

CARRYING UMBRELLAS.

Few People Manage Them to the Best Advantage.

"Curious about how some people carry umbrellas," said Mr. Stormelton. "We think the ostrich is a stupid bird because with its head buried in the sand it thinks its whole body is hidden from everybody. But plenty of men are quite as stupid as that in their manner of carrying an umbrella.

"They carry it in such a way as to protect the front of their bodies and appear to think they have themselves wholly protected, while all the time the water is gaily dripping down their backs. The fact is that not many men know how to carry an umbrella when it rains.

"If it rains and blows then instinctively they hold the umbrella toward the wind to keep the umbrella from being blown inside out as well as to protect themselves from the rain. This is proper. But when the rain is coming down straight they carry their umbrellas in all sorts of ways, in which they reveal more or less of their personal characteristics.

"Here, for instance, is a man who carries his umbrella held in his right hand with the hand straight in front of and in line with his elbow and upper arm, this being the easiest way to carry it. Held in this manner the umbrella really shelters completely only his head and the right side of his body. The rain drips from it on his left shoulder and down his left side. He is either lazy or thoughtless. He is probably both.

"Again we may meet a man carrying an umbrella at the cost of considerable effort around in front of the center line of his body, which is correct as to that position, but carrying it there too far forward, with the result that while he keeps perfectly dry on his face side, yet more or less water drips down his back—a man finicky and particular about the front he presents, about appearances, but not so mindful of the substance.

"And then we meet the man who carries his umbrella with fore arm straight in line with his elbow, for the greater ease of that position of the arm, but with the hand slightly turned so as to make the umbrella more completely cover him or with that end in view, which end, however, it does not accomplish, for with the umbrella top tilted it does not cover so large an area as it does when carried in a horizontal plane. This is a man who is lazy, but trying by that twist of the hand to get something for nothing or without much effort.

"And then we may occasionally meet a man who is carrying his umbrella in the best possible position for the purposes of the best possible protection to be gained from it, this being square in front of him, with the umbrella handle all but touching the center of the front edge of the rim of his hat, carried so as to protect him as far as may be both back and front, while he carries the umbrella as low down as can be without touching his hat on top, thus giving himself also protection as far as possible down around toward his feet. And here we find a man who knows intelligently what can be done with the means at his command and who is willing to put forth the effort required to bring those means to their utmost efficiency."—New York Sun.

His Son's West Side.

"How are you, Mr. Smith? How is that son of yours making it with his new motor bicycle?"

"Oh, he had quite a tumble the other day," replied Mr. Smith. "He was speeding at about forty miles an hour along a rough macadam road when all of a sudden the darn machine stopped stone still, but my son kept on going from the momentum and slid along the road for about fifty feet before he could stop himself."

"You don't say! Did it hurt your son?"

"No, it didn't hurt him to speak of, but he tore the west side of his pants."

"Tore the what?"

"Tore the west side of his pants."

"Well, in the name of whirling wheels, what side of your son's pants is the west side?"

"Why, the side the son sets on."

—Philadelphia Inquirer.

Work Fit For Sunday.

A stickler for the good old ways, which we all admit to be the best, dropped in from church to see a young woman who was a writer. To the great surprise and horror of the dear old lady, the writer was at work. The cheery click-click of the typewriter sounded from her den.

"Oh, my dear girl," exclaimed the shocked caller, "you have not so far forgotten your early training as to be composing on Sunday?"

"Oh, my dear, only jokes—and they are all jokes on religious subjects."

A GOOD HAIR TONIC.

In Shampooing Be Careful to Select Pure Soap.

A good tonic for the hair is composed of tincture of nut vomica, one ounce; spirits of rosemary, two ounces; alcohol, two ounces. This should be applied daily and after applying gently massage the scalp with the tips of the fingers. Ringing is the best plan by which you can have split ends of your hair remedied. Clipping is liable to skip over many of the ends.

Another good hair tonic is: Eau de Cologne, eight ounces; tincture of cantharides, three-quarters ounce; oil of lavender, one-half dram; oil of rosemary, one-half dram.

Apply as above. In washing the hair first be careful to select pure soap that contains no free alkali. Then make a heavy suds or lather by rubbing the soap with a brush of the hands in a half bowl of warm water. Hold the head over the bowl and pour the suds on it with a cup, rubbing lightly, but thoroughly. After the hair and scalp are cleansed rinse well with two or three changes of warm water and dry in the usual manner. Once in every two weeks is often enough to wash the hair.

Never use a metallic brush. Instead use a coarse comb and always comb the hair the way it lies. In other words, do not comb it against the grain. If the hair tangles commence combing at the ends and comb out gradually. To commence combing at the head would tangle it worse, and the pulling tends to rupture the hair follicles and break the hair. Do not comb or brush the hair any more than is absolutely necessary. If you use a tonic on your hair it is well to apply it immediately after washing, as the scalp will take the tonic more readily than at any other time.

