

# Woman's World

Lady Decies Spends Holidays With Parents.



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### LADY DECIES AND HER ELDER DAUGHTER.

All the world and his wife remember the marriage three years ago of Miss Vivian Gould, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Jay Gould, to Lord Decies of England.

The bride at the time was exceptionally young, rich and one of the cleverest amateur dancers in the country. Indeed, if necessary, a lady could earn a handsome living by "tripping the light fantastic." Well, Lady Decies, with her husband, Lord Decies, and her older daughter, Eileen, are now in this country visiting Lady Decies' parents.

The Decies family came over from England for the Christmas holidays, and right royal was the fun and frolic during their stay at Georgian Court, Mr. Gould's magnificent estate at Lakewood, N. J.

Lady Decies is a great social favorite in the smart London set and is one of the most successful hostesses among the young matrons.

### Teacher Seeks Eugenic Mate.

Latest of the candidates to "offer herself upon the altar of matrimony for the betterment of the race" in a eugenics marriage is Miss Clara Macy, a school teacher of New City, Nev.

She has some ideas of her own regarding what a eugenics husband should be, however, which she thinks even the Medical Review of Reviews, which proposes to mate a perfect man and a perfect woman, might overlook. At least she has sent a list of qualifications upon which she will insist, as follows:

"He must not use liquor, opiates or tobacco in any form. He must be courteous and thoughtful to others. He must be a clean man in thought and in language and must be immaculate about his person.

"I don't care about his looks as long as he is clean about his person and is not deformed in any way.

"Do you think that I expect too much? I know myself and am confident that I am a fit mate for such a man."

In her letter Miss Macy says:

"I am twenty-nine years old and am five and a half feet tall. I weigh 175 pounds. I call my hair red because I don't want to be accused of bragging, but the rest of the folks assure me it is Auburn.

"My eyes are hazel (green, you know, with some brown and gray). A young man who taught in our school some years ago was foolish enough to write some poetry about them.

"My health is excellent, and I feel sure that I would make a fit mate for some fine, red blooded man. In the interests of science and for the betterment of the race I am willing to unite and live in eugenic wedlock."

### The Crinkle Crape Bride.

A girl who is courageously preparing to face comparative poverty with the "dearest fellow in the world" is making all of her lingerie in white cotton crinkle crape, because she knows that for several years at least she'll have to do her own washing. Please don't imagine that this bride's undergarments are anything like the atrocious marked "a bargain—59 cents each."

They are lovely, dainty white combinations—petticoats, nightdresses and negligees—handmade and cut from the latest French patterns. Some of the sets are finished about the neck, front and sleeves with white lingerie beading, through which narrow ribbons may be run; others are edged with hand embroidered scallops, and several are trimmed with narrow cady, the one sort of imitation lace which washes well and doesn't look cheap on underwear.

This girl has made her boudoir set, so called—although the nearest she'll come to owning a boudoir for years to come will be a bedroom in a small flat—of white crinkle crape. It consists of a spread for the dressing table, a cover for the sewing machine, a square pillow for the lounge, a pair of sash curtains and a bedspread to match the lingerie outfit, and it will always look fresh because she can wash it with her own hands.

### Velvet Versus Fur.

For many reasons stoles and neckpieces of velvet are preferable to those consisting entirely of peltry. The velvet clings more closely to the neck. It is more healthy to wear than fur because on the many mild days throughout our winters it can safely be replaced by silk or lace, whereas the extreme warmth of fur renders the wearer peculiarly susceptible to cold if replaced by any of these materials.

## NEW RIDING TOGS.

What the Debutante Will Wear This Spring.



IT'S SMART FOR COUNTRY WEAR.

Decidedly rakish are the newest riding habits for country wear. The skirts or even the bifurcated skirt are passe, and now the young girl wears breeches like her brother's and a very masculine vest.

To complete the costume there are a long coat, a smart looking collar and cravat and a silk velours hat.

### The Wedding Ring.

It is just a plain gold band. It is of no value compared to that gorgeous circlet with its consecrating diamond which the young girl proudly flaunts upon the third finger of her left hand. But think of what the wedding ring betokens. Its value is not its intrinsic worth as an article of jewelry. It is the tacit yet eloquent symbol of the golden round of womanly duty lovingly performed, year in, year out, in sickness and in health, with devotion undying and asking no reward but the knowledge of loving, faithful service.

As well think of the old flag, borne through the hell of battle, as nothing more than faded, tattered bunting. It is the emblem of lives laid down for the love of country, "as a lover lays a rose at the feet of his beloved." Even so the wedding ring is the token of a life given daily, hourly, for the sake of all that a woman holds most dear in this human world.

### Gown of French Serge.

French serge in one of the beautiful new wine tones called draps of wine, embroidered with gold and silver.



IN DRAPS OF WINE SHADE.

threads, is the material of which this lovely afternoon gown is fashioned. The bodice is cut low, and a vest of tulle net relieves the somewhat somber effect of the wine shade.

