

# Pleasant Reading For Women

### Home Upholstering.

This time of year a good many housewives are doing over their homes, either the living rooms, sleeping apartments or perhaps the hall being slated for new decoration. This is fascinating work and work in which the clever needlewoman may take a considerable part. If the living room is to be repapered and given a new color scheme, there are no end of ways in which the girl who is clever with the needle can add to its decoration. Pillow covers in pretty materials to contrast or correspond to the prevailing color can be made at home. While curtains, overhangings, covers for the table are other things which can be made by the home sewer.

One young matron who was scarcely more than a bride, did over her apartment last year at the minimum of expense and the maximum of beauty. She did practically all the upholstery herself, using her needle, thimble and thread in such a clever way that no one suspected she was her own house decorator. The walls were left the same—pale green—but the furniture, which was in velvet of a deeper shade, was covered with chintz in a big rose design, the colors soft and harmonizing beautifully with the pale walls.

If an upholsterer had been hired to do the necessary work, the fixing up of the apartment would have amounted to a considerable sum, but the economical little matron preferred to save her household allowance for other things and to do the work of covering her furniture with her own hands.

So as to save herself serious mistakes she first fitted each chair with a paper pattern, cutting and fitting the cover in this way before cutting into the chintz. The result was that her covers were almost perfect, piped with a green braid and finished in an entirely professional manner.

Of course, it was arduous work, but the amateur upholsterer took her time about it and turned out three chairs and two couch covers that would have done credit to a professional.

Not content with this she decided to add another new touch to the room by making window hangings of chintz. These were straight pieces of the goods, edged with a pretty ball fringe she had purchased for a few cents a yard. The thin under curtains were of white scrim edged with a heavy imitation Cluny lace.

Many housewives could accomplish quite as good an effect if they would only make the attempt at being their own upholsterers. Professional work of this kind is expensive, beyond the pocketbook of many women. However, a little daring, a few yards of chintz, a scissors, needle, thimble and thread will work wonders in transforming a cold colorless room into a bower of beauty and cheer.—N. Y. Evening Telegram.

### To Prevent Wrinkles.

There are two kinds of wrinkles, those which all skins will show as they are and become dry, and those called premature wrinkles, caused by suffering, either physical or mental. Many women whose skins seem unusually smooth and unwrinkled, almost babylike in their freshness, keep them so by bathing the face in some water in which some cereal has been steeped, says *Woman's World*. The cereals seem to have unusual beautifying qualities, and some of you have already experienced the beneficial effects of the bran wash, both on the face and in the hair.

There is a very simple toilet wash with barley as its chief ingredient, which has kept the skin of many surprisingly youthful and un-wrinkled. It is made by dissolving three ounces of pearl barley in a pint of water till the gluten is extracted. Then it is strained, and to the liquid twenty-five drops of tincture of benzoin is added. In conjunction with this a ly pomade or other skin food may be used effectively. After being thoroughly rubbed in, the barley wash is rinsed from the face with the usual wash of pure soap and warm water.

The addition of a few drops of benzoin to the water in which the face is rinsed, night and morning, will keep the skin fresh and white, besides closing the distended pores.

### Braided Suits.

Suits, coats and capes are trimmed with braids and pendants. The well liked Hercules braid comes from souache width to six inches in black, black and white, dark blue, dark green, brown, raisin, current and wistaria shades.

Colors are also combined with white or black in fancy designs, with scalloped, corded or plain edges. Some braids are waxed and polished. A very pretty braid has two rows of moire ribbon insert. Some braid designs are so heavy that they resemble passementerie. Heavy cords are twisted in cable patterns and are very effective as a trimming.

Full and winter capes and cloaks are bound with braid as well as trimmed with rows of ornamental braid, and further decorated with fringes and pendants in tassel effect. Some pendants are very elaborate, having cup-shaped tops, fur edging and silk strands, jet beads, spangles or oval or round plaques are used with black cords.

Black and white braids will be much used, although black will lead for trimming both black and colors. Thin braids are edged with fur. Narrow fur edgings are headed with narrow tinsel braid, also with a lattice braid insert with rhinestones. These edgings will be used on any street suit.

How War Will Affect Fashions. The war is sure to have all kinds of unforeseen effects upon the fashions. Already there is a redirection for military braid on tailor made coats, and as the autumn comes on there will be more borrowings from military embellishments. The cavalier cape with its high Napoleonic collar is already quite a martial looking garment, and the helmet hat was quite prophetic in its advent.

