

WOMEN AS JEWELERS

SOME OF IT FOR THE TRADE, SOME ON PRIVATE ORDERS.

In Both Branches of the Calling Women Are Succeeding Here and in Europe—Much of Their Work Done in the Semi-Precious Stones Now Popular.

Women goldsmiths and jewelers are having considerable success both in Europe and America. The ablest of them are regularly instructed in schools of design and in the shops of working jewelers and goldsmiths.

Much of their work is in the semi-precious stones now popular. These owe their charm to the tasteful fashion in which they are mounted and arranged.

The women jewelers have been especially successful in designing chains, collars, necklaces and the like in which semi-precious stones are mounted in gold of pleasing decorative design.

The fashion in jewels is constantly changing, and there is a growing demand among the wealthy for specially designed jewels. Many wealthy women are easily interested in new materials and methods in jewels, and it is to such patrons that some of the women jewelers look for employment.

Thoughts for Every Day.

As humility is necessary to greatness, so is neatness to beauty.

Beginning the world, if you don't wish to get chafed at every turn, fold up your pride carefully, put it under lock and key and only bring it out to air on state occasions. Pride is a garment of stiff brocade outside—all grating sackcloth on the side next the skin. Even kings don't wear the dalmatium except at coronation.

Work holds man together, braced at all points. It does not suffer him to doze or wander. It keeps him actively conscious of himself, yet raised among superior interests. It gives him the profits of industry with the pleasures of a pastime.—Stevenson.

I call that mind free which sets no bounds to its love, which is not imprisoned in itself or in a sect, which recognizes in all human beings the image of God and the rights of His children, which delights in virtue and sympathizes with sorrow.—Channing.

HOUSEHOLD SUGGESTIONS.

Before scalding milk, rinse out the pan with cold water. This will keep the milk from burning.

In blowing out a candle hold it aloft and blow upward. This will prevent the scattering of the grease.

To revive the luster of Morocco, or any other leather, apply the white of an egg with a sponge.

Use a little ammonia or soda in the water when washing glasses. It will make them sparkle like cut-glass.

For bread flour should be warm enough to favor the growth of the yeast plant.

Hold a piece of white cloth back of the needle and see how quickly the thread will go through.

When cleaning knives mix a tiny bit of carbonate of soda with the bath brick, and they will polish more easily.

Mrs. Craigie's Address.

An amusing story of the late Mrs. Craigie, the noted novelist, was told at the Authors' Club in New York.

"When Mrs. Craigie was in America," said an editor, "she was invited to make an address at a certain meeting. She accepted the invitation, but her name, through some oversight, was put far down on the programme, and, worse than that, the chairman, a rather stupid person introduced before her some speakers who were not on the programme at all.

"In short, it was close on to 11 o'clock when the chairman, with a pleasant smile, bowed and said: 'Mrs. Craigie, the eminent author of 'Some Emotions and a Moral,' will now give us her address.'"

"Mrs. Craigie rose and said calmly: 'My address is No. 56 Lancaster Gate, Hyde Park, West London, and I now wish you all good night, for I am, far from home.'"

Piano Hints.

The jingling or singing sound noticeable when the piano is played frequently is due to what is called "sympathetic vibration." This is produced by any ordinary article in the room vibrating in sympathy with some particular tone in the piano.

To ascertain the cause of this vibration the key which seems to produce the difficulty should be struck by one person and another go about the room listening carefully, and thus the article which vibrates can be discovered and the cause removed.

Any hard substances, no matter how small, when dropped inside of a piano, will cause a rattle or jarring noise.

