

FOR AND ABOUT THE LADIES.

Things Which Every Woman Ought to Know.

HINTS FOR HOUSEKEEPERS.

Frills, Fashions, Fancies, Foibles and Feminine Conceits.

HOW TO BECOME HANDSOME.

Superfluous flesh troubles the minds of many persons in addition to its physical burdensomeness. How many women do we daily meet who would give all they have and stop at no inconvenience or sacrifice could they by doing so reduce themselves to the lines of grace and beauty.

Not a morsel of bread, cakes, rolls or pastry. No tea, coffee, chocolate or sweet wine. No potatoes, peas, rice, carrots, turnips, macaroni, cheese, butter, cream, custard, jellies or sweets.

Not a drop of ice-water. No warm baths. No flannel, and only enough clothing to keep from taking cold.

Not a drop of any liquid food at meals. In place of bread she had fruit, a section of apple or orange, some fresh grapes, berries, cherries or stewed fruit being used when ordinarily one craves a bit of bread or a swallow of water.

She had half a gallon of hot water to drink every day, with lemon juice in it to take away the flat taste. Cold water was denied her, and also, frappe, champagne and claret strictly forbidden.

This practice of self-denial the Duchess of Marlborough has persisted in for the last two years, and to-day she is perhaps the handsomest woman of her age in New York society.

Here is a new wrinkle with regard to roasted duck that some good wife, fond and foolish and out of fashion enough to care about pleasing her husband, may enjoy serving up to him some night when he comes home a little more perplexed and annoyed with business than usual.

The greatest simplicity prevails in the out of all French undergarments. Any attempt at elaboration of trimming or out is considered in the very worst taste.

There is an old-fashioned preparation which our grandmothers made for whitening the hands, says the New York Tribune. Two cakes of old-time brown Windsor soap, a wineglass of German cologne and a wineglass of lemon juice added.

The lady barber has come, and the heart of every young gentleman who thinks that his mustache will come up if only the ground be ploughed sufficiently, is glad within him.

How many parents there are who are readier to provide playthings for their children than to share the delights of their children with those playthings; readier to set their children at knowledge-seeking than to have a part in their children's surprises and enjoyments of knowledge-attaining; readier to make good, as far as they can, all losses to their children than to grieve with their children over those losses.

How the brides dressed. Here are the costumes of four brides at fashionable weddings yesterday. A gown of white corded silk and diaphanous lace, and a tulle veil caught with a coronet of orange blossoms.

result, they practically train and sway their children as they will; for when there is entire sympathy between two persons, the stronger one is necessarily the controlling force with both.—Sunday School Times.

The Frizzy Bang Has Gone. An entirely new style of hair-dressing is threatened, says a fashion writer. In Paris the frizzy bang has meekly subsided to give the Javanaise head dresses a chance. Fashion appears to have gone daft on those peculiar ornaments, and the great jewelers of the Rue de la Paix have been ordered to reset diamonds of more than one grande dame after the pattern of those flat metal ornaments.

A Young Princess's Taste. The young princesses of Wales take after the princess herself in their quiet taste in dress and in their liking for tailor-made gowns of tweed and cloth for day wear. Navy-blue seems a favorite color with them, perhaps out of compliment to their sailor brother.

Fixing the Hair. There was never more freedom shown in the arrangement of the hair than to-day. More attention is paid to the contour of the head and face, and there is less anxiety to copy a set style.

Why 1900 Will Not be a Leap Year. The question is often asked, "Will the year 1900 be a leap year?" It will not. When Julius Caesar revised the calendar he appointed an extra day every four years, and his calendar lasted until A. D. 1582.

To Decorate the Home.

Here is the advice of a decorator in making over a house: Have your library dark and rich, your dining-room bright in coloring and your sleeping rooms as near white or ecru as possible, draping the windows with lawn, banishing carpets or upholstered furniture.

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Box-Office Receipts Not Mentioned. First Theatrical Manager—Well, you ought to have seen our audience last night; we hardly needed to turn on the electric lights, such a brilliant audience, you know. Ha! Ha!

Stranger (in western newspaper office)—Beg pardon, sir, but myself and friends need help to decide a bet. Have you a copy of Hoyle? Old reporter—No; don't need any. If the dispute is anything about cards, go into that room across the hall and ask for the religious editor.—New York Weekly.

More people are worried to death by kindness than by abuse. Tommy—Papa, what is a crank? Papa—Oh, we call a peculiar eccentric person a crank. Tommy—And a baseball crank is— Papa—A baseball crank is a man who will not go to a game.

Five of the persons injured by the explosion of ballistite at Avigliano, Italy, have since died, making the total number of deaths nineteen. Three hundred workmen were present at the time of the accident. Thirty were seriously injured. This is the fourth explosion that has occurred in the factory since 1873.

old point lace, and a long tulle veil caught with orange blossoms. The bouquet was of white roses.

Fashionable Fancies.

The fashionable fad at present is for antiquities.