### The Height of Fashion.

If we should see a ragged, ill shod woman in the street shivering with cold and misery and her neck bare almost to the shoulders, we would do our best to help her cover them warmly. But she would be in the height of fashion! If we were to offer any neck covering to the smart women who are foolish enough to go about with bare necks and but partially covered chests, we should get no thanks, quite the reverse. They glory in their folly.

**FARM ORCHARD AND GARDEN**

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A good share of the cork used throughout the world comes from Portugal, which harvests about 50,000 tons a year.

Those few weeks of warm, foggy weather in the fall gave a good many householders the satisfaction of putting one over on both the iceman and the coal dealer.

As a result of careful feeding tests it has been found that corn cut and stored as silage will yield 13 per cent more milk and 11 per cent more butter fat than a like amount of corn cut and fed as dry forage.

The reasons for having a new model automobile are just as urgent as are those calling for the latest styles in women's dresses and headgear. Moreover, it takes a bit more coin to keep up with the procession.

Timothy hay is not rated by dairymen as an economical ration in milk production, but where good yields of it can be produced and sold for concentrated foods having larger percentages of protein the plan should prove quite satisfactory.

An unusual feature of the recent international live stock show was the winning of grand champion honors in the Shorthorn class by Ringmaster, a six-year-old animal that has won the same honors at two preceding live stock shows, those of 1910 and 1911.

A friend who has tried it has found that his dogs do not do so well when fed on the swill from restaurants as when given a ration of buttermilk and corn, and this notwithstanding the fact that the scraps from these eating places contain a good deal of nourishing food.

Deciduous trees are normally considered dormant during the month of December, but a freak condition of the present winter is shown in the sap running from a hard maple tree when hacked with an ax, together with a swelling of the buds to a size far beyond what they ought to be.

A country lass made a snug sum of money the other day as a result of a dicker with her father, he having agreed to pay her the market price for all the corn she could husk in a day. She took him at his word and by nightfall had gathered fifty-eight bushels, for which she received 60 cents a bushel, or \$34.80.

Fresh air in the schoolroom is just as vital a factor in efficient educational work as are competent teachers and up to date schoolbooks, maps and other equipment. However, in spite of the fact that it costs a whole lot more in the loss of efficiency to have a schoolhouse poorly rather than properly ventilated, all too many belong in the former class.

In the national egg laying contest recently brought to a close at Mountain Grove, Mo., the first prize for best individual record was made by a rose comb White Leghorn pullet raised at Maryville, Mo., her output of eggs for the year being 200. She weighed but two and three-quarter pounds, and the eggs she laid during the year weighed twelve times her own weight.

German chemists are said to have perfected what they call soy milk, which is manufactured from Chinese beans. The product is used quite extensively by peasants and is said to be very nourishing. A Belgian chemist has produced an imitation of meat, made from yeast and vegetable products. It is similar to flesh in texture and, to some extent, in taste and is a good deal cheaper.

Professor Scott, forester of the Kansas State Agricultural college, recommends very strongly the planting of the Chinese arbor vitae as a windbreak in the western counties of the state. During the past twenty years, he reports, they have withstood the somewhat trying climatic conditions without serious injury. Under favorable conditions the trees will attain a height of thirty to forty feet and will be from twelve to eighteen inches in diameter.

If your roosters begin crowing too early in the morning you may shut off the disturbance by putting them in coops so low that they can't stand up, for a rooster can't crow unless he can stand up and stretch his neck. The truth of this fact most every small boy has proved when he has thrown cobs at roosters as they have started to crow, the drooping of the head and effort to run away putting a damper on the crowing apparatus in a very entertaining fashion.

## Good form

### The Dinner Hostess.

It is imperative that the dinner hostess be ready and unruffled by haste, a little ahead of the time set for her guests to arrive. If civility counts at all, one's guests are usually on time. It is proper to wait a few moments for the late comers. The rule laid down by a clever hostess in London some years ago was: "To wait dinner five minutes for an earl and countess, ten minutes for a duke and duchess and fifteen minutes for the Prince and Princess of Wales. The king is never late." Which proves the great of the earth are punctual in keeping their engagements.

It is not kind nor proper to spoil a good dinner for many guests because of the late arrivals of the few. It is proper to announce dinner five minutes after the arrival of the last guest—unless we adopt the American fashion of having cocktails served in the drawing room before dinner. Then dinner is announced five minutes after that little ceremony is over. The conservative part of the world of fashion follow the foreign idea and omit the cocktail. The wines are usually very simple—a good white wine and champagne with the dessert and fruit. The men linger over the wines and nuts a very short time today.

The table linen may be as elaborate as the pocketbook permits. Yet the dictates of good form point to the less trimmed cloth, a fine damask or linen hemstitched with napkins to match. The napkins are large and square, with the initials embroidered in the center, and folded in three parts. The decorations in glass and silver are less ostentatious. The glassware is now of rock crystal and the tumbler for water-cooled, not ice—has a tall, slender stem, the wine glasses and champagne glass the same shape in miniature.

The display of knives and forks is reduced to a mere nothing today. The old time bewildering glitter was too formidable—it spoiled our dinner by suggesting "too much for digestion's sake."

