



A Life of Ease

This is a hurried, strenuous age, in which noise and gaiety are rare. But even they may be attained by one who desires them. It is a fact that the person who does not hurry often accomplishes more in a day than one who is constantly in the rush, and he makes fewer mistakes while doing it. At least, the controlled and calm one gets more out of life, and that is better still achievement.

Skin is wearing. There is the physical strain which comes from tackling propositions which are too hard and from constant rush; the emotional and nervous strain which is a result of physical strain, and the spiritual strain which comes from wrong values on material things.

To avoid strain and cultivate poise, let's never run and rush and hurry. Take time, think. Harry keeps you exact and makes you depressed. It takes a reader for jazz and cigarettes.

Indulge in short rest periods. Lie off the bath, or go to bed with a toothbrush and think sweetly or relaxing, rest one foot, then the other, then the limbs, then the trunk, neck and head. When in that happy frame of mind, dream of things you love, a beautiful scene, a piece of music, or a poem. Put thoughts in your mind, and you will be ready for an afternoon of accomplishment or an evening of mirthful, rich life.

House Cleaning

Invention is adding new devices to make our homes more convenient and attractive. Among these are the new screens which jolt and may be made to fit any window. Ventilating systems are now being made which function in summer as well as in winter, and have a part of the heating system, as well as of the cooling system. They carry the hot air of the through ducts, and even have the upper story cool.

Steel clothes posts support the old time wooden contrivances to which we have given up. The new posts are set in sockets, buried in the ground, and may be lifted out of the sockets and removed from sight when not in use. This is in line with our new delight in our artistic back yards.

A liquid asbestos cement is now available which can patch the leaking roof without the trouble and expense of re-shingling. The modern tendency in bathrooms is, more of them and smaller. The ideal would be a bathroom for each bedroom. Many a clothes closet is being made into a bathroom, or the corners of two adjoining rooms are sometimes cut away and the space converted into a bath room.

A portable fence is the latest contrivance to enclose a dog or a baby. The legs are easily stuck into the ground and the sections wired together.

Fashions, Fads, Foibles

Lizard, python, water snake, and other reptiles skins are popular for trim in footwear this season. Pumps are stepping along, but the bustle stays and holds their place.

Overshoes, of a sort contrasting with the suit, are in again. Some of them actually go over the shirt with a pectoral or a sash to cover the skirt top. Every soft respecting costume now has a belt.

Large, gaily colored, chiffon handkerchiefs add a dash to the wardrobe.

Cap sleeves, three-quarters length sleeves, and old fashioned "angel" sleeves are up in arms again.

The latest skirt length is four or five inches below the knee for street and sports; eight or ten inches below for afternoon; and full length for evening.

The silk suit is very suitable for afternoon. Short capes and matching jackets give the ensemble effect to many costumes. Accessories should not match the garments too rigidly. Better a little contrast and individuality.

Example

The other day two little brothers were taken to the Reform School for stealing. They were only ten and twelve years of age, and I tremble when I think what the future holds for them. Looking into the background of their training, we find their father, a year or two ago, taking both little boys to the show, and leaving them there until he came for them. He gave them each fifty cents, if they wouldn't tell their mother that he had stayed with them. [What sort of training was that in honesty?]

The Humming-Bird

A flash of harmless lightning,

A mist of rainbow dyes,

The burnished sunbeams brightening,

From flower to flower he flies;

While wakes the nodding blossom,

Bat just too late to see

What lip hath touched her bosom

And drained her nectary:

He! You've changed your mind.

She: Well, what's a mind for?

Just as he was never nicely chated

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