weeks between is suitable for most people but there are no set rules. If you live in a dirty city, work at a dirty trade, travel a great deal, or perspire freely, the interval should be shorter. Oily hair catches the dirt faster than dry hair and thick hair is harder to brush clean than thin hair.

The ideal shampoo takes lots of water and lots of soap. First wet your hair all over with warm water, then apply the suds and rub them thoroughly into the hair and onto the scalp. Don't be afraid to use strength and don't fail to rub your scalp hard to loosen any bits of dust or dry skin that may cling to it. Rinse out all the soap with warm water and then go through the entire process again. The final rinse should be warm to make the hair fluffy.

Rub your scalp and hair as dry as possible with a warm lintless towel, and to complete the drying toss your hair if possible, in the sunlight and open air. Never comb the hair while it is wet. When nearly dry, use a brush. A clean brush is necessary for live and glossy hair. Be sure to wash your brush in warm soapsuds once a week and dry it in the sun.

The per capita debt of Mississippi in 1930 was \$11.86.

## Fluffy Ruffles



Skirtlines are becoming increasingly important on new gowns. This model of green tulle is designed with a ruffled plenum which cascades into the long skirt.

Seeks Divorce Sixth Time MARION—(UP)—A petition for a divorce decree was filed by Marion here, his sixth against Mabel Russell, Hope. Five of the first filed five years ago, dismissed.

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## Once a Saturday Night Custom Now - An Every-day Necessity

THERE is always a laugh when some comic fellow refers to the old custom of taking a bath on Saturday night. It was no joke in the long ago when water had to be heated a kettledale at a time.

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