

Notes and Comment

Of Interest to Women Readers

NEW NIGHT-DRESS SACKET.

To Be Suspended by Ribbons from the Head of the Bed.

A very novel idea for a night-dress sacket is shown in our illustration which gives a suggestion for a sacket which will make a change from the more ordinary one which folds over and fastens with a flap.

The sacket stretched is made in the form of a deep pocket, and it is in



ended that it should be suspended by wide satin ribbons from the head of the bed so that it may serve a more decorative purpose than has hitherto been the case. The sacket itself is of white satin embroidered with a wild rose and foliage design, worked in very delicate shades of pink and green, with a border of silk cord to edge the sacket throughout in a delicate shade of turquoise blue. Many other pretty floral designs might be used in place of wild roses, and on grounds of various colors. Sprays of apple-blossom would be effective, for instance, on a pale blue ground, or clusters of dark violets on white or green. They should, of course, be chosen to suit the draperies, etc. in the room.

Give Baby Water.

A baby, like an adult, needs water as regularly as it needs food. The milk that it gets, though a liquor, does not satisfy its thirst. It should be given water at least three times a day, and this water should be nearly, if not quite, free of organisms. The water that comes from the average city main of country springs is alive with microscopic plants and animals, even when it seems clear and sparkling. These minute organisms, as a rule, are harmless to adults, but in the delicate stomach of the baby they are apt to cause diarrhoea, and so they must be eliminated. The best way to get rid of them is to allow the water to boil for ten minutes. After that, let it cool and store it in clean, well-washed bottles which have been previously sterilized by boiling water for five minutes. Glass stoppers are better than corks.

Bottled water is useless and ineffectual because of the absence of air-bubbles, but the baby seldom notices it. It is best drunk out of a thoroughly clean nursing-bottle. Offer water to the infant every four hours, and let it drink as much as it wants. The supply for each day should be boiled in the morning. Under no circumstances should water be kept more than a day.

Memorials for Housekeepers.

There are few servants who become fixtures in families in this country. It is different in Europe, where there is a class raised to expect nothing above domestic drudgery and it is in this fact lies the reason for the comparative absence of a servant girl problem in the Old World. They value good servants over there, too, as is shown by the placing of a tablet in St. Helen's, Bishopsgate, England, in memory of a nurse, who spent thirty-nine years in the service of a family named Wigram. Beside this tablet is another set up sixty years ago to commemorate the forty-one years' service of a housekeeper in the same family. Forty-one years a servant? Is it not better with us in democratic America?

Musie That Made a Song.

Lady Laurie of Maxwellton House, Dumfries, Scotland, is dead in the home which was the birthplace of Annie Laurie, who was given to the immortal by the song woman around her name. Annie Laurie was the daughter of the first baronet, and she was born in Maxwellton House in 1822. The words of the song were composed by a love-lorn youth named Douglas of Finlayland, and the music more than a century afterward by John Spotswood.

Pretty Curtains.

Beautiful curtains for the dining and living room are shown in our illustration. The fabrics are Russian crash, linen, and also a canvas composed of jute and linen. The material used for the draperies adds greatly to the beauty of the designs. The effective and simple designs are flowing and conventional. A pair of curtains recently exhibited were of gray, with a stenciled border some in old green.

Children's Sleep.

As a general rule the bed at school between the ages of 3 and 10 requires only to be turned over. Growing boys need a large amount of sleep, and when this is denied them, neither their bodies nor their minds can develop properly. An English authority points out that the bulk of those of our fifty-year-old men who are stout boys

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SQUALLS AND MEALS.

Intimate Connection Between These Two Events in a Baby's Life.

The idea that babies squall by nature, as a matter of habit or out of pure cussedness, is both a delusion and a base slander on the baby says Dr. Woods Hutchins in "Whenever a baby squalls, he says, it is some grow-up's fault. A farmer who would hear his cherished horse squall in their fattening pens would promptly "call down" the hired man whose duty it was to feed them. A baby does not want very much at a time, but he does like it regular. And when you have one by a little careful observation, "struck the gait" as to amount and frequency, you will average to begin with, then the little life will be one year's experience of eating and sleeping, sleeping and eating, but all the time growing with a little fuss or disturbance as a rule makes when it is pushing up the ground pencil through the brown earth.

