

Modern Woman

Is It Not Time For a New Deal in the Management of Economic Affairs? — Men's Fortunes and Women's Wages :: :: ::

John D. Rockefeller is credited with complaining that he is not nearly so rich as he is accused of being, having only a paltry \$300,000,000 or so. Lately railroad multimillionaire also complained that his annual income was grossly overrated in the popular belief. He has really a small income, after all, only \$150,000 a year, he says. At this moment there is on my desk an abstract of the report of average wages paid to schoolmistresses in Maine. It happens to be Maine in this case, but the story will fit almost any other state in the Union. In Maine the woman teacher, on whom depend largely the prosperity and intelligence of the voters of the state, receives \$6.90 a week for her labors. She has spent years of time and hundreds of dollars fitting herself for her profession. The Maine factory girl gets an average of \$5.90 a week, even though she may not know how to read and write. Her work, however, lasts all the year, while that of the woman teacher stops during two or three months, so that the factory worker, miserable as her pay is, is really better off than the teacher. Now, do you flatter yourself you are civilized, you women who say our sex does not need the right of suffrage? If state legislators and congressmen were honest and could not be bribed the amassing of billion dollar fortunes in this country would be impossible. It is only by the bribing of lawmakers that these iniquitous fortunes can be piled up. Men have had government all their own way since the world began, and here is the result. Legislative knives and scoundrels have allowed greedily, conscienceless knives and scoundrels to own the earth and women teachers get \$6.90 a week. Working women, does politics concern your interests in any way?

What a bore is that rattle brained woman who can never tell a story straight! She undertakes to tell you of something she has seen or heard. The result is simply a confused jumble of what's his name and thingumbobs and so and so's and something or others and all that sort of thing and over there somewhere. This woman's brains are not compact. They practically rattle around in her skull. She is never accurate either in her thought habit or in her work. Don't let the rattle brain habit take hold on you. When you pretend to listen to anything, listen carefully, concentrating your mind on the story. Note in your memory the main points. Get the mental habit of exactness and accuracy.

The number of insane persons has doubled in the civilized world in the past ten years. The rate of increase is higher among men than among women and still old fogies talk about "woman's emotional, excitable nature" and appear to believe themselves.

If you wish to be popular, keep your griefs to yourself and your ailments from everybody but your doctor. People's own souls are all so full of heart ache and disappointment that they ought not to have those of their acquaintances unloaded upon them.

The season's record for a woman swimmer is that of Mrs. Charles L. Brown of Chicago. In company with several men Mrs. Brown swam out into Lake Michigan five miles to the Hyde Park crib, which furnishes the city water. The time she occupied was two hours and forty minutes. Mrs. Brown arrived first at the crib.

The next, and the thirty-ninth, annual convention of the National American Woman Suffrage association will be held in Music hall, Fine Arts building, Chicago, Feb. 14 to 19, 1907. And it will be the first one in all the thirty-nine years at which the noble, powerful presence of Susan B. Anthony is lacking.

Women's clubs are in the main achieving really useful and public spirited objects, yet sometimes they still do amazingly fool things. In a leading feminine club in one of our largest cities a lady was recently proposed for membership. She was a professional woman of unexceptionable standing socially and morally and intellectually even brilliant. She was proposed for membership and vouched for by some of the club's most respected members, yet the fool women of the governing board rejected her. This was the reason: An outsider, who had nothing at all to do with the government of the club, told some of the executive committee she had heard the candidate had done things frowned on by tables—nothing wrong, perhaps, but just frowned on by old tables. Without the least investigation, against the protests of the candidate's vouchers, the cats on that board turned her down. Afterward it was found out that it was not the candidate at all who was said to have acted unconventionally, but another woman who happened to bear a similar name. Was it not that "just like a woman"?

Edith Shaw, daughter of Secretary Shaw of the president's cabinet, is studying at the Sorbonne in Paris "studying" and its alleged pleasures do not attract her.

USEFUL KNITTING CASE.

Christmas Novelty Any Woman Can Make—A Pretty Soft Cushion.

A useful knitting case can be made from any pretty colored art linen cut in the shape shown in the design. The case is intended to carry on the arm. Holding the ball of wool when working and the work itself when not working, it can be hung up, looks neat and protects the work from dust. You will require some pretty design on it, which must be embroidered before making it up. Two yards of narrow ribbon bind



HOW TO CUT THE LINEN AND THE CASE WHEN COMPLETED.

