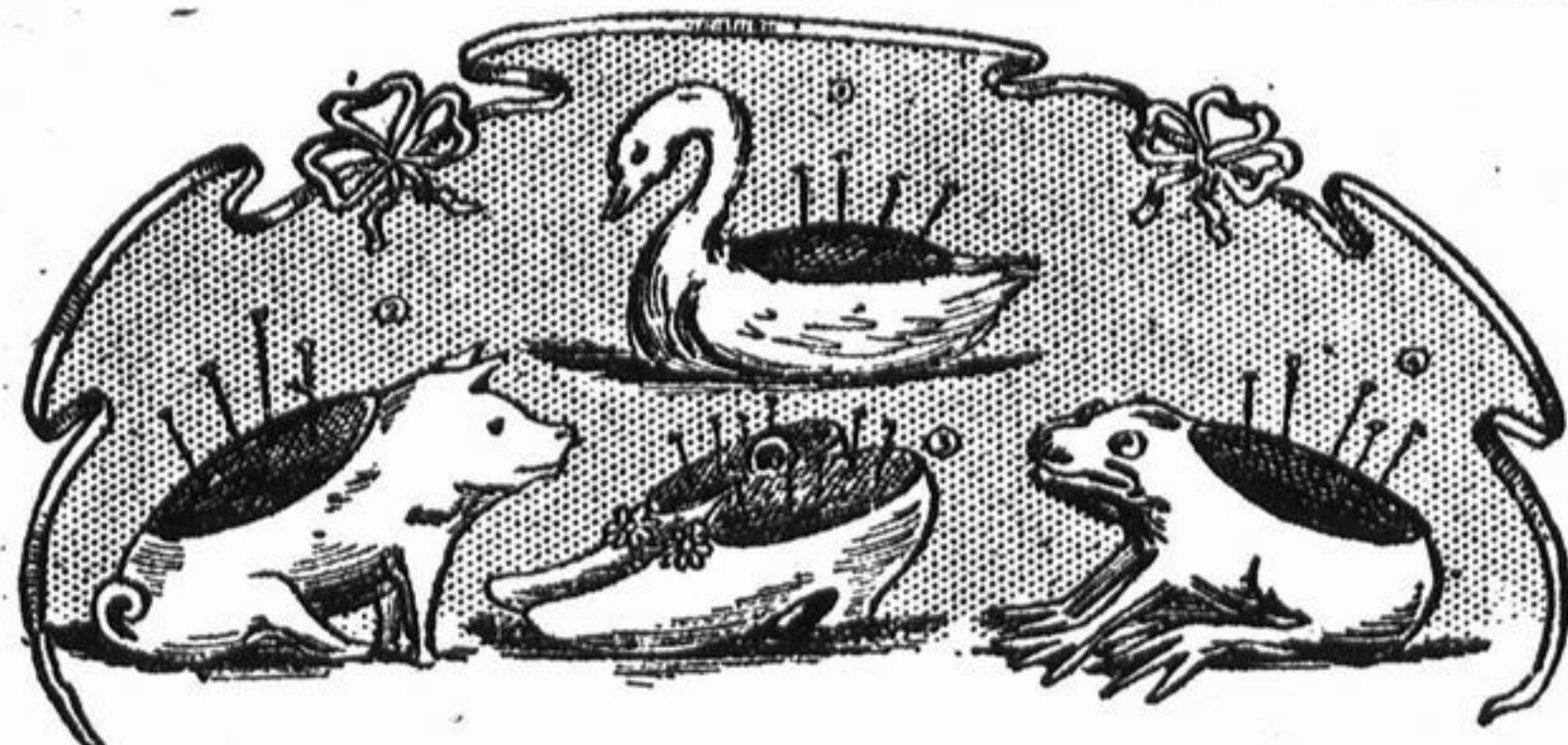


China Ornaments the Chief Feature of This Pincushion



THERE are numbers of pretty little china ornaments that may be purchased at a very trifling cost that lend themselves for the making of pincushions. In fact, all that has to be done is to make a small velvet cushion, which can be made from remnants, to fit into its place with a few drops of liquid glue.