WORDS ABOUT WOMEN.

What Men in Many Centuries Have Said About Us.

If Cleopatra's nose had been shorter the face of the world would have been changed.—Pascal.

Women are undecipherable. Whether they laugh or cry, one's explanation is never right.—T. Bentson.

Their glory is to be least spoken of among men, whether for praise or blame.—Pericles.

Men and women never agree as to the merits of another woman.—La Bruyere.

Natural beauty is not everything. There is an art in being pretty.—Ludovic Halevy.

A person in whom the perfections of both mind and body are found together alone deserves in my judgment the praise of perfect beauty.—Polystratus.

A woman's face ought to be like an April day—susceptible of change and variety.—Lord Byron.

Laughter is the test of beauty. Women that embellishes are of the divine race.—Rougon.

There is an old saying that in England the wife is the queen, in France the companion, in Germany the house-keeper, in Italy the slave.—London Outlook.

The symbol of woman in general is that of the Apocalypse on the forehead of which was written "Mystery."—Diderot.

Is there any one with whom you converse less than with your wife?—Xenophon.

HOUSEHOLD HELPS.

Egg spoons that are stained should be rubbed with damp salt before polishing.

Saucepans should be as flat and broad as possible, so that no heat may be wasted.

If a few drops of glycerin be added to the starch for linens, it will be found that the iron will not stick and that the linens will have a beautiful gloss after they are ironed.

Paraffin spilt on a stone floor may be removed by rubbing with brick over the mark and letting it stay till next day. Then wash in the usual way, and the floor will be perfectly clean.

Paint can be removed from glass by rubbing it with hot strong vinegar. Stains on the hands can be removed by acetic acid or salts of lemon, and ink marks will soon yield to pumice stone.

To remove ink stains from linen dip the article in milk and let it soak for about two hours, then take out and wash with soap while the milk still remains on the spots of ink. This will remove any long standing stain.

The Gas Stove. Do you find your gas stove a real economiser? If not, these may be some of the reasons:

Lighting burners before you are ready to use them.

Baking but one thing at a time.

Heating water or cooking in uncovered vessels.

Placing small vessels upon large burners.

Using large burners when small ones would do.

Not turning out the same before removing food.

Not lowering the same when food is already boiling.

Keeping the interior of the oven dirty and greasy instead of bright and clean when it reflects heat instead of absorbing it.

Maple Sugar Pralines.

For maple sugar pralines, such as the girls at Vassar make, boil a pound of maple sugar in water enough to keep it from burning until the syrup spins a thread. Then stir in a pound of blanched almonds cut in pieces and a teaspoonful of butter and stir until it grains. Then spread on a shallow plate until cool enough to eat into squares.

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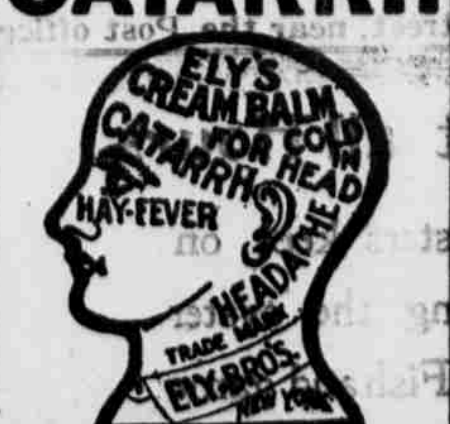
Be very careful about her churn. She should thoroughly after using, and give it a sun bath to sweeten it. She knows that if her churn is sour it will taint the butter that is made in it. The stomach is a churn. In the stomach and digestive and nutritive tracts are performed processes which are almost exactly like the churning of butter. Is it not apparent then that if this stomach-churn is foul it makes foul all which is put into it?

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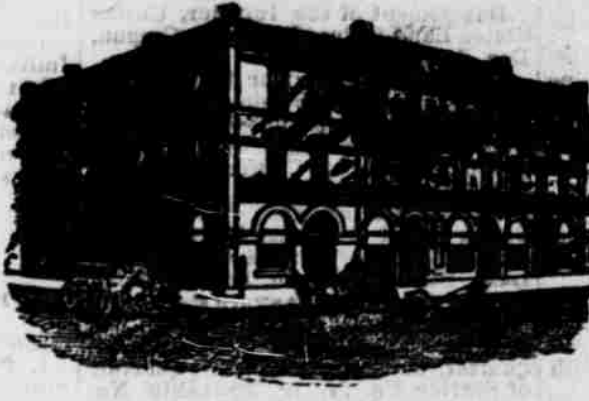
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