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THE DEMAND UPON OUR ADVERTISING SPACE IS GREAT THIS WEEK, SO WHILE GIVING MORE READING MATTER THAN USUAL WE TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY OF USING THIS PAGE TO SAY THAT

HOME MISCELLANY.

Tight Lacing and Tender Feet.

The evil effects of tight lacing will be very soon realized by the woman who has tender feet. The undue compression adds tenfold to the pain, and very often the ankles are so swollen and inflamed by the end of the day that they are utterly shapeless.

In cases of this kind the remedy is not far to seek, but it is more difficult to relieve those who suffer legitimately, so to speak. The following treatment should be persevered in. It will give immediate relief, and when practicable should be resorted to twice a day.

Soak the feet well in tepid water, to which a little ammonia has been added, and as the water gets cold pour in more hot to keep up the temperature. After drying the feet rub them gently and thoroughly with a mixture made thus:

Add an ounce of the best linseed oil to the same quantity of liniment, shake the bottle in which the ingredients are until a mixture about the thickness of cream is produced, then pour in half a dram of spirits of camphor, shake again, and it is ready for use. The feet, after being rubbed, should be wrapped in soft linen for a little while, and then powdered with boracic acid before the stockings are replaced. In the event of the feet and ankles being in a very inflamed condition, after soaking them as I have described, apply an ammonia lotion, which will soon allay the discomfort. This is made by adding 20 drops of tincture of ammonia to half a cupful of tepid water, saturate a piece of lint sufficiently large to envelop the entire foot with the lotion; cover it with a piece of oiled silk, and rest for an hour or two.

—Exchange.

Children's Mistakes.

Never scold a child for mistakes, and do not nervously and impatiently fret and nag and worry at it because it does not learn to do a thing after once telling. When a baby begins to sit at the table and use a spoon, there is need of continuous quiet and judicious watching and training, in order to cultivate proper habits and teach it to use the spoon and fork correctly.

There is nothing at all inviting, amusing or pretty in seeing a child play with its food or make unmerciful and awkward attempts to get the spoon to its mouth.

Teach the child precisely what is to be done and do not stop until it understands, then mildly but firmly insist on its doing the right thing as nearly as it is able every time. There are children of 5 years whose table manners are everything that could be desired. There are others, children of larger growth, who all their lives are a source of annoyance to their friends because they either do not know or do not care to have proper deportment.

It is nonsense to say that one cannot teach children. Every mother of a family should take time to herself, or, if she is not capable of doing this, she should employ some trustworthy person to do it for her. It is almost impossible to find time for the things we want to do most, and certainly there can be nothing more important than the judicious care that assures for the child in later years reasonably good table manners.

The Wives of Brides.

There is no escape for her short of the wilds of Africa. Such a thing as a bride traveling incognito is unknown. The railroad porters and other officials are familiar with all varieties and are never deceived. It is the same with the guests, and even the street gamins follow her carriage for a chance to earn a dime from the extravagant guests. The attention which she receives immediately gives the cue to those not so well versed in the detection of brides, and they at once begin to watch her every movement.

She enters a hotel dining room, and there is a subdued buzz of "How comes the bride?" from every table. People usually remember their manners sufficiently to abstain from comment while she is present, but the moment she leaves the room they begin to criticize.

If she is dressed as a bride should be dressed, you will hear them say, "Well, if ever I am married, I shall not put on a matrimonial uniform to advertise the fact," or "Why is it that brides never can get sensible?"

But if she has endeavored to dress with as little ostentation as possible they are no better pleased and exclaim, "Jan! she too dowry for anything!"

On the whole, the bride's pathway is not all dowry, so do not neglect her, you who have so lately taken her under your protection. —Exchange.

A Woman in It.

"There is always a woman in it." If there be any will do, we always see the words, "There is a woman in it," but these people forget to count the thousands of noble deeds where a woman's steady hand and clear head were at the helm. Certain men are so apt to pattern after Father Adam, and when they cry throw all the blame on the woman, forgetting while they accuse woman, and yet boast of their own strength, courage and soldierly power, that so doing is confessing their own weakness.

Go back, if you will, to Isabella of Spain. When all others laughed at the chimerical dreams of Columbus, she parted with her jewels and equipped the ships which found their way to the new world. She was the equal of her husband, and as such commended and gave her commands, and who would call Isabella of Spain unwomanly? Certainly not we, the beneficiaries of her self-sacrifice.

And was it not the woman who kept up the faith of the men and urged them to renewed energy when those first pilgrims landed on the New England coast? There was "a woman in it" when Harriet Beecher Stowe brought home to the hearts of men the evils of the slave traffic, firing them to action. —Household Realm.

These Fetching Eyelashes.

Do your long, dark, curling lashes lie upon your cheeks like a dusky fringe when you sleep, or when you coyly gaze downward? Would you like them to fly to the wall?

If your ambition lies in the direction of the regulation heroine eyelash, the first step toward obtaining it is to cure any trouble you may have with your eyes. All local irritation is as bad for the lashes as it is to the eyes themselves. The tendency to rub the eyes invariably results in thinning the lashes. Inflamed eyelids always bring about thin, short, "scrubby" lashes. If the lids are inclined to be inflamed, a wash of two or three drops of camphor, teaspoon of borax and two ounces of water is invaluable. A mixture of two parts water to one of witch hazel, allowed to simmer and applied very hot, is also soothing to inflamed eyelids. When these washes are being used to strengthen the eye, soothe the lid and preserve the lashes from total destruction, the lashes may be rubbed every night with some greasy ointment to encourage their growth. Vaseline is probably the best thing to stimulate the growth and give a good dark color to the eyebrows and eyelashes. —New York Mail and Express.