Certain ornaments, such as little vases and jugs, may also be decorated with prettily colored ribbons tied round and about them and finished off with smart bows.

We give a sketch of four inexpensive little china ornaments treated in the manner suggested that made very successful pincushions. No. 1 is a white china swan; No. 2, a small pink pig; No. 3, a pair of little gold china shoes joined together in the center and fitted with a ring, by which the cushion may be lifted, and No. 4 is a dark green china frog.

The swan pincushion was made of pale blue velvet, the pig black velvet, the shoes pale green, and the frog, crimson.

Practical Fashions

LADY'S RAGLAN SHIRT WAIST.



This plain shirt waist model is different from the ordinary designs. It is made with the sleeves extending to the neck edge. The sleeves are finished with straight tailored cuffs and the pattern provides for the standing turnover collar. Linen, madras, percale or chambray may be used.

The pattern (5808) is cut in sizes 32 to 42 inches, bust measure. Medium size will require 3 1/4 yards of 27 inch material or 2 1/2 yards of 36 inch fabric.

To procure this pattern, send 10 cents to "Pattern Department" of this paper. Write name and address plainly, and be sure to give size, and number of pattern.

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Direct From Headquarters.

Dr. C., a bachelor of Dorchester, called upon a young widow of Roxbury a few days ago. The doctor was met at the door by the lady's five-year-old daughter. Dr. C. told the little girl to tell her mother that the doctor had called. The child went upstairs and presently returned.

"Did you tell your mamma?" asked the doctor.

"Yes," replied the little girl.

"And what did she say?" asked Dr. C.

"She said: 'O, pshaw!'" was the reply the doctor got.

The doctor asserts that he received the news direct from headquarters.—Boston Traveler.

New Idea for Heating Cars.

The Third Avenue line in New York has in operation eighty-two storage battery cars and the problem of heating the vehicles during the last winter has been solved by the use of stoves, which for safety were entirely outside the car. These stoves are hung on the trucks below the floor of the car in a heatproof casing. There is no possibility of the gases from the fire entering the car, for they are discharged at the street level by a process which is very similar to the forced draft arrangement made use of on shipboard and the heated air only is led up into the car.

Setting Her Right.

"You are familiar, I presume, with Johnson's 'Rasselas,'" observed the Boston girl.

"You must have got him mixed with Frank Gotch," said the St. Louis young man; "Johnson's a prize fighter."

Then silence, like a cataplasm, descended to ameliorate the impact of the atmospheric concussion.

Facilitator.

Impatient Guest—Waiter, I must catch a train and I'm in a hurry—what are the chances of my getting served at once?

Waiter—About one to one, sir.

Impatient Guest—I got you—one dollar to one waiter. Here you are! Now stand!—Puck.

Practical Fashions

A MAN'S COAT.



The making of a coat for a man is not such a problem as some women seem to regard it especially when such a model is offered as the one here given. This coat is made in single-breasted style with mannish notched collar and lapel. There are two side pockets and a handkerchief breast pocket. The nicely-shaped sleeve is plain at the wrist. The coat can be made of serge or fancy striped cassimere.

The pattern (5829) is cut in sizes 32 to 44 inches breast measure. Medium size requires 2 1/4 yards of 44 inch material.

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WHAT DID HE MEAN?

She (after the engagement has been announced)—I guess if a pretty girl came along you wouldn't care for me any more.

He—How foolish! What do I care for good looks? You suit me all right.

Natural History.

Who's ever by an ostrich kicked will find his person sadly nicked. And well may lift up thankful tones, if he can count no broken bones.

No Chance for Him.

"There!" said the ambitious young man when he had finished his great epic, "that's done. Now all that is necessary is to find a publisher and cause the public to become interested in me. Confound it! I have no friend whose wife would be willing to cause a commotion by eloping with me."

