

# THE AWFUL CHIGNON

### WEARING HAIR IN NETS MAY BECOME POPULAR AGAIN.

It is in England and Wales that the net is worn. Our only hope is that French leaders of fashion may refuse to sanction it, and then it would not spread.

Empress Eugenie's chignon, the mass of hair worn at the back of the head in a net, in the time when there were corsets and bonnets with wide ribbons tied in large bows under the chin, has returned to fashion.

Eugenie's chignon was worn in a black net with beads. The net of the chignon, now, is invisible. Eugenie's chignon was a mass or a roll. The chignon now is a coil, a wave, a Grecian knot. What will Eugenie say of it in her retirement, near London?

As long as she reigned sovereign over her fatal husband, Napo-



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leon III, the chignon was a tyrant, but when he surrenders at Sedan and is fed from Paris in the cab of the American dentist, Evans, suddenly, all went the chignon. It vanished like an apparition.

How the artificial hair makers lost money then, what fortunes the artificial hair makers will earn now. For women, to-day, have not a distinguishing characteristic wealth of hair.

The custom of coming it upward, from the apex of the neck, in order to show the roots of it, has made that wasteful unnecessary. But wait and see!

There has never been a transformation of themselves imposed upon women by fashion which they have not accepted with scrupulous fidelity. They were, in the time when Eugenie imposed the chignon, in a severer predicament than is theirs now. They had been wearing their hair parted in the middle and draped in two thin bands covering their ears.

In a week they had chignons as large as citadels: black, brown, golden, deep-colored and even pea green. The larger they were the bolder were the men. The men might have worn wigs, but they dared not. And in every speech when the men dared not; when the women were supreme, women monopolized all the hair of that epoch.

In the time of Napoleon I. flat was the hair dress of women, but in the time of Eugenie the women, with formidable hair, looked from their boxes in playhouses down upon the parquette filled with men, resembling a sea, every wave of which was a knee.

Several women have been seen in Tupper Broadway, New York, recently with their hair in nets. The arrangement was much like the old-fashioned chignons.

Chignons were worn almost universally at about the time of the War of the Rebellion. Nobody ever has been known to assert that they were beautiful.

The real chignon is made by rolling the hair into a large, unpleasant bunch, which then is surrounded by a net. This makes the entire mass look like the braided rope tenders worn by tug boats.

An indictment offered by the chignon is that one can wear some body's else hair if one lacks enough of the real article. The fact that it is an exceptionally ugly fashion probably will insure its popularity.

In the old chignon days the women often carried in these nets enough false hair to stuff a sofa, and enough wire, etc., in the shape of crinolines to furnish a junk shop. They thought that was nice.

**Note Paper That Carries Distinction.**  
The woman who likes the distinction of note paper with the initial made with a die and does not wish to go to the expense of an individual die buys the paper already stamped and in any initial she chooses. The letter is small and of simple design, and surrounded with a plain circle or simple scroll. Colors or gilt are used. The cost is but little more than that of plain paper.

**They Handle Money Skillfully.**  
Are women successful financiers? Every man in Burlington, Wis., will promptly answer "yes," for that thriving town has two prosperous banks, the Bank of Burlington, whose president is Mrs. Florence Cooper Hill, and the Merchants' Bank, of which Mrs. Deborah is president, and Miss Eda Deborah cashier.

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## INFLUENCE OF FLOWERS.

### But Few Women Realize Their Possibilities as Flower Over Children.

Few women realize the refining influence of flowers in the home until they see the delight with which children "watch it grow." Given a broad shelf in a sunny window, the children will soon have a saucer garden that will flourish free of expense all winter. The knowledge demanded of the little gardeners is very simple.

Gentle heat and moisture cause fresh seeds to germinate, during which process they require darkness. When sprouted introduce to the light by degrees, and keep constantly watered but not wet.