There is no doubt that war will have a sobering effect on the models, but that may be a good thing. We shall at any rate be saved from various eccentricities with which we were threatened, because of hostilities and may now work out our sartorial salvation on warlike and nobler lines than has seemed likely hitherto. That our skirts are rapidly getting wider is undoubted, but the crinoline and the senseless amount of flouncing and ruching that has lately seemed inevitable, will now, in all probability be spared us, and common sense will come to our aid in the making of the winter fashions.

Rich, though sober materials, will be the vogue, the line will be distinctly wider and plainer, and millinery is pretty sure to take on a military savour. Already, it is said, that reds of all shades will be among the most popular of colors.

Red in a deep wine shade is the material used in an attractive little cap. This is designed for motoring or for any occasion upon which a close fitting hat is needed. A band which fits tightly around the head is covered with roses, and the velvet puffs up over this in a graceful fashion. This cap was specially designed by a New York milliner for a well known young woman and it has been named after her.

So much for millinery. Another point that is interesting women largely this autumn is the threatened change in the feminine figure. The developments of fashion in the figure are interesting, and that we are face to face with some extraordinary development must be apparent to the dullest intellects. The full skirt minus the crinoline prove one most illuminative text that is being discussed exhaustively. There is being discussed exhaustively prevalent that this will only be accepted in a very tentative spirit, and one strong argument in favor of this is the large waist figure.

The Beauty of Fall Weather. Autumn is the vagabond time of the year. Dressed in gold and scarlet tatters, it idles over the fields and through the woods, where its laborious brother seasons have worked so hard with nothing, revel in wanton beauty and play with the wind. And during these gay autumn days all of us who work hard ought to seize every opportunity to get outdoors and to be vagabonds ourselves. Autumn is the best time to learn to love the wind, with its stressful living, its confinement, its feverish amusements and intensity of work.

Autumn, for all its vagabondage, is sane and wise. No other season knows finer weather nor more beauty. The temperature is cold and bracing and the air full of a keen refreshing fragrance. Its moonlight nights are as magnificent as its sunlit days—it calls to everything in us that is still akin to nature. Get out into it.

Determined to really learn the delight of walking, get your chum to join you, or make up a little walking club—four to six members is enough—and devote your Sundays, with any other days you can get away, to long tramps in the country.

You will find a great pleasure in the good road maps of the locality near by simple planning of the walks. Get and lay out next week's tramp carefully. Of course, the distance covered will have to accord with the power of the club's various pairs of legs. You will be surprised to see how quickly you can increase it.

You can find pleasure in many things, matinee, motor rides, visiting, idling, reading—even, it has been declared, in gossiping. But use the full days for tramping.

Value of Neatness. That cleanliness, a rigid and immaculate, a spick and span cleanliness, is a necessary qualification of a business woman, is shown by the following news from Chicago.

If a girl will guarantee to wear a fresh and newly laundered white shirt waist every day of the week, and happens to be an average stenographer besides, there is a good position open to her in Chicago. An agency in Clark street, where a specialty is made of obtaining situations for women, has a commission to obtain five young women coming within the specifications, and is scouring Chicago to find them. Its efforts have not been crowned with entire success.

The agency does not deny that cleanliness has abandoned its position of runner-up to godliness, but it does admit it is having trouble in getting young women who are willing to guarantee they will live up to the requirements or forfeit their jobs.

"This man has just come to Chicago to open an office," said a young woman at the agency. "He seems to be a fanatic on the object of cleanliness. He has employment for five young women. In addition to being stenographers they must guarantee to appear every morning in newly laundered white waists."

"He says the girls even can't wear the waist to dinner the night before or entertain their callers in them. It must be absolutely clean."

There are those perhaps who will think to specialize that the shirt-waist should be clean every morning is going a little too far; as exaggerated as it might be, did women employers say that all men employees should wear a clean shirt per day; but this this rule would not be a bad idea is the belief of more than one woman.

We have had no good old-fashioned summertime yet, but it is more than probable we will have it before long and then is when the clean shirt or shirtwaist a day would be a very welcome and grateful-innovation.

Considering the cost, however, of even ordinary laundry work, such an employer should be willing to give a little more salary to those who most so provide themselves.

For it is not that workers delight in going around in clothes not entirely immaculate; it is rather that they cannot always afford the price it costs to dress in snowy white.

WAR AND WORLD OF MUSIC. Famous Pianists, Singers and Composers Big Sufferers.

