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WOMEN PERFECTING THEMSELVES IN THE ART OF SELF-DEFENCE It is Several Hundred Years Since This

Healthy Exercise Was First Introduced Into France-It is Now, Becoming Very Popular in This Country. It is several hundred years since the

"royal canes," as a special means of "defence," appeared in France.

Naturally enough, it was one of the witched by the grace and poises neceswith the "royal canes" before crowds ed. From that time on the "canes" exercises.



PROTECTING LEFT FACE

Most of our "royal caners" are under the direction of a well-known fencing master. Many are young women holding brilliant social positions. The professor in question has a class of society matrons who are candidates for honors as "caners," and are determined to become experts in the newest fad sent from over the ocean.

At the school the writer was recently permitted to be present during a class hour for the vounger members. The classroom occupies the entire floor of a large Broadway building. The floors are carpetless and covered withoilcloth, and along the walls are trophies of combat swords, formidable looking daggers and "royal canes." A dozen or more girls in slight, loose fitting gowns, the skirts a little below the knee, with dark boots, were about to begin their work.

"Allons, ladees, commencez-von, two. dree!"

Monsieur and his son took position, each in the centre of a group of pupils. It seemed to me that the heavy hickory clubs were used in an unusually graceful manner, but Monsieur was not pleased.

"Allons, young ladees, more high with your arm-your elbow more in gan zat! Zat is ze way!"

"On guard!" shouts M. Louis, the son, moving an unskilled arm over the head of its owner.

It was easy to see that the girls were beginners. They were afraid to go beyond a certain point. They feared an unexpected blow from a friendly club.

Monsieur told them to be on hand the next morning. They returned to their tentive maids.

In the classroom on the following morning the young ladies again took their positions.

"Ve must reneat ze first movement you have learned yesterday," said the Professor. "Zat is good," he cried. "Zou do zat with dis lady." A little brunette, clubs, advanced quickly and stood in readiness opposite a tall, graceful boiled. Use a quart of water for each blonde. "Salute!" called Monsieur. "First, five times ze wrist movement.

Tres bien! Von, two, dree." Now, ladies, move guard-protect your right-face! Parry-vatch ze new rolling pin devoted to this purpoint of ze opponent's club-advance- pose. vatch ze opponent—now—retreat quick -parry-allons-move quick, Von. two, dree! Deceive, pass under and French maid advises her mistress to parry on se left. First position—nat is use is the water in which asparagus

bettare!" While the writer was present the grand salute was practised. The var- such and bathes the face and neck of ious positions are "tierce," "carte," "conde carte." The manipulation of the long and heavy stick seems tiresome, but after the novice practices awhile the handling of the cane does

When the pupil is ready to "combat" she is considered very advanced in the oughly dry they should be folded quite are being made for the Princess of exercise of "action and reaction," as smooth and flat, and left for ten or Wales and the Queen Regent of one pretty society girl calls it. | twelve hours and then well afred. | Spain.

CHINAMEN POOR HUSBANDS. English Girls in Shanghai Who Wed

Mongoliana Always Regret It. A Vancouver dispatch gives currency to certain scandalous stories current in Shanghai, by which English girls are represented as having formed the habit of marrying Chinese young men attached to the legation in that city. There might be no great harm in the marriage of a Chinese man to a Caucasian woman if the Mongolian could be educated up to the Caucasian matrimonial standard. But the complaint feminine members of a royal family that comes from Shanghal is that the who found a pair of the "canes" among Chinese cling with great pertinacity to the family relics, and became so be- their Mongolian view of the marriage state. If the wife rebelled at this view sary to wield these dangerous looking of the marriage relation the Chinese weapons that she decided to learn to husband would lock her up and when use them. s is probable that the opportunity offered, sell her. An inyoung lady's enthusiasm set half of fusion of English blood in a matrithe pretty girls of Paris, if not of all monial form does not seem to have France, upon the "defence," for almost much influence upon the customs of immediately the young people of the the country. The English wives, sensiinner circle of society began to exercise tive as to the shame of the lives they were forced to lead, would make no of admiring friends, and soon a school complaints to relatives in England. In for training in the exercise was open- most cases the marriage had been entered into in spite of the protests of became popular. Here it is esteemed parents, a circumstance which tended to as one of the most useful and beneficial silence complaints that would otherwise have been made. There is abundant ground for the conclusion that the average Chinese does not become a good Christian until the third or fourth