The case, which is left open seven inches down and bound all round. The open part is shown in the design from the top to the bows, which are put on to hide where the ribbon begins and ends. These inexpensive cases may be made in other materials if linen be not liked and are welcomed as Christmas presents.

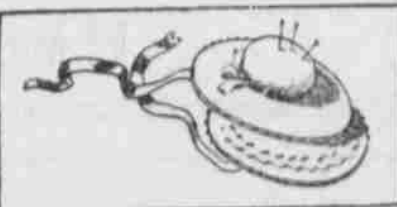
A pretty cushion is one made like a well stuffed long bag, which is a change from the usual shape. Any kind of material can be used, and the cushion itself measures about eighteen inches long by seventeen inches wide. The material, however, must be cut twenty-two inches long and twenty inches wide to allow for the fringe at the top and the seams. The top must be lined for a depth of six to eight inches with satin and a running made, into which a piece of tape is inserted in order to draw up the mouth of the bag tightly, this running being hidden under a piece of narrow satin ribbon, which is passed around the neck of the bag and is tied in a dainty bow with flowing ends.

Embroidery looks very well on the front. Any conventional or heraldic design if worked well raised is most effective, and ribbon or applique work looks decorative.

PRACTICAL GIFTS.

Dainty Trifles That Are Always Received With Pleasure.

A pretty little affair, which is a cushion and a needlecase combined, may be made from small bits of fancy silk. Cut two circular pieces of cardboard

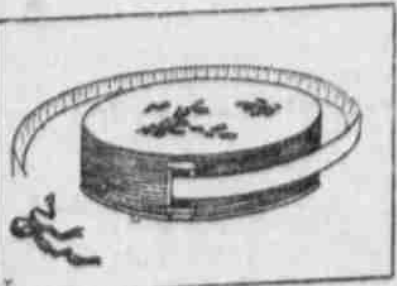


FOR PINS AND NEEDLES.

and cover with the silk on both sides. Cut smaller pieces of white fannel, and pink or cut in small scallops round the edges. On the top of one of the pieces sew a small ball filled with anything that will allow the pins to stick in and cover with silk. Sew this down firmly.

Tape Measure.

For 10 cents one may buy a small nickel covered tape measure. This case may be covered with silk, and if plain silk is used the initials may be embroidered on one side and a spray of flowers worked upon the other. Cut a round top and bottom rather larger than the case, and turn in a narrow hem. Take a straight strip of the silk or a piece of ribbon the right width, and



TAPE MEASURE.

sew this over and over to the circular pieces until the case is nearly completed; then slip in the tape measure and close near enough to just allow the tape to run freely. A bow of ribbon may be fastened to the end of the tape with which to draw it out.

Telegraph Blank Pad.

A telegraph blank pad is a handy thing for a writing desk. Cover two pasteboards a little longer than the blanks with blue ribbon. On the upper one paste at the top a little Delft scene that shall run from edge to edge. Glue the pad of blanks to the under cover and fasten the upper cover to the under one with cords. Make a catch of a pearl button sewed to the linen of the top cover at the middle of its lower edge. Let a rubber band and loop come from the under cover.

Baby Ribbon Box.

To keep baby ribbon handy, a little box is covered with a fine figured and striped ribbon. Inside are two rather large spoons on which the ribbon is wound. The end of ribbon from each is kept in reach by passing up to a buttonholed loop at the edge of the inside box end. There are two loops, one at each end of the box, for each ribbon. Two similar loops on the inside cover hold a small bone threader for running the ribbons in underwear.

Robbing Yourself

That is just what you are doing when you fail to get regular and sufficient sleep. Your body requires this unconscious period for repair work; without it your nerve energy becomes exhausted, and you are tired, worn-out, nervous, excitable; have headache, neuralgia, indigestion, poor appetite, or other ailments caused by a lack of nerve force. Make it your business to sleep. If you are restless, take Dr. Miles' Nervine; it soothes and strengthens the nerves, and brings sweet, refreshing, life-giving sleep, and gives the organs power to work naturally. Try it to-day.

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of water will be stored in the huge natural reservoir at Olive Lake where the new power plant which is being built for the operation of the Red Boy mine, is located.

D. Brisco, of La Grande, suddenly went insane Wednesday and beat his father and mother. The sheriff was called to arrest him, whereupon the crazy man hit him in the jaw, and it was with some difficulty that the wild man was subdued.

Captain Spong, who has been in command of steamers on the Willamette river for the past eleven years, made his last trip Monday. He has some interests in a mineral spring in Washington, and will go there soon.

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