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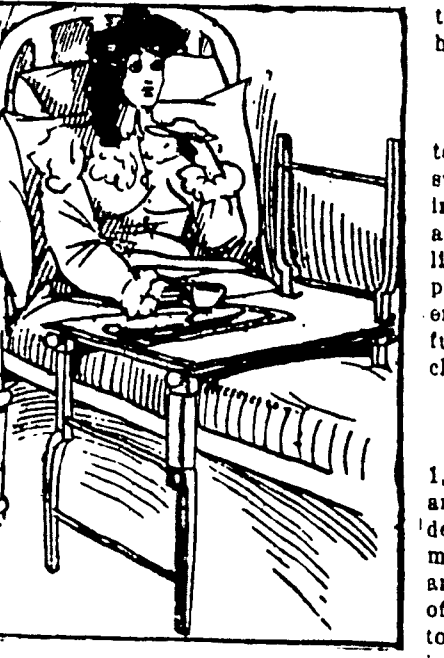
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SOAP AND TOILET BRUSHES

Supports Nailbrush, Toothbrush and Soapdish.

An exceedingly neat soap and brush holder, for use mainly in the bathroom, is shown in the illustration. It has all the appearance of an article that is very badly needed. As a rule tooth and toilet brushes are not kept in as sanitary a condition as they should be. With this attachment such a thing should be impossible. The holder is constructed mainly of wire. At the top is a small soap arrangement for holding the soap. Directly below is a depending arm, made of spring wire, the end of which is shaped to firmly grip the handle of the toilet brush. On each side of the soap box are small spring

Origin of the Kingfisher.

Many and curious are the legends of the kingfisher. One of these is to the effect that the bird was originally a plain, gray in color, but upon being fed down with flags flying, and finally took possession their novel playground.

Valuable Gold Nugget.

Chief among gold nuggets, says the Strand Magazine, are the "Welcome" and the "Welcome Stranger." The first, weighing 2,217 ounces, was found in Ballarat, Victoria, in 1858; the second, 2,268 ounces in weight, at Dunolly, Victoria, in 1869. It netted over \$40,000 by a blow of the pick.

The Sultan of To-Day.

Homer Davenport, the artist and cartoonist, while in Turkey had an interview with the Sultan, and drew a picture of him after leaving the palace, which he hid in a bale of hay to keep it from falling into the hands of Turkish spies. The Sultan never had a picture taken and the one is popular use to-day is that of his brother, taken thirty years ago.

Latest in Ostrich Feathers.

A California ostrich farmer is about to open a branch office in London, where he will have a collection of ostriches, and incredulous customers will be treated to feathers cut direct from the backs of the ostriches, manufactured under the customer's eyes, and sold to them across the counter "at a price they never heard of."

Service Over a Submerged Vessel.

The vicar of Alkborough-with-Whitton held a funeral service over the submerged Goole sloop Masterman, in the wreck of which Mrs. Ann Barr and her four daughters lost their lives. A large company viewed the proceedings from the shore, and an entry of the service and of the fatal occurrence has been made in the church register.

Electricity Consumed.

New York City consumes nearly 1,000 million units of electricity per annum, while London, with nearly double the population, consumes not more than one-fourth of that amount. The consumption per head of population in New York is stated to be 282 units, against only 42 per head in London.

Life of a Bell.

Comparatively few people know that ringing a bell ruins it. That is, a bell has a definite length of life, and after so many blows will break. A 900-pound bell, struck blows of 78 foot pounds of force, broke after 11,000 blows. A 4,000-pound bell broke after 18,000 blows of 350-pound force.

Precious Heirlooms.

There is a kind of rock called greenstone, found in New Zealand, of which the natives make beautifully carved clubs. These clubs are precious heirlooms, and very rarely indeed do they leave their owners' families. Lord Roberts received one as a present from a chief, and counts it among his most prized treasures.

Why Sea Shells Murmur.

The reason why one can hear sounds like the roaring of the sea when certain shells picked up on the beach are placed to the ear is quite simple. The hollow form of the shell, and its polished surface enable it to receive and return the beatings of all sounds that chance to be trembling in the air around the shell.

Better Than Registering.

Safer than registering, says the London Pall Mall Gazette, it is to put insufficient postage on a letter. Says the Gazette: "The postoffice never loses a letter which is insufficiently stamped."

Owens the Largest Photograph.