generation,

Femiáine Frills. The youth who gives the maiden vhom he loves a heart, must give her a gold one and it must be filled withof all things-pins. They are not ordinary pins, but dear little gold ones. with heads of sapphires, turquoises rubies, emeralds, and lewels of different colors, so that she can use the ubiquitous pin, so dear to the feminine heart and so essential to the feminine toilet, and put it in plain sight, and no one dares say, "How shiftless!" The pin has had a reputation for being a makeshift, which was not consistent with its real utility. It is eminently worthy the jewels now put in its head. The heart of gold which contains these high-caste members of the pin family is the size of the heart locket

is the most elegant form of the oldfashioned pin ball. linumerable fine tucks with silk picot are one of the many elaborations in dress trimming. Groups of narrow lucks adorn the skirt of an ecru nun's veiling, and each one is finished with

which has figured as an article of

adornment, and opens in the same

way to show its useful contents. It

silk picot of the same color. The most approved neckgear for golf, bicycling, yachting, and sports generally, is the white pique stock, with a Scotch zephyr tie, forming a band around the neck, and coaching puff in

A new ornament for the hair is a large single artificial flower mounted on a wire with a tuft of colored tulle at the base. One damask rose has a rosette finish of red tulle.

Among the novelties in French shirt waists are those made of batiste with hand embroidery in white outlined with narrow beading and bordered with a tiny frill of real Valenciennes.

Yellow vies with blue for prominence in millinery. Yellow flowers, yellow tulle, chiffon, and yellow straw are brilliantly conspicuous, besides all tha warm tints of burnt orange.

Braided black nets, with tiny frills of gauze ribbon between the bayadere patterns are a very popular material for the transparent gown which is a fashionable necessity this season

Blue, in every conceivable shade, and used on every material, seems to be the particular color fad in foreign fashions. It is blue everywhere, in gowns, hats, and parasols, and if you can succeed in combing harmoniously several shades in one costume you have the feather and blow upon it, and the very latest fancy.

Antiquity of the Mirror.

An ingenius archaeologist says that the oldest evidence of civilization is the mirror. The Japanese and Coreans discovered the art of making one from iron at least 2,500 years ago. This long period is dwarfed by the Chinese record, which shows that mirrors, large and small, made of brass, copper or silver, have been in use in that land over 4,000 years. De Morgan found a mirror that seemed to date from the second dynasty in Egypt about 5,000 years ago, and the latest investigations in the civilization of homes to be oiled and massaged by at- Akkad and Nippur show that the belles of those half-forgotten countries used to admire themselves in glasses of some sort or in burnished metal at least fifty centuries before the Christian era.

Oli Black Gloves. Nothing is better to renovate black who seemed to be easy at handling the silk or ribbon than the water in which a pair of old black gloves has been pair and boil until the color is extracted. In cleaning with it do not from the ribbon, but pin it smoothly on a board or table, or roll it round on a

> A Fanciful Cosmetic. A rather fanciful cosmetic which a has been cooked. This particular treasure of a maid carefully preserves her mistress with it at bed-time.

Washing Counterpance. White cotton counterpanes after be-

ing washed should never be wrung out. but carried to the drying-ground in a washing-tub. Before they are thorA UNIQUE PROFESSION.

Miss Olive Hart Teaches Children Who

Have Been Born Deaf to Speak.

