

PROGRESSIVE WOMEN

ONLY TWO TRADES STILL SHUT TO UNCLE SAM'S DAUGHTERS.

These Are Solliciting and Telegraph Pole Climbing—In Every Other Calling and Profession They Are Making Their Way.

Uncle Sam's daughters have shown themselves to be the most advanced capable and courageous of all work-people. There seems to be nothing under the sun that the American woman can't do if she but makes up her mind to do it.

When the last census was taken 130 different occupations were given, and women were represented in all of them except in the army and navy and as street car drivers and telegraph linemen. There are several hundred women blacksmiths and plumbers, quite a number of women undertakers, and thousands of lawyers, preachers, dentists, architects, commercial travellers and physicians who are women.

Twenty years ago if a woman had to make her own living about the only chance she had was to become a school teacher. Then she began going into offices and stores and now she has tried almost all the jobs that formally belonged to men, except soldiering and climbing telegraph poles.

Synthia Westover Alden, president and founder of the International Sunshine Society, has probably earned money in more different ways than any other American woman. She once cooked for sixteen farmhands on a ranch in the West. Then she taught a borderland school, sang in a church choir, appeared in concerts, was forewoman of a tent factory, inspector of a street cleaning department, reporter with notebook and camera, and finally editor of a daily newspaper.

It is said that the first woman bank president in the United States is Mrs. Alice S. Halderman of Girard, Kan., who succeeded her husband after his death. It was first a private concern, but it is now incorporated as a State institution. Mrs. Halderman is the sister of Miss Jane Adams of Hull House, Chicago.

There is a woman cashier in a bank at Joplin, Mo., who handles on an average \$35,000 every Saturday. There are four other women holding posts of responsibility in this same bank, and the institution is often referred to as the "woman's bank."

Dr. Anita Newcomb McGee of Baltimore is a member of the United States Spanish War Veterans, having held a Lieutenant's commission as head of the corps of army nurses during the Spanish War. Dr. McGee went to Japan at the head of a corps of nurses and rendered such service to the wounded that she has recently had a medal conferred upon her by the Japanese Red Cross society. The money for making the medal was given by the Empress of Japan.

GUIDES TO HEALTH.

The newest and best complexion treatment are a combination of scientific massage and electricity.

For excessive perspiration a good powder is composed of equal parts of corn starch and talcum with one tablespoonful of baking powder added. The soda destroys the unpleasant odor of perspiration.

For the sake of general healthfulness set one or two boxes of unshooked tin in the cellar in some out of the way corner. It is an invaluable aid in drying out the cellar in the spring just after the regular cleaning.

Cleanliness is as essential to the hair as to other parts of the body, especially as dust and other impurities are very apt to collect on it. The periods between washings must be regulated by the necessities of the hair, and by common sense.

When to Marry.

Are May marriages lucky? We or rather the superstitious among us, say so, and the idea has been prevalent, so it seems, in England since the time of the Romans.

In Holland, however, May is considered the best month in the whole year for being married in, and May brides and bridegrooms look forward confidently to a happy future.

About an eighth of the weddings in Scotland take place in June, the "month of roses," which is also first favorite as a marriage month among Swedish women.

February is the favorite month for weddings in Italy, and the popular time is just before Lent begins.

Old Fashioned "Sprinkles."

Beat to a cream one cup of butter and two cups of sugar. Add three tablespoonfuls of sweet milk and two tablespoonfuls of salt or caraway seed. Stir two cupfuls of flour and two even teaspoonfuls of baking powder together three times then beat into the butter, sugar and milk.

Household Remedies.

Wash thin slices of white bread and put between the slices mustard leaves and lower petals. Beat with salt, put the slices in a pan and set in a hot oven.

SUCCESS IN BROILING.

Requires a Clear Fire and Constant Watching.

Always grease the gridiron well and have it hot before the meat is placed on it. Fish should be buttered and sprinkled with flour, which will prevent the skin from adhering to the gridiron. Birds and other things which need to be broiled should be broiled inside first. Remember that a hot, clear fire is necessary for cooking all small articles. They should be turned often to be cooked evenly without being burned. Never put your fork in the lean part of meat on the gridiron as it will allow the juice to escape. Cover the gridiron with a tin pan or a baking pan. The sooner the meat is cooked without burning the better; the pan holds the heat and often prevents a stray line of smoke from touching the meat. If the fire should be too hot sprinkle salt over it.

FASHION'S MANDATE.

The modern skirt requires a world of thought and careful handling in its cutting out to make it a success.

Stripes velled in tulle, volles and other semitransparent fabrics are very fashionable both for street and home wear.