The regularity required should be the baby's kind of regularity, not that of the grownups who have him in charge, the doctor says, and further, "It is no railroad that that requires an eating station at a definite time just every two hours. They did not know anything about a baby who came from. But he has a natural, self-acting dinner gong in his little stomach, which serves his purpose exactly, and will rise to the potency of a horn or the alarm if you do not pay attention to it promptly. It is a regularity, it is a baby's balanced rhythm, of sleeping till he is hungry, and the feeding till he is sleepy with a disregard for the hands of the clock, and even for the difference between day and night. As his fuel box is limited in size and the degree of contraction of the fuel administration does not vary much, it will take him just about so long to burn up his charge, so that he will tap the gong at pretty regular intervals. But there will be nothing machine-like or automatic-table-like about this regularity. If he should awake fifteen minutes before the sacred hour and stand by unmistakable minor signs that he is ready for business, feed him at once. He should never be allowed to go to the length of crying. This is a signal of distress, and a baby that cries much has been unlucky, at its parents or its nurse. The idea that babies cry just to expand their lungs or to develop their voices is a nurse's tale. A child that never cries is as healthy and as happy as a nation that has no history."

WIFE AWARDED \$100 A DAY.

Judge Dowling, of New York, has set a new record in the matter of allowances to wives in separation suits. In the famous case of the Howards Goulds, recently on trial, he awarded Mrs. Gould \$35,000 a year, \$3,000 a month, or \$100 a day.

Hints to Housekeepers.

Very strong tea will stop the bleed from a cut.

Equal parts of milk and lukewarm water is a good solution for sponging plants.

Spoons are sometimes used with firm puddings, but forks are the better stirrer.

A little vinegar in polish will be found to obviate the dead, oily look so often noticed after cleaning furniture.

For large shoes which slip at the heel glue a shaped piece of velvet to the inside, bottom and side of the heel, and it will cling to the stock.

To prevent a lamp from smoking soak a new lamp wick two or three hours in vinegar. Dry well before using. If you follow this recipe your trouble with your lamps will cease. Lamp wicks in lanterns or carriage lamps that are not in daily use should be treated in this way.

Too much salt in gravy may be counteracted by putting a pinch of brown sugar in it.

After using a bowl of cold water starch, it should be allowed to settle. Then pour off the water and dry the starch in the oven at night or on the stove. It will be reduced to a cake and can be powdered and be used over again.

Never throw away old gloves, particularly old white gloves. They are most useful in protecting the hands while dusting, sweeping or washing dishes. As women often complain that they feel clumsy in doing their work with gloves on, by simply cutting away the finger tips this sensation is overcome.

Tinware may be brightened and cleaned from smoke by rubbing with a hot solution of common baking soda and water.

To color white cotton yellow, use green peach leaves and alum well steeped together in water.

TO KEEP EGGS FRESH.

Simple Method of Preserving Them for at Least Eight Months.

Fresh eggs in cold storage at 34 degrees Fahrenheit undergo little if any change, for this temperature is sufficient to limit the activities and prevent the growth of the more common bacteria.

The problem of preserving eggs by excluding air has brought forth numerous methods. According to American Medicine German investigators several years ago conducted a series of tests, keeping the eggs for about eight months in some 20 different ways, and found that immersed in brine all were unfit for use.

Wrapped in paper 80 per cent bad.
Packed in bran or coated with paraffine 70 per cent bad.
Immersed in salicylic acid 50 per cent bad.

Coated with shellac or colodion 40 per cent bad.
Packed in wood ashes 20 per cent bad.

Coated with vasoline or immersed in a solution of water glass or lime water none bad.

From these experiments as well as many others it has been found that a solution of water glass offers about the best method of preserving eggs, aside from cold storage. Water glass is the common name for potassium or sodium silicate and is obtained in the shops in the form of a thick liquid something like glycerine. One part of this to nine of sterile water makes a preserving fluid of the proper strength.

The eggs should be packed in a clean, sweet vessel and the solution poured over them until they are well covered. Preserved in this way in a cool place they will keep for months and often cannot be distinguished in appearance from the fresh article. It is generally conceded that they lack the flavor of new laid eggs but are in no way inferior in nutritive value.

Gave Him a Brilliant Idea.

On the journey from Vienna to St. Petersburg the late Irving Bishop, the well known reader was entertained by his fellow passengers by guessing their thoughts.

One of the travelers, a Polish Jew who took the whole thing as a hoax offered to pay Irving Bishop the sum of fifty rubles if he could divine his thoughts. Visibly amused Bishop acceded to the request and said "You are going to the fair at Nijni Novgorod where you intend to purchase goods to the extent of twenty thousand rubles, after which you will declare yourself a bankrupt and compound with your creditors for three per cent."

On hearing these words, the Jew glared at the speaker with reverent awe. Then, without uttering a syllable, he drew out of the leg of his boot a shabby purse, and banded him the fifty rubles. Whereupon the magician triumphantly inquired, "Then I have guessed your thoughts, eh?"

"No," replied the Jew, "but you have given me a brilliant idea."

One for the Bishop.