Miss Olive Hart has adopted a profession which is unique. She teaches children who have been born deaf to speak. That in itself is not remarkable, but Miss Hart does not restrict her operations to public institutions She calls herself a visiting governess. She goes into families where the little unfortunates are born, and teaches them in their own homes. You would be surprised to learn how many children are afflicted with deafness from their birth, and how many parents

there are who shrink from sending

their little ones to an insutution. By

these the services of Miss Hart are

eagerly sought, and she has met with

greut auccess The children that are born to silence do not know that with the parting of the lips in laughter there comes the ringing peal of sound which to all the world besides seems the reality of laughter itself. Nor do they under stand that the movement of the lips when speaking bears to us other significance than it does to them. Never having heard a sound, they naturally have no conception of what sound is Thus, in the attempt to ceach the



deaf mute the interpretation of speech

by the movement of our lips, and to form like words himself, the first great difficulty lies in making him understand that he has a voice.

Of course, the first words or sounds spoken are very defective, and it requires long and continual training to give the voice a natural tone or to should also be able to express himself or berself understandinglý.

"Does memory play an important part in such instruction?" was

asked. "A very important part," replied Miss Hart. "The association of ideas. the grasping of the relation between the spoken word and the object or meaning of the expression, are easily demonstrated and rarely ever forgotten by the pupil.

"To be highly successful a teacher must possess a clear insight into child nature, together with a superabundance of patience and sympathy, for, while the normal child has experienced the brain awakening influence of hearing his elders converse, the mental life of the mute child is little less dormant than on the day of his birth, and one experiences a struggle always in determining how the little personality may best be influenced."

"I first teach the lip sounds," said Miss Hart. "That is, the letters sounded by a blowing of air between the lips, as in 'uh,' 'p,' 'b,' &c. The most successful method is to sit opposite the child and motion him to watch my lips. Then I hold up a little one is influenced to do the same. He is given a hand mirror, so as to see that the position of his lips is just like mine.

"The throat and nasal tones are made clear to him through the placing of his fingers over the vocal cords and the all of the nose, when he is made to understand the relations of the sound vibrations to the movement of the lips in speaking. Sometimes I

find this a difficult thing to do. "I have a little pupil now who it seemed could not learn how sound was made to come from the throat. But when the children finally are made to understand that they can speak, half the battle is won. After

that they pick up things quickly. "The most interesting pupil I have ever come across," Miss Hart continued, "is the sixteen-year-old boy Orris Benson, in the State Institution for the Deaf and Dumb. He was stricken blind and deaf when an infant, but he learned to talk very well indeed, and carries on a conversation either through placing his fingers on the throat and lips, or by the deaf

and dumb language. "He learned the position of the letters on the keyboard of a typewriter in just forty minutes, and writes letters and stories on it correctly. He is well posted in the common school

branches of learning." Velvet in the Stuff.

Lady Violet Greville, whose tips or the fashione are always accepted as gospel, writes from Paris, saying that velvet will reign supreme in the fashionable world. She says: "Velvet in every style, shape and

color—black, cornflower, blue, capphire, silver gray shot with gold, and a host of other startling shades will be used in all fashionable costumes." Continuing, Lady Greville coscribes a number of velvet costumes while

In India the sauce for this toast is made at the table on a hot-water plate. In this country, where hot-water plates are not in use, it may be made in a chafing dish moderately heated, or a plate on top of the stove. Too great a heat will destroy the sauce. Method: Toast four slices of bread and cut off the crusts. Keep warm in the oven. Melt a heaping teaspoon of butter on the hot plate, add the yolk of four eggs (unbesten), stir with a fork, add then anchovy sauce to suit taste, from one to two teaspoons, stirring continuously, and dust in a little red pepper. Dip the toast in this sauce, turning over so that the sauce adheres to both sides. Serve at once on a hot plate, and it should be eaten before it cools. This is an excellent morsel to commence dinner with. It is nippy and stimulates the appetite.