Copenhagen, Oct. 1.—The fact that Fritz Kreisler, the famous violinist and a lieutenant of the Austrian army, has been wounded, makes it interesting to know how other celebrities of the world of music are occupying themselves during the period of enforced inactivity caused by the war. Ignaz Friedman, the pianist, who has been guaranteed \$37,000 for a concert tour through Germany and Russia, will now go to Italy and try his luck as a composer. His wife is a Russian of the Tolstol family, and he will not expose her to a longer stay in the German capital.

Busoni, the pianist and composer, is in despair. He has set himself up in rooms in Berlin, declaring that he cannot see anybody. He had engagements for the coming season worth \$50,000, which are all cancelled.

Eisenberger, who fled from Belgium, where he earned a fortune as a teacher of music, has left everything behind him and is now earning just over \$15 a week by playing every night at a small restaurant in Berlin. He was arrested as a Russian spy and detained several days because he had not his papers with him.

Godowsky, who recently purchased a fine castle near Brussels, fled almost penniless. He has set himself up in a safe in the United States last winter, is now on the safe side in Berlin. He has, so his agent says, unlike many of his colleagues, invested his money safely.

Joseph Weis, one of Germany's best pianists, is playing at a third-rate music hall to get a living.

IS NEARLY NORMAL. Export Trade From States Shows Increases.

Washington, Oct. 1.—Commerce between the United States and Europe is rapidly regaining normal proportions. Secretary McAdoo, of the trade department, announced tonight that in the last several days reports from shipping centers showed material increases in the export trade. Yesterday 20,732 bales of cotton were shipped to European points. This is the largest amount shipped in a single day since the war began. Of the 20,732 bales, 2,350 were exported from New York, 1,250 from Savannah, and 17,132 from Galveston.

HURRY CALL FOR GERMANS. Troops in Schleswig Replaced by Reserves.

Copenhagen, via London, Oct. 1.—All the German troops who have been in Schleswig, Prussia, have been sent hurriedly to France, Belgium or to protect Sylt (one of the Friesian islands off the west coast of Schleswig). These soldiers will be replaced by smaller divisions of Landstrum troops.

White Rose flour for all purposes.

French Soldier Feels Victory is Assured.

London, Sept. 30.—The Standard's military correspondent says:—"The quiet confidence which one feels has been sounded of late in the terse and guarded official communications which have had reference to the course of the war in France appears to me to get louder and more persistent. Even the negative inspirations of the French press, which has shown remarkable all-round restraint through the course of the war, is now encouraging the feeling of optimism which the public has begun to cherish."

The French soldier has developed qualities of fortitude and steadfastness in this crisis such as he never possessed before. He has now got the measure of his adversary, and he is beginning to feel victory is assured to him.

POPE STILL AFTER PEACE. His Letter to Francis Joseph is Unavailing.

Rome, Oct. 1.—The pope has determined to leave nothing unattempted to reach his greatest ambition, to put an end to the horrible bloodshed devastating Europe and staining four continents, without precedent in history.

Thinking that Emperor Francis Joseph, owing to his age, piety and the many misfortunes which have marked his long reign, might be more accessible, the pontiff centered on him his chief efforts. He wrote him an autograph letter and then sent Cardinal Piffi, Archbishop of Vienna, with a special message, then entrusted the emperor's confessor to make a strong appeal to his Christian heart, representing to him the responsibility he assumes and the punishment he may expect in his future life if his power and the influence he exercises be not put at the service of peace.

The pope received an autograph letter from the emperor, who admits the impossibility of concluding peace separately from Germany, as, he says, the two empires are fighting to defend their existence.

His Holiness is not discouraged by the emperor's letter and continues to use his spiritual influence to win peace, but he refrains from taking any diplomatic action until intervention is likely to be successful. Any present action, it is recognized, would be premature and doomed to failure.

STATES OF RUSSIAN JEWS. Czar's Emphasis in London Knows Nothing of Change.

London, Oct. 1.—Newspaper correspondents were informed at the Russian embassy to-day that the officials there were unaware of any change in the status of the Jews in Russia. They had received no information on this subject.

In reply to the question as to whether or not a Jew could obtain a passport to travel in Russia the embassy officials said that so far as they knew he could not.

It was added that after the Russian proclamation to the people of Poland there has been considerable talk in the clubs at Petrograd and elsewhere and also in the newspapers about giving the Jews greater facilities, but so far as the embassy officials knew, nothing has yet come of it.

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