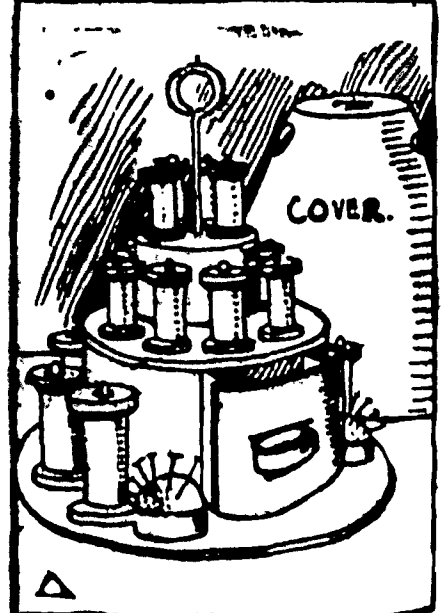
Collar and cuff facings are the exclusive point in motor coat and the demand for hand embroidery is found even here.

Some sandals, like slippers, are fastened with as many as five strips across the ankle. The buttons for these are very large.

Director coats are much seen, both in plain and striped effects. In cloth suits seen recently the lines of the jacket ran perpendicularly, while those on the skirt were diagonal.

Convenient Sewing Cabinet.

In the illustration is shown a sewing cabinet which should be of interest to every woman. It comprises a holder for spoons, pins and needles and other small articles used in sewing. Mounted upon a circular base are two circular stands, the upper one being the smaller of the two. Arranged around each of the stands thus formed are a number of up-



SEWING CABINET.

right studs for supporting spoons of silk and cotton. Secured to the top is a handle for lifting and moving the holder. Besides the spoons, cushions for pins and needles are also attached to the base. A further addition is a drawer for odds and ends, which is placed in the lower stand. When not in use the holder is incased in a cover, which prevents dust from gathering on the articles within.

Prisms versus Scat.

In the matter of expression the recipe for beauty is easily given, writes Elizabeth Anstruther.

Every pretty look counts for prettiness, every ugly look for ugliness. This isn't sentiment; this is simple, physiological fact. Muscles we know, are very susceptible of training; after they have done a thing a certain number of times they incline to do it all the time. And skin, though it is very elastic in extreme youth, tends to become less so as the years go by and to keep the shape in which it is most habitually drawn.

Women of a bygone day used to say "Prunes" or "Prisms" before entering a parlor, so their mouths would look pretty. But we know perfectly well that if they more habitually said "Scat!" the look of the snarl was unmistakably there.

For Women to Know.

That in Burmah the women pray they may change to men.

That many of the world's greatest society women have astounding business ability.

That women swindlers prey upon their own sex mostly.

That actresses, almost always, have beautiful hair.

That no man likes to think a woman is too eager to marry him.

That artists claim that their most beautiful models come from the humbler walks of life.

Ellen Terry's Sentiment.

Ellen Terry has written the following bit of sentiment to the students of the Leeds Dramatic college: "I have been asked to say a word to you. If I say one word, it will be 'Work.' If I were two words, I should say, 'Be patient, and if I were three words, 'Don't be vain.'"

FOR THE FORMAL DINNER.

Useful Suggestions to Help the Invited Guest.

When you have an invitation for dinner: Send acceptances or regrets immediately.

If you accept the invitation, and emergency forces you to disappoint your hostess, notify her at once.

If the invitation is written formally in the third person, use the third person in reply. If written in the first person, write a personal, informal answer.

Telephone invitations are permissible, and you can give your answer by telephone instead of by mail or messenger. Never say, "I hope to come." Always "Yes" or "No."

Wear—For a formal dinner, décollete bodice, elbow sleeves, long gloves, plain skirt, hair dressed elaborately. For informal dinners, light summery frock, with neck cut low, elbow sleeves and no gloves.

For dinners at restaurants and other public places dark or black gown similar to that worn to theatres, with a transparent yoke, gloves, and the new theatre hat, which is merely a coiffure finish in feathers, grey aigrettes, spangled flowers or velvet ribbon. Scarfs over the shoulder are introduced this year for dinner wear in exquisite laces and gauzes.

Arrive—Never earlier than fifteen minutes before the hour named in the invitation.

Ring the bell, and on being admitted pass at once on to the dressing room, where you remove wraps. Remove your gloves for an informal dinner, retaining them for a formal dinner.

Your hostess—Will either leave in the dressing room a small card bearing the name of the man who will take you out to dinner, or she will meet you in the drawing room and there introduce you to him.

Do not offer to take your partner's arm.