To Remove Paint Stains From Wost. At the present time, when the legend "wet paint" confronts us at all manner of unexpected places, it is well to be prepared with a means of removing who were in the party. These men enthe paint, should it by chance have been rubbed off upon the clothing. It is quite useless trying to attack paint stains with anything else but turpentine. If the stains are not fresh ones, rub them first of all with a figure? moistened with salad oil, and then rub in pure oil of turpentine. Fresh stains will yield to turpentine alone, and, the paint having been removed, the part should be washed with soap and water, wrung out, dried, and pressed returns. The men she had grubstaked with an iron.

The Outside of the Platter. One of the best tests of good housewifeliness is the exterior appearance of a home. The windows should be brilliantly clean and bright, the blinds should be pulled up evenly in all windows, the curtains neatly draped, the front steps immaculately white, the flower-boxes tresh and green. Such a house will suggest, even to the passing stranger, an interior that is next and pure and sweet; whilst equally as teach the varying lip, throat and nasal strongly dirty window panes, muddy sounds; but the average child may ac. steps, and blinds all awry, will induce quire a vocabulary of three hundred a feeling of suspicion about the cleanliness and comfort of the house inside. The outside of the platter must be, and who has not been married long enough is, cared for by the notable housekeeper.

Pretty Ottommm.

A couple of pretty Ottoman seats, which may be made appropriate for any room, according to the character of their covering, are easily manufactured by sawing off a small barrel or keg to about a foot in depth. To the closed end, four very short springs are affixed, which are then covered



Ottomas seat hade out of a markel wid, and fastened with a circular piece of sail-cloth, is firmly nailed to the wooden sides, which are also neatly covered with the same kind of cloth. After this the seat may be upholstered as desired. The design given is Turkish in character, the top being blue. covered with Hastern embroidery, and the sides of scarlet cloth, with the fulness adjusted in graduated box pleats. finished at the ton with a handsome cord of blue and scarlet, arranged in occasionally be delicately dusted. bow knots and loops.

To Clean Carved Lyory Articles, The beauty of carved ivory curios is frequently spoilt by the amount of dust which collects in the interstices, so that those who possess them will be pleased to hear of an excellent method of cleaning the ivory effectually. A paste should be made of sawdust, water and a few drops of lemon fulce. This paste should be applied thickly all over the carving, and be permitted to dry on. When finally brushed off with a soft, firm brush, the preparation will be found to have left the ivory pure and white once more.

One exe. two tablespoonfuls of sugar. one cup of milk, a pinch of sait, butter the size of a walnut, one and a half cups of flour, one tempoonist of seds, two tenspoonfuls of cream starter. Best the egg, add sugar, then cream tartar, and best very light, then add in milk the sait and flour. Best as light as sponge cake.

Stuffed Dates. Take large dates and with a sharp He calls it the dotted-vell house. When knife cut open one side, remove the people seem surprised he explains stone and fill the dates with English This physician is a specialist. He dewalnut, or any kind of put preferred votes himself to diseases of the even Now take one cup of brown augar and The money to build the mantion we pour shough bolling water over it to accumulated from fees which were make a syrup; boil about len minutes,

then remove from the fire. Tomaton, Staffed With Colory. Take a sufficient number of fresh or hot-house to historic, remove the souds and skin, and place on ice until ready to serve. Chop enough celery to all drawing large on the delicate white

RICHEST WOMAN IN ALASKA

Miss Mas Melbourne Has Made \$100, 2000 Through Shrowd Investment

The daughter of a Forty-niner. It was natural that Miss Mas Melbourne of Santa Cruz, Cal, should feel drawn to the Klondike when the wonderful richness of that far-off section began to be understood. Living with her parents in a handsome and refined home it might have been thought that there was little temptation for her in the stories of sudden wealth acquired. Nevertheless she realgned all home comforts, feeling her blood prinate through her veins with an ever-growing desire to make her way to the land of great riches, as her father had done many years before. As she read in the newspapers of the miners returning from Dawson with their buckskin sacks filled with gold dust and nuggets she became determined to try her fortune in the Klondike, and despite the remonstrances of her friends she joined a party of twelve people who had as their guide Charles Meadows, the Arisona miner and plainsman. Two ther women were in the party. They sailed from San Francisco in Augus! last and after considerable delay succeeded in getting their goods started over the trail from Dyea. At Sheep, camp Miss Melbourne's outfit was destroyed by the flood that swept half of the camp out of existence. From some of the disheartened gold hunters on the trail Miss Melbourne purchased entire new outfits for herself and two mentered into a grubstake agreement with her, by which they were to give her half of everything they made;