The late J. A. McNeill, who had opposed every sort of cant, he championed on the other hand, many peculiar things. He believed for instance, in cosmetics, and encouraged women always in the use of rouge, rice-powder, kohl and henna. He liked in this connection to tell about a rebuff that he once heard a young girl administer to a bishop. The bishop somehow or other discovered the young girl in the act of curling her hair with a heated silver rod, and he said to her, "My dear young lady, if God intended your hair to be curled, he would curl it himself."

She rejoined, "He did curl it when I was a little girl, but now that I am grown up, he thinks I am able to look after it myself."

The Wrong Spot.

Patrick had recently set up in the cab-driving business, having bought out Mr. Cooley and his two station hacks. Before Christmas he had endeavored to make plain to his family what gifts he desired.

"It's small use telling them children things, for they don't pay me no heed," he said gloomily.

"What did they give you, Pat?" asked an interested friend.

"I kept it going to tell how I was near perished with the cold," said Patrick, "an' what they do, instead of giving me gloves for me hands, they have given me blinders for me ears!"

Stringent European Fire Laws.

One of the main reasons why the per capita fire loss in Europe is only one-tenth of that of the United States lies in the fact that the fire insurance laws abroad are more stringent, and that in all the larger cities and towns the danger of fire is minimized by strict building regulations.

Salt a Poison.

Salt in measure is wholesome, but in surfeit is a deadly poison. Rascal, an amateur drover, to make hogs weigh more, sometimes heavily salted water them just before selling; this often kills the hogs before they reach the scales.

No Harm in Air Castles.

Building air castles is a solace to the overworked and overburdened. It may be a blessing or a curse. If you can do a day's work cheerfully and control your castle-building there is no harm.

One Can Repulse or Attack.

If you would remove evil, do good. Be a giver and you will drive men and women away from you. Be sympathetic and you will attract the world.

WAYS OF PICKPOCKETS.

"Low Grade Dips" Work in Pairs—Some of the Tricks.

As a usual thing pickpockets vary their methods to suit circumstances. Only the lower grade dips work in pairs. These are the men who operate on street cars, elevated station platforms and similar places where they will find crowds of pushing people and have opportunity to escape if detected.

One of the pair shoulders a victim roughly while the other does the work and makes a getaway. Arrests are frequent, but convictions rare, because the man captured seldom has the loot.

The higher grade dips also work in pairs. The difference, according to the Bohemian, is that they work in groups and choose times when the majority of passengers will be the majority. During the fashionable shopping hours and after the theatre at night are considered harvest times.

Last winter three dips worked a clever method in Chicago. Garbing themselves in evening clothes they mingled in fashionable crowds in big opera theatre exits and railway stations. One of the party was always pleasantly drunk and the others apparently acting the part of Samaritans were hard put trying to keep up on his feet.

With all their care, however, he would stumble occasionally and fall into the groups of ladies and gentlemen, invariably the sober companions had apologized and taken the charge away before any one discovered the loss of valuables.

The Most Absent-Minded Ever.

At a dinner party Dr. Woodrow Wilson of Princeton was describing the absent-mindedness of a certain mathematician.

"This man," he said, "is so absent-minded that once he walked along for a quarter of a mile to the gutter instead of on the sidewalk. He would have kept on in the gutter indefinitely had not the polished back of a brougham that was drawn up before a shop brought him to a halt."

"The mathematician stopped within a foot of the brougham. He looked at the black smooth, lustrous surface before him and it suggested to him a black board. Accordingly he drew a piece of chalk from his pocket and began to work out an abstruse problem."

On and on he worked covering the carriage with figures, until finally he started on still working, the mathematician followed it, he held on to the body with his left hand, and for a moment the pace became too quick for him. Then he realized that something was wrong. Then he sighed, looked about him and in a dazed way, pocketed his chalk and started homeward."

Domestic Nomenclature.

A servant girl whose name is Nora has recently given her employer notice that she will quit his service because the family persists in calling her Bridget against her repeated protest. Nora is right, says a writer in the Boston Herald. "The humblest person is entitled to be addressed by his or her own name, unless by mutual agreement to the contrary." This story from "Les Miserables" aptly shows the other side of the shield.

The day a proud cook presented herself to a gentleman for employment.

What wages do you expect a month?"

"Thirty francs."

"What is your name?"

"Olympe."

"I will give you forty and call you Nicolette."

That settled things satisfactorily to all concerned.

Hospitals a Benefit to Property.

The National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis has recently concluded an investigation which shows that 67.5 per cent of the tuberculosis sanatoria and hospitals of the United States have been a benefit to the property and health of the communities in which they are located.

In the case of more than 62 per cent of the sanatoria the presence of the institutions has helped to increase the assessed value of surrounding property.

More Truth Than Poetry.

Champ Clark, the eloquent representative from Missouri, is a staunch champion of his state.

"You people out in Missouri," said a New York man to him, "are all right, but you are too provincial."