In the dining room—At an informal dinner the hostess seats her guests with simple words or gestures. At a formal dinner, retain them for a formal dinner.

Remain standing behind the chair until the hostess seats herself. Stop aside while your partner draws out your chair.

After you are seated a maid or butler will tuck in your skirts so that they will not be stepped on or be stained by careless serving.

After the dessert—The hostess will give the signal to retire to the drawing room, where coffee is now served to both men and women.

Some form of entertainment is usually provided to follow the dinner. If not, you are expected to remain at least an hour in the drawing room.

Leaving—Bid your hostess good-by before leaving the drawing-room, and after decanting your wraps, pass out directly.

Child's Serviceable Dress.

Such little dresses as this one are among the most useful that the child's wardrobe contains. They can be made more or less dainty as the collar is plain or embroidered but whatever the finish they are to be easily laundered, they involve very little labor in the making, yet they



are absolutely becoming and absolutely satisfactory. The long lines given by the box plaits suit childish figures admirably well and the fancy yoke shown on this one adds an ornamental touch.

The dress suits the tiny boys of two and four as well as the girls of six years of age. It consists of the front and back with a plain yoke to which the plaited dress is attached and over which the fancy collar is arranged. The full sleeves are gathered into bands finished with roll-over cuffs.

To Cure Earache.

Fill a cup with boiling water, let stand until the cup is thoroughly heated, then pour out the water and put into the hot cup a few drops of ether; place immediately over the ear allowing the steam to penetrate; place a piece of soft cheese cloth around the edge of the cup to prevent burning the patient.

USEFUL LIGHT REFLECTOR.

Makes it Convenient for the Piano Player to Read Music.

Piano players frequently complain of the impossibility of procuring the proper light to read the notes of the music while performing. In most cases the piano is placed in a corner of the room far from the gas-light. Naturally there is no method of bringing the light close to the performer except by the use of a lamp. Even when the latter is placed on the top of the piano the light naturally does not benefit the performer, as it acts as a glare to



REFLECTS LIGHT ON MUSIC.

The eyes and cannot reach the music. This difficulty is overcome by a Texas man by the use of a reflector, as shown in the illustration. The reflector of the ordinary type is pivoted to a very heavy base, on which the lamp is supported. By adjusting the reflector the light from the lamp can be directed to any place desirable. In this way the glare in the performer's eyes can be obviated, and the light reflected directly on the notes of the music.

NEEDLEWORK NOTES.

If embroidery is edged with Valenciennes lace it makes pretty and inexpensive collars and cuffs.

The modern frock demands that must be left to the imagination to discover how and where it is fastened.

Fill the holes in net curtains with single crochet stitch, using fine cotton and hook. If this is neatly done before laundering the mended pieces can hardly be detected.

Underwaists for children may be made at home and be equal to the bought ones if cut from heavy drilling and finished with bands stitched on where the buttons are to be sewed.

Delicately tinted underwear is something of a fad, and as practical as charming, since it launders without fading. Nightgowns of silky French batiste in pink or blue are hand embroidered with trailing flower vines.

A very pretty and inexpensive cover for a dining table when not in use is made of a dull shade of green burlap, the four corners being adorned with three large disks, embroidered solid with green couching silk, and just a glimmer of gilt thread to add to the richness.

Ventilate the House.

Don't kill the inmates. You will if you don't keep the house at right temperature.

Seventy degrees is comfort; 80 degrees is sickness and 90 degrees sure death.

People who live in excessive heat are bound to have constant colds. It's weakening and depressing to live in too hot a house.

Open fireplaces serve as ventilators as well as a cheery adjunct to a house.

If you cannot have these there should be ventilators placed high in the walls.

Especially should there be a ventilated interval between the kitchen and the rest of the dwelling.

By this means cooking odors are prevented from disseminating through the house.

Open the windows every morning and give the entire dwelling a ball of fresh air.

Bachelor Girl's Paradise.

In New York the female bachelor is a recognized factor in the community life. She is admired, often envied and never questioned as to her theory of life. Questions would be unnecessary. She lives her philosophy and the runner may read her creed.

The bachelor maid in Manhattan preaches and practices the gospel of individualism. Here is the motto spoken in Israel Zangwill's latest play—"There can be no happiness without work—work that occupies the mind and heart, the body and soul."

The bachelor maid's slogan, says Woman, is economic independence. Her symbol is the latch-key upon a key-ring bearing her own name. And her paradise is New York.

Four-Leaf Clover.

There is an old superstition that it brings good luck to find a four-leafed clover. The superstition is founded, first, on the rarity of the specimen; but chiefly on the fact that four leaves are arranged in the form of a cross.

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