In a deep china plate place a layer of cotton wadding cut to fit. Soak with warm water and sprinkle with kernels of fresh corn, raw peanuts, dried peas or even orange seeds. A dozen acorns will soon be a forest fit for the fairies. An onion, a sweet potato or a turnip will thrive in a wide-mouthed bottle filled to the brim. A sponge dripping with warm water and sown with flax seed will soon form a ball of green.

Money wort only asks a pretty vase filled with pebbles and water. Nasturtiums and morning-glory seeds kept for a day in a cup of warm water and then planted in the deep saucer or a flower pot will flourish. A parsley plant in a shallow pot is as ornamental as it is useful. In a shallow box sow watercress for the family use. A thin, red carrot, half planted in a seedling pot, shows graceful, feathery fronds.

Geranium slips take root quickly in water. Cut holes in a piece of card board fitted to cover the mouth of a glass. Support the slips in this frame and watch the rootlets grow.

Most children have seen the Chinese Lily growing in its bed of pebbles. Better still is the hyacinth bulb set in the mouth of a glass jar full of water. Soon the warm roots will almost fill the jar; then the flower blooms.

### Ladies Basque.

To be made single or double-breasted with extra under-arm gore in large sizes.

Camel-hair epinglette, in a rich dark shade of plum-color, is here tastefully decorated with braid. Bonnet of shirred plum velvet with strings to match trimming of black wings and violets. No other style of basque is so generally becoming, and as here designed, it can be made either double or single-breasted as pictured in small sketch. The habit basque, with underlying box-plait in centre, revived among the autumn modes, will be especially welcomed by ladies inclining to embonpoint, particularly by those of middle age. The perfect adjustment is accomplished by double bust-darts, back, side-back and under-arm gorges (of which there are two in sizes above thirty-six inch bust). The neck is finished with a close-fitting standing collar. The fashionable sleeves that

fit the arm closely have the requisite fullness at the top arranged in box-plaits, the trimming of braid forming epaulettes in military style. For shopping, traveling, cycling or general wear the mode is a universal favorite and can be developed in any of the seasonable wools in plain or mixed textures. Large or small buttons can be used in closing and the basque can be simply tailored finished with stitched edges, or decorated with braid in an endless variety of designs.

To make this basque for a lady in the medium size will require two and one-fourth yards of forty-four-inch material.

**No Sparkling Eyes in Chicago.**  
It is very rare in Chicago to meet a woman with clear, sparkling eyes as the lake winds and cinders play havoc with the visual organs. The ladies also have serious trouble with their eyes owing to their habit of wearing the pretty white veil, which is undeniably more becoming than the colored, although the former makes the oculists rich.

**Liquid Blueing.**  
Take of best Prussian blue, pulverized, one ounce, of oxalic acid pulverized, one-half ounce, of soft water, one quart. Mix well together. One or two tablespoons of it is sufficient for a tub of water.

**Eight Nonnets Beneficial.**  
It is now said that women's hair is becoming more beautiful in color every year, and is also growing thicker and longer. This is said to be due to the small black nonnets that women wear.

**How to Cook Ox Heart.**  
Ox heart is a cheap dish and is much used by economical people. The heart should be soaked in vinegar and water three or four hours, then cut off the lobes and gristle and stuff it with fat pork chopped, bread crumbs, parsley, thyme pepper and salt; then tie it in a cloth and very slowly simmer it (large end up) for two hours, take it up, remove the cloth and flour it, and roast it brown. Lay in the pan in which it is to be roasted some fat pork to baste it. Another way is to stuff it with sage and onions. It is best served very hot.

**A Use for Dried Egg Shells.**  
"Live and learn" was never more true than in the science of household economies. Many old housekeepers have yet to discover that egg shells dried and kept in a convenient receptacle near the kitchen sink will be found useful in the cleansing of carafes, bottles and vinegar cruets. Crush fine, partially fill the bottles with warm soap suds, add a handful of the shells, shake well and rinse.