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A Perfect Corset.

I do not believe in stays that are too tight, a something that can never be said about an absolutely well fitting one. Over-long corsets are seldom desirable, inasmuch as they turn over on the edges and the bones are apt to press upon the abdomen in a way that is not pleasant. A high bustled corset should be selected for the woman who is rather large, but for her who is slender a lower one will be found to fit better and to give a better shape. French dressmakers all prefer a short corset. Never buy your corset too large in the bust. They simply turn over and make an ugly lump and do not, as you expect, appear to increase the size of the bust. Even if one buys corsette corsets a silk lacing should be got, as not only will it last longer and be found to draw with greater ease, but it will not, like the round cotton lace, imprint itself upon the back of your bodice. The gause corset is comfortable for summer wear, and if a good quality is got one should be able to wear it an entire season. I do not think there is any economy in buying a cheap corset.—Isabel A. Mallon in Ladies' Home Journal.

Mrs. Rider Haggard.

Mrs. Rider Haggard, it is said, is the "congenial inspiration" of the noted author. "Whatever Mr. Haggard writes is read and criticised by his wife before it is sent to the publisher. Mrs. Haggard is a woman of domestic inclinations as well as of excellent literary taste, and she devotes much time to her home duties and to the education of her two daughters. The family occupies the old homestead that has for years belonged to Mrs. Haggard's family and which she now her property. All the members of the household lead a peculiarly free and easy life in that each one enjoys outdoor recreations as much as she or he delights in home pleasures. They are all experts in the saddle. It may be mentioned that Mrs. Haggard is a very pretty woman. She is above the medium height and has a graceful figure. Her features are clear cut and her mouth evinces self-reliance to a marked degree. Her eyes are large and brown and her hair is dark. She has a splendid constitution and is proud of her excellent health.

They Are Queens.

If you look about you among your girl friends who have married salaried men of average means and qualifications, you will recognize the light of their positions—which were bettered by marriage—that the girl who has honorably supported herself is a queen with advantages which the child born married woman, dependent upon one man, can only comprehend through the medium of her own defeat—that is, now and always, supposing that both women are of equal intelligence and ambition. The marrying girl nowadays is more apt to seek before she leaps, and this seems to be a case where the best is searching one and in the right direction. When a girl is independent, she is an ideal to which to aim for anything but a better thing, and women are very rarely becoming creatures of will and of intellect rather than of sentiment and emotionalism.—Chicago Tribune.

The Womanly Art.

Sewing is a most womanly art. A woman is never more feminine than when she has a needle and thread in her hand. It is the right of every little girl to be taught to sew neatly, even if it costs the mother some of her own money. Very few women are wholly exempt from the needle. On the contrary, almost every woman must take more or less care of her own wardrobe, even if she has no family responsibility. Machines cannot sew up rips in gloves, replace buttons or mend. Some stitches must be taken, and how to sew neatly is an accomplishment quite as necessary, if not more so, to the happiness of a majority of women than any other. If a little girl be taught early how to use her needle, sewing will soon become a sort of second nature to her.

Leave Him His Sweet Temper.

"The sweetest temper in the world can be ruined, and therefore," says the Duchess, "I would have you take heed to your ways. If you have the luck to chance on a good tempered man, and gain him for your husband, see that you prize the gift, and that you do not abuse it. Give him smiles for smiles, and bear with him as he is sure to bear with you. I have seen one or two cases where a fretful girl, relying too much upon the sweetness of her husband's temper, has ended at last by turning that sweetness into gall. "Therefore, if God gives into your keeping a bright and kindly spirit, take care that you do it no injury."

Book Curtains.

A new way of solving the curtain question that is certainly convenient and by no means ugly is to have two sets of curtains—one for the upper and one for the lower half of the window. Both are hung on rods and consist of two parts, so that they can be parted in the middle. The upper set should be made long enough to fall about an inch over the top of the lower set. They may be made of muslin, silk or any fabric, with edges hemmed, frilled or trimmed with lace. The arrangement is a good one for small bedrooms or for kitchen windows.

Cyanide of potassium will remove all indelible ink whose base is nitrate of all-iver. Turpentine or alcohol rubbed in hot will remove new indelible ink, if you use soda and soap to wash the ink on the fabric immediately afterward.

Elizabeth Stuart Phelps began to write for publication at the age of 13, and she kept at it so steadily that she did not stop long enough to marry until she was 40, though she thought of it once or twice earlier.

A nice way to restore stripes is to wash thoroughly, and then sprinkle it all damp with alcohol. Hold it tightly in newspaper, being careful to keep the paper between all the folds. Let it stand until dry.

Mrs. de Pompadour not only drew the designs and mixed the colors for her dresses and draperies, but furnished subjects and breakfast tables.

"No woman," said Washington, "is really beautiful unless she is first a good housewife."

Shakespeare, in a most original way, has only in cases of address due to public works, and also in the ordinary course of nature, to be noted.

Throw a spoonful of dissolved alum in a bowl of water, and dip the hair in it, and you will find it grows thicker.

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