The number of plates is also reduced. A guest should never be without a plate before him. "The little aperitif" is on a small plate resting in a larger one, and when required a dinner plate is at once placed in front of the guest and removed as the plate upon which the soup plate rests is put before the guest. Another plate is substituted for the entire course in the same way. It is very simple, and the only rule is there should not be a vacant place in front of the guest. A plate should always be there.

A little block of bread or "petit pain" is put by the napkin to be used as a convenience in managing wilful toddlers which evade the fork, with a gentle but decided coercion.

Finger bowls of rock crystal, with a little plate to match, and a pretty lace dolly under the bowl are brought in with the dessert plates at a home dinner, and with the plates for fruits and bouquets at a more formal affair. The water in the bowls should be warmed just enough to take the chill off, and a bit of lemon should be added to the water, which should cover the first joint of the fingers.

### Good Form in Posing.

Have you ever sat in a restaurant and looked around at the various tables occupied by pretty women and then dropped your eyes to the floor and scrutinized the position of their feet? What a shock awaits you, for the average woman assumes the most grotesque of positions when she sits herself down in a chair—or, rather, her feet take on the weirdest attitudes that any one could imagine. For instance, she may be sitting correctly from the waist upward—the acme of grace as far as the upper part of her body is concerned—but her feet are twisted and curled around the legs of the chair in a way that suggests a contortionist, or if this is not the case perhaps she has placed her pedal extremities on the floor with the toes turned in until one suspects her of being pigeon toed.

Why is it that so few women can make their feet behave? And why do the many who walk with the greatest amount of grace lose all their charm the minute they sink into a chair? The correct sitting position is not difficult, and any woman can learn to assume it with a little care and practice.

When sitting down, whether at a restaurant table, in an easy chair or in a public place, do not forget that the feet should be placed squarely on the floor, the heels touching or very nearly touching, the knees not too far apart. This position is just as comfortable as any of the grotesque attitudes assumed when crossing the knees, curling the feet around the rungs of the chair or any of the hundred and one other ungraceful modes of sitting indulged in by so very many women.

How often have you seen a pretty girl destroy all her grace and charm by slouching down into a chair! She was quite unconscious of the impression she was creating, and only carelessness was responsible for this awkward pose. And yet many girls are just as careless and just as awkward and willfully destroy all their reputation for grace.

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Corks are one of the little things one can never find when there is use for them. This little cork bag is the clever idea of an ingenious housekeeper who believes in "a place for everything and everything in its place."

The bag is built of blue linen, with a band of cretonne as a decoration. To the end of the bag is attached a corkscrew.

### Homemade Flowerpot.

Flowerpots of any size or design may be made of plaster of paris in the following way: First secure a mold of the desired size. It must be smooth upon the outside and the top a little larger than the bottom. Grease the mold and cover it with paper. Mix plaster of paris one part, water two and one-half parts, and into this solution dip inch wide strips of muslin. Invert the mold and cover the bottom with a square of muslin that has been dipped in the plaster mixture. Then, upon the same plan that a surgeon employs to adjust a plaster cast, begin to wind diagonally, around and around, working from bottom to top and then back again, smoothing out the creases and keeping the strips even. When the last layer is in place add a generous coating of the plaster, rubbing it level by the hand. Set in a strong current of air, and in a short time the mold can be removed.

The strips of muslin should be about ten inches long to manage easily, and the size of the pot will govern the number used, as a large one will require more in order to produce a heavier article.

The last coating can be stamped with any ornamental impression or beautifully marbled by dusting a little powdered lye upon it before finishing.

### Have You a Sautoire?

They formerly were known as lorgnette ribbons, but now they are commonly called sautoires—the quarter inch wide bands in black grosgrain that comes in yard lengths and are joined under hook equipped slides matching other slides of slightly larger size. The smart sautoire is fitted with slides of bar, circle, diamond or crescent shape in solid silver or gold set with brilliants or pearls and is designed to match a tiny watch or a vanity pendant, if lorgnettes are not used.

For elderly women the smartest thing in sautoires is fitted with a slide in cut jet, some of them in butterfly shape, and to suspend from these are circles in jets concealing a base of silver containing a vanity mirror.

Even more novel is the silk cord of yard length and of a brilliant shade of green, blue or red, supposed by the initiated to match the wearer's hosiery. Perhaps it does, but in any event it gives a fetching dash of color to the costume, and it serves to exhibit one of the new pear shaped pendants which come in pearls, amber, jet or brilliants—whichever one can afford.

### Value of Neatness in Business World.

The business girl who knows the value of little things in a presentable and attractive appearance never appears at the office with shabby, unpolished boots or with carelessly manicured hands. The concentrated gaze of the man who is dictating is very likely to fix itself on his stenographer's hand, poised over her notebook, or his lowered, absorbed gaze to focus itself on her feet.

He may or may not notice that the hand is exquisitely white and dainty, and the little boot irreproachably neat with no button missing. But let the hand show rough and ragged nails, or the boot show shabby and buttonless features, in nine cases out of ten his gaze is arrested and a mental note against that employee is registered in his mind. Neatness should be the fetish of the girl worker, then economy, then wisdom in buying and finally all the attractiveness she can compass.

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