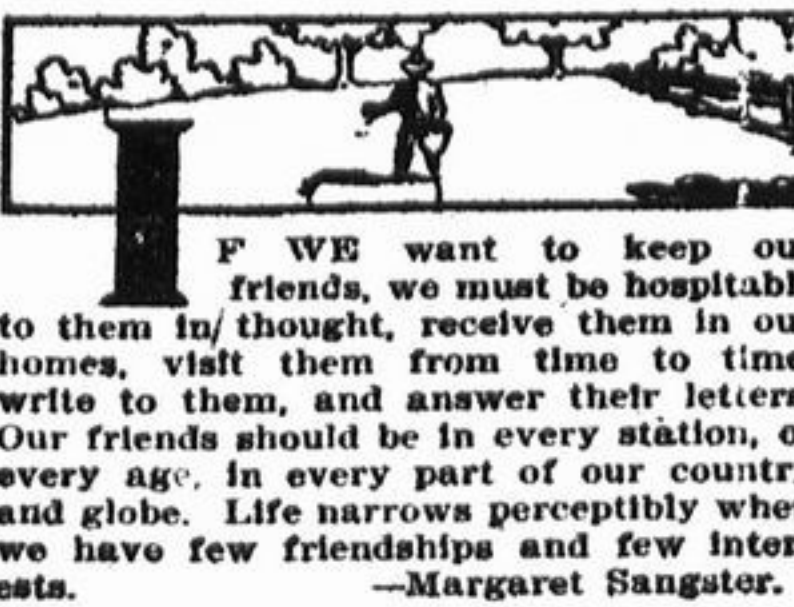
Always Ahead of Him.

Miss Cute (an amateur painter)—This line in your hand, Mr. Dubb, indicates that you have a brilliant future before you.

Dubb—Is that so?

Miss Cute—Yes; but this other line indicates that you are too slow ever to overtake it.

The KITCHEN GABINET



IF WE want to keep our friends, we must be hospitable to them in thought, receive them in our homes, visit them from time to time, write to them, and answer their letters. Our friends should be in every station, of every age, in every part of our country and globe. Life narrows perceptibly when we have few friendships and few interests.

—Margaret Sangster.

PICNIC LUNCHEON.

One of the main features of a picnic is to have something good to eat and not make it a burden to anyone to get ready for the outing. Wooden plates, paper cups and dishes for the salad, paper napkins and paper for tablecloth if desired will help to lighten the load.

Sandwiches, pickles, stuffed eggs, lemonade for those who do not care for the hot drink of coffee, cakes and a salad with fresh fruit is a spread good enough for the best.

A pretty way to serve stuffed eggs is to season them as desired, then on each half lay a slice of stuffed olive. Salted nuts and olives always add to such a feast and should not be forgotten.

With the thermos bottle icy lemonade may be served. If the juice of the lemons is extracted and the sugar and water boiled together, it will take but a moment to prepare the drink.

One of the most satisfactory cakes for an outing are sponge cakes baked in patty tins. Whipped cream that has been sweetened and flavored may be carried in a mason jar and the cakes may be cut open and filled with the cream just before the meal.

Carry the salad all mixed (if potato or salad not easily made mussy) in a mason jar. It is easy to manage and not so heavy as a bowl.

For those who wish to cook something or make coffee, a sheet of sheet iron or a heavy piece of wire screening makes a useful stove placed on a heap of stones. It can be used as the top of a stove for the coffee pot, frying pan and any other utensils needed.

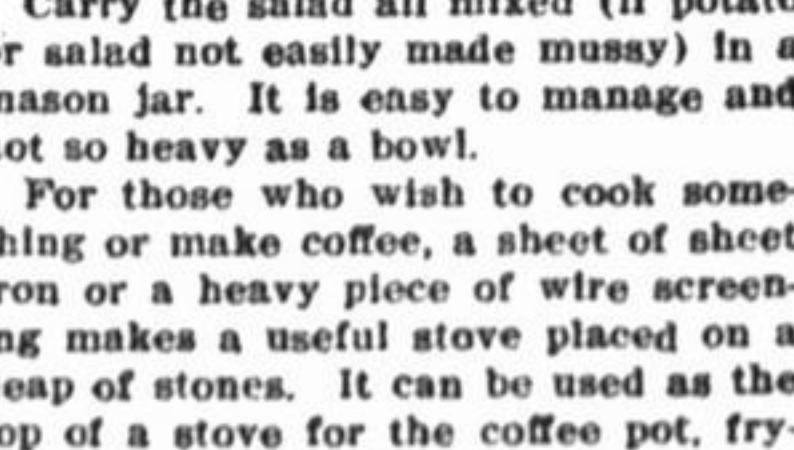
Fried chicken is a meat easy to carry and refused by few. If each piece is carefully wrapped in paper it seems daintier and is more agreeable to eat from the fingers.