**A French Soup Hint.**  
Experiments made by French chemists prove that the delicacy and richness of soup may be increased by first soaking the meat in tepid water, enough to cover it, and adding this to the second water in which the meat is put over the fire, just as it reaches the boiling point.

**Helps Worthy Girl Students.**  
The Rhode Island Woman's Club, an organization which has a strong life under a quiet exterior, pays each year the tuition of one student at the Woman's College of Brown University.

**A Hint of Cynicism.**  
Baltus says a girl who is stupid, ugly, poor and good possesses the four cardinal points of misery.

## HOME-MADE TRIFLES.

### Directions for Making Sewing Box, Laundry List and Hair Receiver.

One of the most useful little accessories to the dressing table is a hair receiver, and a pretty design for one is shown in the illustration.

From stiff pasteboard cut the frame for the sides, five inches long at the bottom, three inches and a half across the top and two inches and a half high, while for the top a square of the board measuring three inches and a half is to be arranged with a hole one inch and a half at the middle.

From good round-thread bleached linen cut pieces for the sides a quarter of an inch larger all around than the boards, and in lead pencil draw a design similar to the one shown, which is to be embroidered in pretty shades of pinks, green and brown—pink for the flowers, green for the leaves and brown for the stems.

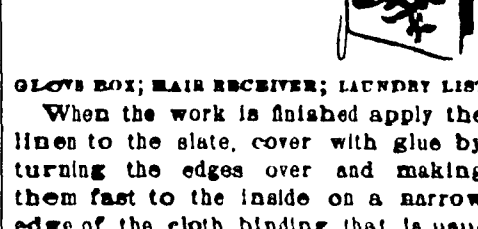
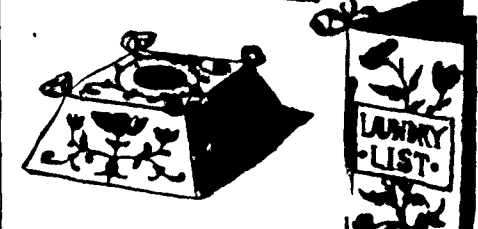
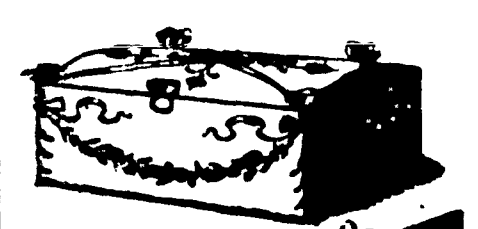
For the top cut a piece of linen and mark a scroll circle about the opening at the center, embroider it and then attach it fast to the board with glue.

The inside of the box and lid may be lined with thin oil or white enamel cloth, glued around the edges to each flat surface, and for the convenience of removing accumulated hair hinge the lid to the box at two corners with thread over which bows and ribbons may be arranged.

For a laundry list obtain a delicate bookplate with two or three leaves, and bound in cloth.

From embroidery linen cut a piece sufficiently large to face the front and back, and with a margin quarter of an inch wide all around.

On one-half of the piece mark the words "Laundry List" within a frame at the middle, and to decorate the remainder of the piece, draw a conventional flower design somewhat similar to the illustration.



### Glove Box, Hair Receiver, Laundry List

When the work is finished apply the lines to the slate, cover with glue by turning the edges over and making them fast to the inside on a narrow edge of the cloth binding that is usually left between the edge of the slate part and the binding.

At the top hinge corner attach a ring with bow and ribbons by means of which it can be hung in a convenient place, and at the knot tie a piece of string half a yard long to the end of which a pencil may be attached.

At a stationery store purchase a small brass hook that is made on a small card with a gummed back, and stick it fast to the front of the book, so the ring in the pencil may be hung on it.

The glove box should measure 10 inches long, 6 inches wide and 3 inches high at the front and back, but owing to the crowned top it will be half an inch higher at the middle.