A band of ribbon tied with a bow around the wrist is a new fashion.

Some of the flowers seen on the new bonnets are an impossibility in nature.

The tailor-made jacket and vest all in one has started in to be very fashionable.

In light summer silks any one can see with half an eye that stripes will prevail.

Ornamented jewelry is having high favor, the most popular designs being flowers.

About the only nautical feature of the albatross tea gowns is the name of the material.

Orchid jewelry is the latest novelty, and has created an immediate and decided sensation.

It is a peculiarity of the bonnets this season that the smallest are said to be the most expensive.

Masculine fashions are adopted by the women again this season, which is to be regretted.

Straw hats and bonnets are already seen. There are already women who will get ahead of the season.

Among the handsomest of the fashions now exhibited for sale are those of natural colored ostrich feathers.

Ornamental hairpins now include bees and butterflies of the very natural looking kind that come only from Paris.

There is a bewildering variety in sash ribbon this season and they are wide enough to come up under the wearers' arms.

In the Scotch tartan dress goods, the small, inconspicuous patterns are held by the dressmakers to be the most elegant.

Old-fashioned silver pocketbooks in the form of a shell, such as our grandmothers used to carry, have come back again.

The country house must now be furnished as near as possible in the India style, which is as useful as it is cool and ornamental.

Mousquetaire gloves come in all the new and beautiful shades, and the ones with the greatest number of buttons sell quickest.

There are many so-called Easter novelties in leather goods, including the new leather chateaux with leather ornaments.

Special glass jars or vases are now made to hold violets. They are mounted in silver and are beautiful enough to find a place on some table in the drawing-room.

But if leap year is omitted regularly each hundredth year, we pay back nearly a day too much; so Pope Gregory further ordered that every centennial year which could be divided by 400 should be a leap year after all.

So we borrow eleven minutes each year from the future; more than pay our borrowings back by omitting three leap years in three centuries and finally square matters by having a leap year in the fourth centennial year.

This arrangement is so exact that we borrow more than we pay back to the extent of only one day in 3,866 years. Sixteen hundred was a leap year, 2,000 will be, but 1,900 will not be. Any centennial year that can be divided by 400 will be a leap year.—Hartford Times.

Don't Toy With Your Eyes.

Many people are troubled with itching eyes and try all sorts of washes. The eye is one of the most valuable organs of the body. Unfortunately for careless humanity, it is also one of the most delicate. It does not pay to trifle with it. The best way to treat itching is to use a cool, weak salt water wash every few hours.

The Reverses of War.

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EXPENSIVE WARDS.

What Kinds and Quantities of Food Uncle Sam's Indians Eat.

Uncle Sam's bill for Indian supplies is usually a large one, but, unlike the pension charge, it does not increase as the numbers dependent upon it diminish.

Also blankets, woolen and cotton goods (consisting in part of ticking, 13,000 yards; standard calico, 100,000 yards; drilling, 14,000 yards; duck, free from all sizing, 28,000 yards; denim, 15,000 yards; gingham, 330,000 yards; Kentucky jeans, 11,000 yards; chevot, 17,000 yards; brown sheeting, 230,000 yards; bleached sheeting, 25,000 yards; hickory shirting, 15,000 yards; calico shirting, 7,000 yards; winey, 2,000 yards); clothing, groceries, notions, hardware, medical supplies, school books, etc., and a long list of miscellaneous articles, such as harness, ploughs, rakes, forks, etc., and for about 860 waggons required for the service.

The British Museum Open at Night.

Thirty years have elapsed since a select committee of the House of Commons recommended that the British museum should be open to the public between the hours of 7 and 10 p.m.

Juvenile Murderers Guillotined.

Some little sensation was caused recently by the execution in front of the gate of La Roquette of two juvenile murderers, aged respectively 17 and 21.

Imitating His Superiors.

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A STORY OF THE DAY.

Something About the Famous Strand May-pole Erected in 1661.

The custom of raising May-poles on the first day of May originated probably in the thirteenth or fourteenth century. It was quite general in Great Britain and other European countries for several hundred years, but after the advent of Puritanism it died out almost completely. The most renowned London May-pole, and the one longest in existence, was that put up in the Strand immediately after the restoration. The Parliament of 1644 had ordered the demolition of all May-poles, and enforced the decree by heavy penalties.

Wonderful Mechanism.

The Bank of England doors are now so finely balanced that a clerk, by pressing a knob under his desk, can close the outer doors instantly, and they cannot be opened again except by special process.

Jim Was There.

The two sons of an eastern merchant stated for India. Some months afterwards the father received this telegram: "Jim's dead." In reply he cabled: "Ship corpse."

Mashers' Shirts.

Young Paris mashers are now said to wear colored shirts—pink, blue or red—in the evening. They are displayed with the regular low cut evening waistcoats, and to heighten the contrast they are fastened by large jet studs.

Would Never Do.

"Your references are very satisfactory, but I cannot engage you." "May I inquire why not, madam?" asked the would-be butler.

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