If hard-cooked eggs are used, wrap them also, fringing the ends of the papers and twisting the ends. They taste better if they are pleasing in appearance.

A bon fire will dispose of all the refuse, plates, napkins, wooden or paper dishes, so that the return basket will lose much of its bulk.

Nellie Maxwell.

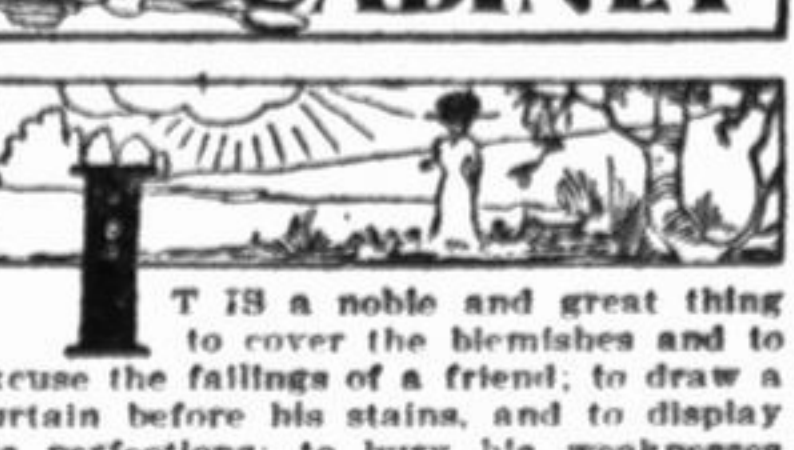
The KITCHEN GABINET



IT IS a noble and great thing to cover the blemishes and to excuse the failings of a friend; to draw a curtain before his stains, and to display his perfections; to bury his weaknesses in silence, but to proclaim his virtues upon the house top.

Nellie Maxwell.

The KITCHEN GABINET



HOT WEATHER FOOD.

During the warm months it is wise to substitute nuts, cheese, eggs and milk for the more concentrated meat dishes. Salads, fruits and vegetables of all kinds are both satisfying and suitable for hot weather food.

Potato salads are great favorites, and may be varied to give variety. This is one that is nice enough for company: Cut in cubes six medium-sized potatoes, add two cupsful of cucumber cut in cubes, one cup of shredded almonds, two tablespoonfuls of green and red pepper, a tablespoonful of onion juice; mix all together and add the following dressing: The yolks of seven eggs, gradually beat in four tablespoonfuls of olive oil, then add a half cup of melted butter, the juice of a lemon, three teaspoonfuls of salt, half a cup of vinegar, a tablespoonful of sugar and half a teaspoonful of mustard. Cook until smooth, strain through a fine sieve and add whipped cream to the dressing before using. This will keep for weeks if kept in a glass jar in the ice chest.

Potato Salad.—Take ten small potatoes, boil until soft with the jackets on, cut in cubes, add three small cucumbers and three stalks of celery, also cut fine. Slice four hard-cooked eggs in very thin slices and put the ingredients in layers in a salad bowl, with a sprinkling of grated onion to give the salad a flavor. Then pour over the following dressing: Three tablespoonfuls of melted butter, one tablespoonful of vinegar, salt and pepper to taste. (This dressing is simply one to season the mixture.) Just before serving add any boiled dressing; one like the above cannot be improved upon.

A very pretty and refreshing salad is made with radishes sliced thin, a few stripes of green pepper served on lettuce. French dressing is good with this.