Stout pasteboard will answer for the frame. Cut two pieces 10 inches long and 3 inches wide and two 6 inches long and 3 inches wide for the sides and ends.

Embroider a garland of flowers on linen pieces to fit the front and ends, and draw them so when the sides are put together the bows, ribbons and garland ends will match.

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## MRS. LEASE'S FALL.

### A DRAMATIC ORATORICAL DUEL BETWEEN TWO FAMOUS WOMEN.

Mrs. Lease Was the Idol of All Kansas and No One Dared to Meet Her in Debate, Until Mrs. Diggs Entered the Lists—Their Famous Tilt.

Speaking of Mrs. Lease as a Kansas influence, Judge Trower said:

When Mrs. Lease was attracting the greatest attention early in her romantic career she became jealous of Mrs. Diggs. Mrs. Lease, tall and stately met Mrs. Diggs, who is a small, timid little woman, on the same platform and intentionally affronted her co-worker many times. Mrs. Diggs accepted the insult without a word. The silence of the little woman angered Mrs. Lease the more. Finally she could control herself no longer, and in a burst of passion before a Topeka audience one night during the campaign of 1894 openly criticized Mrs. Diggs and went so far as to charge that Mrs. Diggs was not working in good faith for the People's Party.

When Mrs. Lease uttered these words Mrs. Diggs started to her feet, but instantly resumed her seat and permitted Mrs. Lease to conclude her speech. During all of this time intense excitement prevailed among the three thousand people occupying the hall, and the friends of the two women seated on the platform were greatly agitated.

After a few words of introduction from the chairman of the meeting Mrs. Diggs advanced quietly and slowly to the front of the platform. Before proceeding with her address Mrs. Diggs turned and faced Mrs. Lease, who was putting on her coat at the rear of the platform preparatory to resuming her seat. The people of the audience rose to their feet in breathless expectancy, while those on the platform became greatly excited.

With a calm, defiant gaze at Mrs. Lease the little woman raised her hand and pointed her index finger straight at her detractor. Mrs. Lease shrank back as Mrs. Diggs advanced. Assuming a position of defiance Mrs. Diggs exclaimed:

"Woman, you have lied!"

Mrs. Lease was stunned by this unexpected attack. She moved her lips as if to speak, but the crowd instantly went wild. Realizing that Mrs. Diggs had defended her own honor the men and women set up the wildest cheering imaginable. This was continued until pandemonium reigned. Men and women leaped upon chairs and waved their hats, handkerchiefs, umbrellas, keeping time to the chorus of cheers which resounded through the windows of the auditorium into the street.

Mrs. Lease yelled her face and left the room through a side door, departing at that moment from the high place she had previously occupied in the public mind in Kansas. Since that eventful night Mrs. Lease has been compelled to go to other States with her lectures and campaign speeches, while Mrs. Diggs has found her way to the hearts of all the people, irrespective of party.

**Fish Net Hangings.**  
If you want to give the touch of brightness to your room that white curtaining alone gives, and yet do not want to exclude any light, buy fish net. Have a double brass rod fitted inside the window casing at the top. Let each piece of curtaining extend all the way across these rods and be caught partly back about half way between the middle of the sash and the silk.

Trim your fish net draperies with nothing but a ball fringe. That is quite enough to give finish without being either expensive or over-elaborate.

Dotted muslin cannot be drawn across the window in the double style which is suitable to fish net because its firmer body makes it too thick for doubling. It is most delightfully finished by a plain hem and drawn back by a broad band of muslin button-holed so as to fasten over a

Still another dainty and inexpensive style of curtaining is plain, fine wash net. That should be finished by a soft frill down the sides, and the top should be allowed to fall over in a valance about a foot deep. This is pretty when edged with a ruffle like those down the sides.