"Provincial!" snorted Clark. "Provincial?" Why, let me tell you, sir, the shoe is on the other foot. Nobody in New York knows anything about Missouri, but everybody in Missouri knows all about New York."

Soldier Something of a Hoodoo.

John Ross, the British general who led the force that burned Washington, was killed in a battle with the American army at North Point, Md., near Baltimore. The Americans were defeated. Ross fell into the arms of Capt. McDougall, and the same officer caught Gen. Pakenham in his arms at the battle of New Orleans.

Tumor Bigger Than Patient.

A surgeon in China recently removed a tumor weighing 189 pounds from a woman who after the operation weighed only 77 pounds. The woman recovered.

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Auburn, N. Y.

St. Mary's school opened on Monday for the fall session. The attendance was larger than last year. The school has been placed in shape for the opening during the summer months.

The first to reach the Pole and tack our little sign is a question to be answered by and by; but the pioneer of Rochester livery and famous '49' is Higgins and his fame you can't deny.

Miss Anna Dolan and Fred Feeley were married at St. Mary's church on Tuesday morning by Rev. P. J. Smyth. The bride was attended by her sister Genevieve, while Daniel Coughlin was best man.

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The funeral of Mrs. Catherine Snyder was held from her home on Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock with services at St. Alphonsus church at 9:30. The deceased was a resident of this country for 50 years, most of the time being spent in this city.

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What Becomes of Them.

High school teachers are sometimes caught up by their pupils. One teacher of Latin a short time ago resolved to give a question out of her jurisdiction, thinking to reduce the pride of her girls, who believed their knowledge illimitable. However, as it happened, she hit upon a question that would have stumped even herself to answer—one that has puzzled the world for a long time.

"Grisia," she said, "who can tell me what becomes of all the pins?"

There was an instant's silence, then one girl's hand went up.

"Well?" asked the teacher with a smile.

"They are deposited wastefully in the ground and become termites," replied the girl, playing upon her Latin.

And privately the teacher admitted defeat.

Miss Julia Sullivan of Lansing St. returned to Nazareth Academy this week to resume her studies.

The holy hour services were held in St. Mary's church on Thursday evening from 7:45 to 8:45.

The Fluctuating Sun.

Prof. Charles Lane Poor of the Columbia University observatory is continuing his researches on the figure of the sun, from which he concludes that its exact shape is not known. The generally accepted idea that the sun is a sphere is, he holds, at least open to question. Practically every series of measures shows a departure from a spherical form. Of course the departures, considering the great size of the solar globe, are very minute. There seems to be a fluctuation in the shape of the sun corresponding in period with the sun-spot cycle. There are also indications of a fluctuation having a period of about 28 days.

THE CARE OF AWNINGS.

To Preserve Them in Good Order Keep Them Dry, Says Maker.

Your awnings said the awning man "would last longer and look better if you'd dry 'em out when they get wet."

"Some folks will leave their awnings heavy to soak and drip all through a heavy rain. I never could understand why people do that, of course it doesn't do no awning any more good than it would any other fabric to soak it in that way and then drip may fall on the awning from the roof and flying soot may lodge on it, and so if you keep your awnings down in the rain the first thing you know they are faded, discolored and dingy."

"If you want to preserve your awnings you want to haul them up when it rains, but if they get wet, why, then when the air is right you want to lower them and let them dry out, and be sure they're dry when you furl 'em before you go away in the summer."

Personality is Still What Wins.

"But," declared the traveling salesman who is a leader in his line, "the man who thinks that personality does not count to-day in the work of a commercial traveler makes a mistake."

Now individual contact is shorter, but in those few minutes that are given him in which to win a customer, the traveling man must accomplish all that the drummer did in a day's siege. And he has a sharp incentive for making his quick engagement a decisive one, for comparatively few men on the road to-day own the trade of any customer in the absolute and proprietary sense in which the drummer of yesterday owned it. Trade is on the wing, and the quick and sure shot bags it. Of course he must have the right ammunition—right goods and prices—but his personality is the weapon employed in sending the charges home to the mark. If this is of superior kind he will bring down the game all along the line.—Foreest Crissey, in Everybody's.

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Not Looking for Too Much.

"Dey sez poverty is a blessing in disguise," said Brother Dickey, "but w'en I sees him comin' I pray de Lawd dat I won't be blessed out er house an' home."—Atlanta Constitution.

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The Wonderful Amazon.

Although not the largest or longest river, the Amazon is the most wonderful river in the world, with a mouth 150 miles in width, and with a force of water that repels, or at least over-comes, the ocean to a distance of more than fifty leagues. Yet, in spite of the weight of the river, the tide makes its influence felt for 500 miles from the coast. The easterly trade winds blow almost invariably upward, so as to be ready to help the vessel against the adverse currents.

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