A Chicago photographer claims to have taken the largest photograph in existence. It is a full length portrait of Dr. Dowie, and measures eight feet by four feet. This portrait is not an enlargement, but a genuine original photograph.

Blackening from Flowers.

An Australian flower of the hibiscus species is often used as blackening the juice squeezed from four blossoms giving enough liquid to coat a shoe with a fine luster.

Missionaries in Africa.

All missionary societies at work in Africa have now in round numbers 1,000 principal mission stations, with about 5,000 sub-stations.

Germany's Trade Unions.

Trade unions in Germany are of four kinds: Hirsch-Duncker unions, socialist unions and federations, Christian unions and independent unions.

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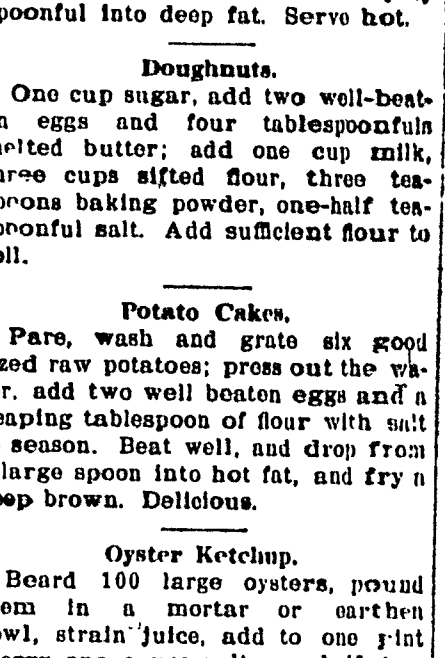
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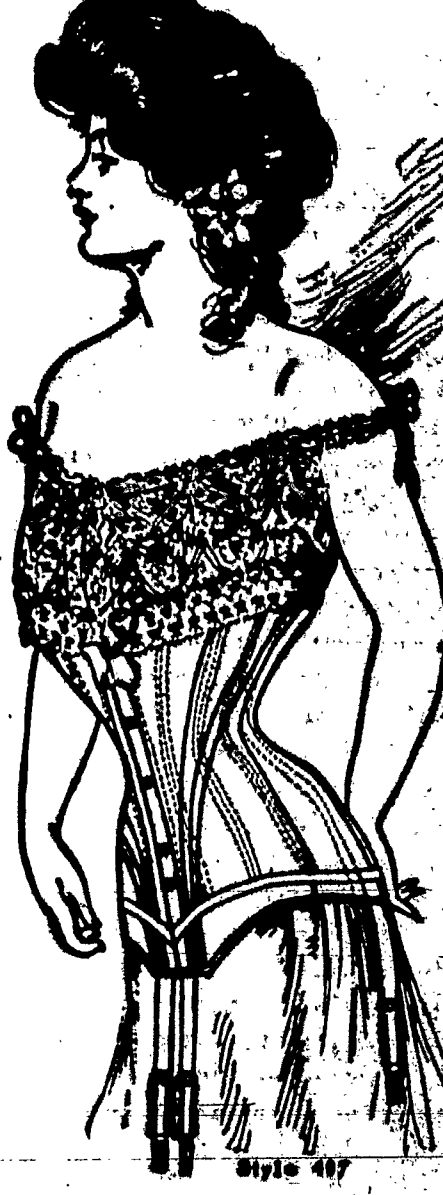
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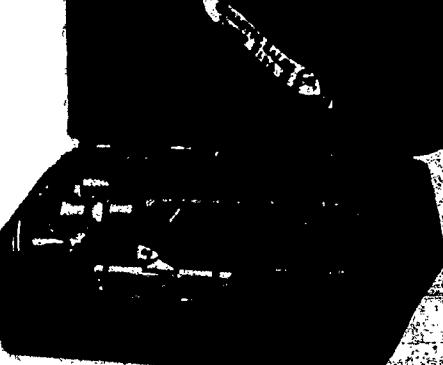


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