**Clings to One Color.**  
One who wishes to dress economically should adopt one color and wear that. This may seem a grievance, but it makes one individual and allows wide latitude in costuming, though it may not seem to do so. She who does this always has her clothing to agree and always tasteful. Whatever color she chooses for the foundation she can vary it with laces, ribbons, trimmings until she does not seem to herself all of a color.

**Language Without the Bible.**  
Though the Bible is the most widely translated of all books, it is said that there are still 3,000 languages into which not even fragments of it have been done.

## CABINET WOMEN CONSULT.

### The Movement Question of Social Politics Troubles Washington.

The Cabinet women have had a series of Cabinet meetings, and hereafter their husbands and fathers will not have the monopoly in such matters. There have been many things to decide and they are determined to act in concert and to try to establish a defined policy in dealing with questions of procedure, etc. Not long ago a dilemma arose in regard to the position of Miss Barber, the niece of Mrs. McKinley, whether as a guest at the White House she should be considered the represen-



Mrs. McKinley.

tative of Mrs. McKinley in functions outside of the White House and so take precedence of the Cabinet women.

The outcome of the discussion has resulted in placing Miss Barber before the young ladies in the Cabinet circle, but not above the women who are the heads of the family. So that she would outrank Miss Alger and the Misses Gary, but not Miss Long and Miss Wilson.

By far the most important subject before the feminine Cabinet meetings has been about the Cabinet day for receiving. It has always been on Wednesday. The oldest inhabitants cannot remember Cabinet receptions on any other day. But the custom will be changed this year on account of the fact that the evening receptions at the White House will all be given on Wednesday nights.

The Cabinet women are always in the receiving line for these receptions, and they would not be able to endure the ordeal after an afternoon also spent in receiving. They will either change their day to Tuesday or else omit their own receptions on the days when a White House reception will follow in the evening.

**Empress Elizabeth's Barker.**

Empress Elizabeth, of Austria, has at the present moment a sort of polyglot American in her service. He bears the name of Barker, speaks almost every language under the sun and has taken the place of Professor Christomanos, who for so many years past has attended her majesty in all her wanderings for the purpose of teaching her Greek and conversing with her in that language. The professor for some reason or other has been dismissed, and Barker has taken his place as the constant companion of the empress on her interminable pedestrian expeditions. His duties are, to say the least, peculiar, for throughout the walk, which lasts hours and extends over miles at an exceedingly rapid pace, he has to read almost incessantly to her from the daily papers in English, French, German, Italian and Spanish. He trots along beside her with a bundle of twenty-five or thirty newspapers under his arm, keeps up a constant flow of journalistic intelligence, and when he shows signs of being fatigued in one language, is asked to try another. In order to prevent stumbling in his precipitous progress, he is forced to keep one eye on the printed sheet and the other on the path, with the result that his eyesight is becoming impaired, so that the tenure of his present appointment is not likely to prove a permanency.

**A Brave Little Girl.**  
Miss Donna Coulter, of New York, still wears her hair about her ears and still wears short skirts. Nevertheless, she has been recognized as a life saver by the Royal Humane Society. While visiting her grandparents at Lindsay, Canada, she saved the life of a little boy, Herbie Beggs, who fell into the water from the town dock. Little Miss Donna promptly jumped in after him and got him out. The Royal Humane Society sent her a bronze medal, which was presented to her in the presence of all the town's dignitaries.

**Carpets Cleaned on the Floor.**  
To clean carpets without taking them up: First, thoroughly sweep the carpet; then put four teaspoons of ammonia to a pail of water and scrub the carpet with a medium brush, and wipe with a cloth exactly as you would do to clean an unparqueted floor; change the water frequently; leave the windows open and the carpet will soon dry.

**Substitute for Celery.**  
When celery is not at hand an excellent substitute is the firm white heart of a head of cabbage. Cut it to resemble celery, season with celery seed or celery salt, and add a good dressing. This commendable substitute will deceive the most critical of visitors.

