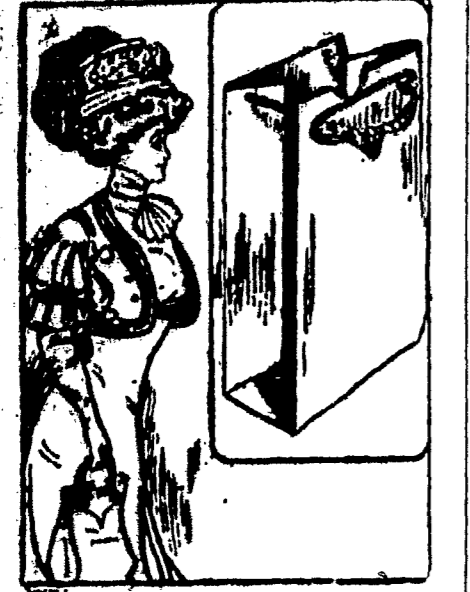


PAPER BAG WITH HANDLE.
Twelve Bags Can Be Carried With One Hand.

In the near future the up-to-date grocer, baker, etc., will be handing goods to his customers in the novel paper bag shown below, the recent invention of a Missouri man. This bag is similar in shape and size to the usual paper bag, except that the sides and the bottom are foldable. The sides of the bag are perforated near the top. When the bag is flat the perforation will form two holes adapted to receive a loop of string having the ends tied. When



HANDLE ON BAG.
The bag is filled the string forms a handle by which the bag can be carried. The length of the string forming the handle is sufficient to permit the bag to be fully opened for the insertion or removal of the contents. The bag is, of course, reinforced and strengthened at the perforations for the purpose of preventing tearing of the sides of the bag by the flexible handle. It will be obvious that one person could readily carry a dozen such bags filled with articles with one hand, whereas with the ordinary bag the carrying capacity would be limited.

HOME COOKING.

Potato Apples.
Three ways to serve potatoes—two tablespoons of butter, one-third cup of grated cheese, one-half teaspoon salt, a dash of cayenne, nutmeg, two tablespoons cream, two yolks egg. Mix in order given. Heat and shape like small apples. Roll in flour, egg and crumbs. Brown in deep fat. Insert clove at each end.

Spiced Beets.
Boil beets in salted water until tender. Take vinegar enough to cover them, a small piece stick cinnamon, a few whole cloves, and a number allspice. Bring vinegar and spices to a boil, pour over the beets and when they are cold they will be fine.

Baked Brown Potatoes.
Roll, peel and mash 8 or 10 potatoes. Beat into them while hot salt and pepper to taste, a spoonful onion juice, half cup milk and tablespoon butter.
Have them smooth and creamy. Butter a long shallow cake tin and fill evenly with the potato, bake brown in a hot oven, out like Johnny cake and serve very hot.

Hashed Brown Potatoes.
For a family of four or five take 6 good sized potatoes, cold boiled. Chop fine with a little parsley, season with salt and pepper. Into this stir 1-2 cup of sweet cream. Have ready a hot griddle, greased well with lard or butter, spread the potatoes evenly on the griddle and cook slowly.
When they are finely browned run a broad bladed knife under to lift them from the griddle, fold over like an omelet and press edges together. Leave a few minutes, then turn on to a hot plate. Butter well and garnish with parsley.

Fined for Marrying.
The Board of Education has issued a new declaration as to term of service for teachers to sign when they are appointed to primary schools. The women teachers must undertake to serve for seven years. At present women teachers undertake to serve only two years.
The rule at first sight seems unobjectionable, for the cost to the State of passing teachers through the training colleges is considerable and it is not fair that the teachers should use their advantages at the expense of the taxpayer by accepting other appointments after a brief service in the primary schools.
Many education authorities have a rule that the marriage of women teachers shall be equivalent to resignation. In that case a woman teacher who marries within her five years must under the new rule pay a penalty up to a maximum of \$25 (\$15).
In other words it might often happen that a woman would be fined for marrying at the very marriageable age of say twenty-two to twenty-seven. *London Spectator.*

Vanilla comes from a genus of climbing orchid which grows plentifully in the tropics.
There is no standard gunpowder. Notice seems to have its own

FRENCH HUSBANDS.
How They Are Made—Their Wonderful Consideration.