No further mishap was encountered by Miss Melbourns on the trip to Dawson. She still had \$5,000 on reaching the camp and this she immediately invested in claims and in business real estate. Miss Melbourne is said to be worth to-day something like \$100,000. Many of her ventures yielded her rich located claims on Bear, Hunker and Dominion creeks and Skookum gulch. On the way to Dawson Miss Melbourne staked a claim herself on Henderson oreek, where there was a big stampede early last winter. This woman attends to her business affairs herself. Her city property is accounted very valuable, in view of the rapid growth of Dawson. One of her claims on Bear

that has been done already, are developing into valuable properties. Jim Fergot. This is the story they are telling out a certain voint for the words "my wife" to lose their pleasant sound, but who is fust a triffe

creek is rated at \$20,000, and her other

interests, under the prospecting work

inclined toward jealousy.
"I haven't a word to say against Charley ---," he remarked recently, anealing of an old acquaintance whose the young wife was auxious to entertain, "for he's an awfully good fellow and all that, but I don't want my wife associating with any man who drinks a little, rambles occasionally and is too fond of a good time generally. What! The very nicest man you know hasd. to do all those things once in a while did he? Then I don't want you to have a thing to do with him, whoever he is!"

The young wife looked up innocently, her pretty eyes twinkling, and this was the quiet remark which effectually silenced her husband's blusterings: "Shall I go home to mother, Jim?"

Care of Cleokar =

The household timekeeper needs regular care and auperintendence if it is to keep time accurately. When not regulated weekly by a watchmaker, a responsible member of the household should be put in charge of it, to wind us lafely. We and regulate it. A clock should be wound, as far as possible, at one plain distinct still periods; it should be kept locked so that mischlerous persons may not play with it; and its face, hands, etc., should and tatlor make that istated time, and be regulated at fixed

periodic offing may also be necessary. and for this purpose employ the purest oil, purified by a quart of lime water in a gallon of oil. Well shake this. allow it to stand for a lew days, and then carefully pour off the pure oil without disturbing the sediment. The oll should be applied to the works with a fine camel's hair brush. To Clean India Rubber.

Hot water bags, air cushions, and so on are liable, with use to loope their pristing fairness, it may therefore prove-useful to know how this may be restored. Omnipotent soap and water again is called into regulation piece of clean nousehold figures should be wetted with lukewarm water and rithlied upon a har of common vallow soap. When a lather is obtained, apply the fahuel to the rubber and year is brickly over the surface. This will speedily make the article clean, and it may then be set to dry in a cool breeze, but not by the fire or in the sud, Arrange and A

Desire Vall House A doctor has moved inte a new sceumulated from fees which were earned in the treasment of eyes injured by the weeding of Sened walk Not all of the profession are se frank as this Washington boulist

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coming back) Rall, protest upon our rights as individuels. agents as we may, we are prodown the tyrent Fushion, who I forth the decree that the Affi must be adopted sesion. The has been persistantly sircula two or three years at every chic season that the crinoline was to be vived, but so far no one has been i shough to enforce the ediet. But have been gradually growing up to so gradually that the skirts describe with rows upon rows of florences, at ing that full, hospilke appearance which is the forerunner of the obnerlous orinoline, have become a meties of little interest to us, and we have accepted them as a matter of course.

There is only one consolution in the thought of this revival, and that is the fact that all these old bashious restored are so modified and moderated that when they do finally some to us they appear so natural and so different from what we expected that we wonder we ever fought against these or even inteagined they were going to be so



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