**Readers Unless Unobtainable.**  
If onions are put in cold water for an hour before using and parsley is used with them they do not leave a trace in the breath of the partaker.

## BOOTS AND SHOES.

### Some Very Clever Novelties Among the Latest Fashions.

There are some clever novelties in boots and shoes. A broad buckle is becoming to the foot, but hitherto has had this disadvantage—that it does not admit of any fastening, the buckle being strictly ornamental. Now, however, a couple of invisible buttons have been introduced at the side, which keep the fronts firmly on the foot. Satin shoes have been found so perishable that those who study economy are using colored kid in preference; and they are sold in all the most delicate shades—the lightest green and the softest cerulean blue—the toes being entirely covered with beads, paillettes, and tinsel all of the same shade. Those who prefer simple footwear have only a single buckle on the instep; but satin shoes of all shades are embroidered in the same way. Colored glass kid is more subtle and softer to the foot than Morocco, and consequently is being used for the fashionable red shoes. For good, hard walking boots porpoise hide is found the best, especially for golfing, damp and mud having no effect on it. For town wear and bad weather French calf shoes and boots, with extra thick soles, answer every purpose. Notwithstanding the advertisements and announcements which greet us on all sides, there is never anything very new in practical boots and shoes destined for hard wear, the variety simply lying in the amount of broguing and some slight difference in toe caps.

**Pillows Are Large and Flat.**  
Large flat pillows for the backs of oak settees, so much used in dining rooms, are sold at prices exceedingly low considering their beauty and the rich effect they create. They are about three feet in length and two feet and a half in breadth. Both sides are covered with tapestry, with a Defregger scene of peasants drinking in a tavern, or two old cronies playing cards and smoking long pipes in the taproom of some picturesque old-world inn. The edges of the pillows are finished by a puffing of satin in terra cotta or sage green.

**Girls' Costumes.**  
Novelty gods of all sorts is much in vogue for children's wear. The costume shown combines blue with brown and is trimmed with black braid. With

It is worn a Tam hat of the foundation for the blouse is a fitted lining that closes at the center-front. The blouse proper is fitted by shoulder and under-arm seams only, and closes invisibly at the left side. Both back and fronts pouch well over the best which is of black satin. The sleeves are two-seamed, and fit snugly to well above the elbows where they are slightly full after the latest children's style. At the wrists are braid ornaments which add to the effect. At the neck is a high standing collar.

The skirt is four-gored, and shows fullness at the back only. It is lined throughout, and trimmed with braid ornaments at the left-front seam.

To make this costume for a girl of eight years will require two and one-half yards of forty-four inch material.

**Novelty in Bridesmaids.**  
It was something of an innovation at a wedding lately by the right and four by the left door of the church. It was such a surprise that the wedding party should thus separate that the audience did not at first notice that two processions were simultaneously making their way to the altar. The bride, on her father's arm, entered by the middle aisle, when her attendants had accomplished about half the distance up the right and left aisles. She was preceded by two ushers and her maid of honor walking alone, another pair of ushers closing the procession. As the bridesmaids reached the chancel they formed a lane, through which the bride slowly passed, to be met at the altar steps by the groom.

**Woman's Famous Kennels.**  
Mrs. Adele W. Lee, of Toledo, O., has found her life work in a practically unoccupied field. For ten years Mrs. Lee has owned and managed the Alta Kennels, valued at from \$75,000 to \$100,000 and famous all over the world. The Alta Kennels are located about three miles west of Toledo.

**A New Embroidery Ring.**  
A new adjustable embroidery ring is made with a rubber ring inside and an adjustable nickel plated band outside. This can be tightened to hold fabrics of any thickness and there is no chance for the work to become loose.

**The Ornaments for Chatelaines Grow Daily More Unique, and We Now Find Everything Dangling at My Lady's Belt, from a Mirror to a Pincushion.**



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