Near Biarritz, in his splendid up-to-date Basque villa, lives the poet Rostand, a recluse.
To Rostand came two relatives, a youth and his father, for advice. The young man desired to marry a poor girl for love.

The sun was setting in the vale of Cambo. From his high perch terrace the great soul of Rostand swam out to where the golden light turrets rose; and back: and he spoke.
"A serious family question. The boy has not enough for himself to marry a poor girl he must earn for both; and, preoccupied by work he will not be able to cultivate the lovely parasite. But when a girl brings money to the partnership, she has an exalting sense of aiding her protector; where springs enduring married love. No, no France full of lovable girls with money."

The young relative of Rostand acquiesced—he had been trained to marriage as a profession, they are going to wed him to a pretty maid with \$4,000 a year and a widow mother in her Biarritz villa, glad to enter the distinguished poet's distinguished family, but do not imagine that any snooter without a boy's training would have been acceptable, among the French bourgeois youths are prepared for matrimony instead of for work, as carefully as are girls in other lands.

Physically, they are not football players. The mass of these stumpy young fellows still limit themselves to horseback riding and fencing. Horseback riding and fencing however, obligatory and daily from childhood up, produce a type of young men, healthy, lively, graceful satisfying to the ideal of the French girl and her mother—by whom she is guided in technical matters.

I emphasize physical vivacity, quickness, readiness and grace. For instance, these Frenchmen all dance beautifully—and like it. I have known three French girls who chose their husbands for their dancing taste and stamina—dancers through life; and they actually dance their wives to this day.

Do you think that a working business man who has been killing himself at the office all day is coming home to change and dance? No, he will eat dinner, digest and grow fat.

Hat of Purple Crinoline.
The cables say that purple is the color of the hour in Paris and echoes of the report are found in the new season's hats which are making their appearance in the shops. Quite a charming bit of millinery is the purple crinoline with the brim turned up at the front a la Napoleon. The crown is wreathed with pale mauve harebells and pansies which droop over the brim at the back together with quantities of soft, feathery foliage. Asparagus and maiden hair ferns are excellent for the new trimmings because they come in exquisite color effects and suggest the feathery decorations that are a la mode.



Poised on the edge of the brim at the front is a smart bow of purple panne velvet secured in the centre with a dull gold and purple enamelled buckle. It takes Paris to go mad over a difficult color, and nothing could be more exacting than the new shade of purple. Fortunately it is susceptible to tints of white of soft color tones, and it can be made becoming with smart color schemes.

Sensible Eighteenth Century Dames.
As wits, theologians, politicians and writers, the women of a hundred and fifty or sixty years ago were certainly in advance of those of to-day; yet apparently they had no wish to push man from his proper place. They held no anti-matrimonial views. They made good mothers, they were excellent housewives, they were socially charming, they managed to be personally attractive. In many directions they had the advantage of us.—*Lady's Pictorial.*

NEW POCKET IS PRETTY.
A GIRL'S CHARITY VAUDEVILLE.

But It Is Fit for a Fairy Only, Too Small for any Use.
Through the sentimental conceit of a Paris modiste gentle woman has acquired that long-denied boon—a pocket. It is not large enough to induce her to dispense with the safety deposit hostery habit. It refuses to submit to any such cramming as the resourceful cuff before the elbow sleeve put it out of business.