Cabbage with peanuts and a few shredded chives served with a boiled or a French dressing is another favorite.

Nellie Maxwell.

Health & Beauty Hints
By Katherine Morton

While not perfumes exactly, toilet waters are always scented, and their use is very beneficial to the skin, particularly in the summer, when it needs all the refreshment it can get. The scented waters are diluted with plain water for use, for some of the vinegars are so strongly perfumed as to seem disagreeable when used full strength.

From 20 drops to a teaspoonful of the toilet water is put in a basin bath, the water so treated being intended for the rinsing after a cleaning sponge or tub bath. The liquid is left to dry on the skin, as one of the chief purposes of the toilet water is its tonic effect. After a weary day, a rub-down with a good toilet water, properly diluted, makes one feel like a new being, and while it is very convenient to get the vinegars ready made they can be turned out at home very easily and sometimes much more cheaply.

Of all the fragrant toilet waters none is so much used as rose water, and when this is pure it possesses the greatest cosmetic virtues. One formula for this delicious toilet water calls for four pounds of rose petals and ten quarts of water. The water is first distilled and then poured cold upon the petals, which are shaken around in the liquid. Then the vessel is loosely covered and put in a cool, dark place for several weeks, until the liquid becomes odorless. Then it is again distilled, and the drippings are gathered in small bottles and closely corked.

Another formula calls for putting the rose petals in an earthen jar and covering them with a weak brine of common salt. The roses may be gathered every day, and the petals added as they come handy.

An improved still can be made by fastening an india rubber tube to the spout of a tea kettle and passing it through cold water to condense the steam. The distillate, or drippings should be received in a glass or earthen receptacle; for if toilet waters come in contact with copper, zinc or lead, they will oxidize the metals. Still, for home use, however, can be bought very cheaply in the shops—about a dollar and a half up.

Many other garden blooms with pungent odors, or even faintly delicate ones, can be used for exquisite and helpful toilet waters—mignonette, lilies of the valley, clove-pinks, valerian, heliotrope, honeysuckle, violets, gardenias, jasmine, etc. In New Orleans and Charleston Creole ladies often drop the more richly scented blooms into pure alcohol, allowing them to digest or soak in the spirits, when the odor thoroughly permeates the alcohol.

A toilet liquid much used by the ladies of the olden times, and often called to this day "angel water," is much esteemed for its beauty value. It can be made at home in the following manner:

Rose-water 5 ounces
Orange-flower water 5 ounces
Myrtle water 2 1/2 ounces
Essence of ambergris 1 drachm
Essence of musk 1/4 drachm

Mingle the various substances and agitate the bottle for several hours, continuing the shaking during the day quite frequently for some weeks. Keep the bottle closely stoppered and in a warm, dark place. Let it stand for two weeks or longer, then decant the liquid, and if it is not perfectly clear, filter it. Properly made, angel water should be almost colorless.

There are many uses for bay rum, one being that it is admirable for massaging the scalp after the shampoo, when one is likely to catch cold or the hair needs some little dressing to keep it in order. But if it is used too often or too lavishly on the head it will dry out the locks. Bay rum of a very good sort is cheap enough at the drug store, but if one is clever at turning out beauty preparations this formula would give about as pure a thing as could be had:

Oil of bay 240 grains
Oil of orange 16 grains
Oil of pimenta 16 grains
Alcohol 1 quart
Water 25 fluid ounces

Dissolve the oils in the alcohol and add the water. Then stir into the liquid about two ounces of precipitated phosphate of lime and filter. This will improve with age.

New Color Schemes.

Navy blue and violet are dominating colors in millinery, and are mixed very artistically with light threads of cerise, orange, green and gray straw. Even the new flowers show the influence of these contrasting mixtures, and often some novelties in their arrangements.

Popples of shot taffetas succeed the white popples of velvet. Each petal rests on another large petal of green crepe de chine, forming a border all round, while the heart or center of the flower is in ostrich feathers, either black or yellow. This is an amusing novelty for the spring millinery.