The new pocket, in fact, will not relieve woman of the keys she carries in her purse, the powder rap she used to tuck in her bodice before it buttoned in the back and now lies encoined in the discreet seclusion of hubby's left coat-tail; the tiny bottle of tablets to take when she feels "queer," which now reposes



MISS NEW YORK.

inside her belt at the end of her long chain, the shopping list she tucks in her glove, the fresh velvet she carries in her parasol, the spotless neckwear that emerges from the armbolt of her jacket, nor—but why continue the revelation?
The little pocket, built in the shape of a heart and placed exactly over the region where that erratic feminine organ is popularly supposed to be located, has room for only a square, two by two inches, of cambric, a wisp of lace and a large initial—my lady's monochlor. This and her matinee tears may fit into that pocket; a sol would be a crowd. But let no one impugn the new pocket. It may not be much as yet but at least it is not a black drapery secret, but a coat front reality.

HOUSEHOLD SUGGESTIONS.

In cooking potatoes it is useful to recollect that, after the water has been strained off, the pot should have three or four sharp jerks to toss the potatoes up and down and backward and forward.

This has the effect of making them white and mealy.
Tea leaves are invaluable as a means of cleaning varnished plate. When enough have been laid aside for the work, they should be put into a basin of water and left to steep for half an hour.

The strained tea is used instead of water to clean varnished surfaces. The tannic acid left in tea leaves, after all that is wholesome in them has been extracted, acts quickly upon grime and grease.

Put a few drops of ammonia into the water in which you mean to wash flower vases, especially if they are of the long-necked, spindling kind.
It is impossible to get your hand down to the bottom. After rinsing all the dirt the ammonia will bring up, put in chopped potato parings as you would in washing out glass bottles, and leave the parings in overnight.

They will loosen the dirt effectually. Next day rinse with more ammonia water.

It is untidy to leave the sediment in the vase and it will tend to rot the stems of the next flowers placed in it, a thing of which few housewives think.

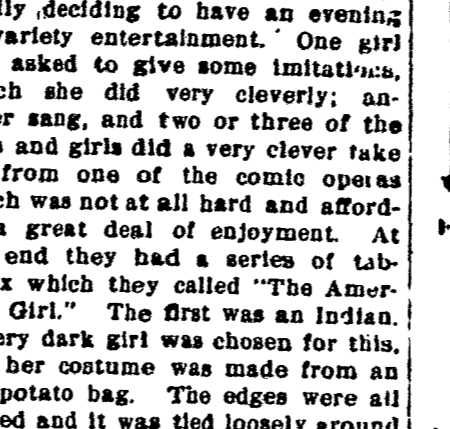
The "Dressing Up" Fad.
"Dressing up" is a highly popular stunt these days. Young girls are rummaging old trunks for costumes of their grandmothers, those of Quaker ladies, or any which may be available for slipping into when occasion offers. At a week end house party lately a young girl absent herself for a few minutes after dinner. When she reappeared it was as a dainty little lady of the seventeenth century. She was immensely admired. Almost immediately however, all the other young girls and boys of the house party wanted the girl hostess had indeed a strenuous time in supplying them with costumes. The young girl who started the fun had, of course, brought her costume along with her. Opportunities for dressing up occur very frequently, once the idea is started. There are family birthday days when the time is ripe, holidays, and especially when friends are visiting at the house. Some girls like to dress up as absurd characters, while others have made for the purpose really beautiful costumes.

Bridal Fixery.
The bridesmaids' dresses for a coming wedding are wonderfully picturesque.
They are of soft yellow crepe de chine, with Watteau overdresses in chiffon, feecy, diaphanous, strewn over with yellow roses. These float like sun-brightened gossamer over the well-hung skirts, each bordered with a band of fringed pompadour silk, with touches of pink roses, a fine artistic touch.
The manner in which the folds at the back pass through a large Louis XIII silver motif is admirable, and a silver trellice of the same period forms vest and sleeves, both draped with the chiffon in very graceful folds. The two child bridesmaids' gowns are cleverly adapted to their age and are perfect pictures.

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