Nellie Maxwell.

THE UP-TO-DATE "SPLITDORF" HAT



The fault with most of the broad-brimmed hats is the unbecoming front. This has been overcome by splitting the front brim and lapping. One plume is the sole adornment.

FERNS NEED SPECIAL CARE

Too Frequent Watering of This Sensitive Plant, for Instance, is to Be Avoided.

Is your fern suffering from summer complaint? If it is you have failed to learn the most important of all facts in the care of ferns, which is that too frequent watering is not good for these delicate plants. The Boston variety, or short, curly kind, is generally considered difficult to keep in a thriving condition, yet one woman finds the task comparatively easy.

This housewife, who takes a peculiar joy in all the beauty pertaining to a home, declares the fern should be kept in front of a window, where it receives the morning sun. It must stand on a soft surface, and in a jardiniere much larger than the fern pot being one of the best arrangements. This allows it to get plenty of air, an essential point in its care.

Do not water the fern more often than every other day. Now and then it is best to wait three or four days, as a good dryout is most advisable. Take the fern into the laundry or basement and give it a good bath once or twice a month.

Never let the temperature average more than 70 in the room where the fern is kept, a cooler atmosphere being better. Keep the plants free from dry or dead leaves. If possible, place the fern in a shady place in the yard for its summer outing, packing earth well around the pot, a treatment which increases its growth.

FURNISHING OF CHINTZ ROOM

Thought Bestowed on Decoration Will Be Well Repaid in Cheerful, Homelike Apartment.

There is a pleasing homeliness about a chintz room which gives it a subtle attraction. Most women at this time of year are attacked with a laudable desire to redress their rooms so that the time of summer and the singing birds is suggested and winter's sunless cold forgotten.

The most obvious way to achieve the redressing is to choose a suitable chintz and to order loose covers for all the chairs and sofas, ottomans and cushions in the room. The favorite colorings this season give a range of tulle shades, purple, rose red, a deep buff or scarlet. These have sometimes a black ground, as in the days of Louis Philippe. Huge soft cushions, square or round in shape, are of down, covered with silk, and have no pendant fringing.

A successful room can be obtained with one of the cretonnes or chintzes in oriental patterns, and the furniture or bibelots in the Chinese taste, which is now so much to the fore, accord well with such designs. An excellent result is obtained if panels of the printed linen or chintz are placed on the wall instead of paper, and old prints show up well with such a background.

Old needlework is now reproduced in glazed chintz, and fine Italian patterns glowing with subdued blues, reds and browns, with that clouded mauve only seen in Italian silks, and a bed of anemones gives a touch of distinction to any room.

A single mauve cushion and one of black in soft silk are generally introduced as a daring note. Pomegranates, plectes and peonies figure and the twisted stems form arabesques.

MADE UP OF ODDS AND ENDS

Very Pretty Are the Candle Shades of Lace Designed in All Shapes and Colors.

Very fetching are the new candle shades whose foundation is a finely plaited fiber, and that can be had in all colors. The straight narrow Empire shade is the favorite, though some of the designs spread sharply at the bottom.

The decoration is varied, some have festoons of tiny ribbon flowers in soft tones, others have inserts of filmy lace combined with the flowers, and some have bands and frills of lace headed with narrow metal gimp.

A candle shade that looks well with all color schemes is made of crystal beads, strung into fanciful designs and finished with bead fringe. The favorite is pagoda shape, another is bell shape, and some are square. These beads are usually made up over white lining, but are effective over a warm yellow, green or American Beauty tone.

The girl who has odds and ends of lace can put them to no better use than to make a set of four candle shades. Finish the top with a blue lace trim, which may likewise be used for the sides if the lace is not too broad.

CHARM OF THE WIDE COLLAR



Nothing is prettier for the ideal soft muslin than the big cape collar of lace, or that of wide square sailor shape. Our artist has portrayed a costume showing the becoming square effect on the shoulder, which may be said to be after the style of Franz Hals—in the National Gallery. It is carried out in chintz and point lace.—London (Eng.) Sketch.