

Notes and Comment

Of Interest to Women Readers

AERO CLUB FOR WOMEN.

Exists in France, Where Women are Ardent Balloonists.

French women are not particularly keen in the matter of athletics, but if a sport presents a real element of danger their delight knows no bounds.

There is already an Aero Club for ladies, some of whom have achieved record ascents. Mme. Bureau was the first woman who received a certificate, and she celebrated the event by starting on an aerial trip with Mlle. Gacha.

Another famous member of the Aero Club, says the gentlemanly Mme. Bureau, is Mme. Barette. Accompanied by Mlle. and Mme. Barette, she went from Lyons to Calcutta across the 17,000 miles. Some French sportswomen in their craze after excitement blossom into modern Atlantids.

Then there is Mme. Lavestiere a splendid shot who is seeking a companion to go tiger shooting. Unfortunately the companion is not easy to find. Her husband died long ago and her relatives and friends are all of advanced age.

The "Bang" is Here

Although much protest was made last winter about the appearance of the "bang" cross the forehead, it seems to be rather firmly entrenched now.

The majority of women will wear it this winter in large measure it will be becoming. It will compel women to lift from their foreheads that leeching mass of hair now known as the bang, and substitute it with a tiny, wavy fringe.

It is absurd to cut the hair to make this bang. One can buy it by the piece for any hair shop and attach it under one's own hair by an invisible hair pin.

One should be extra careful not to get it thick or straight.

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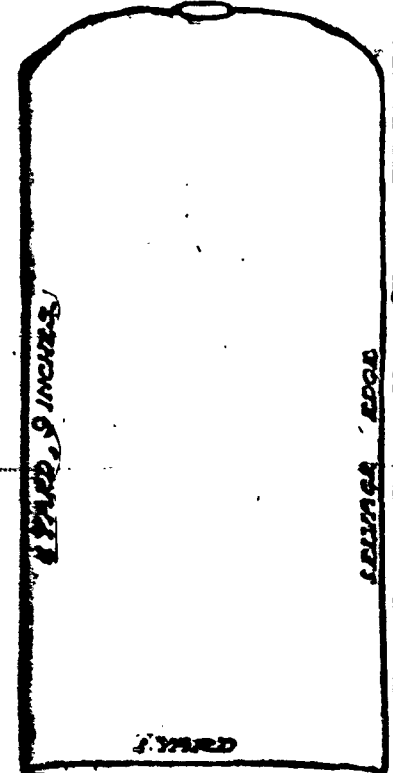
Both of these have been introduced to give softness to a forehead from which the hair has been lifted, and also to give a showing of hair on the top of the head.

They should never be worn with the hair severely parted in front.

DUST COVER THAT IS USEFUL.

Affords Protection for Nice Garments Hung in Cupboard.

Dust cover for the nice silk dress best coat or other nice garment. Material required, 2 1/2 yards, or more if desired longer of silk, or other prettily figured thin material, and ribbon to bind or silk to feather-stitch. Double the goods and bind with ribbon or lap the selvage and feather-stitch. Round off the top and sew up leaving small hole for coat hanger handle to go through. Leave the bottom open and hem. The garment



Which is one a hanger, slips up through the open end and the hook of the hanger goes through the small hole and hangs the whole up complete and protected from all dirt.

Butterfly Now on Hat.

One of the artistic oddities in millinery—and an oddity that is pretty sure to be chronicled—is the butterfly bow perched in front, at top of crown.

These are made of ribbon, of ruffled gauze and of felt. They are usually a hat that is plainly trimmed with a wrapped band.

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The Restful Home—Arrangements of Antiques and Furniture Should Harmonize in Line—F. A. Parsons' Report on Home Views "Museum-Like" Type As Entertainer

People go to the museum to be surprised, entertained or instructed but in the home they expect to find rest, recuperation and quiet and these things are the result of harmony.

Nearly every one has at least some rudimentary notions of the laws governing color harmony, but harmony in line is probably less understood. The line is quite as important in the furnishing of the home. The lines to be used in the ornaments, furniture and picture frames of a room should be decided by its structural features.

The straight line structure is the simplest of all the straight line being predominant and not a long attention to itself. The decorative arrangement of a room is not the line or straight vertical or horizontal structure of the room, but the simplest plan and seat of the possible through such entire and, it is a sedition desired, turned over to the contrary spirit of the decorative spirit.

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MRS. LEASE HAS TONED DOWN.

Noted Western Woman Agitator is now Lecturing.

Mrs. Mary Ellen Lease of Kansas, who for many years spoke of populism, spiritualism and other "isms," and who has been characterized as "the political carrier pigeon of the Sunflower State" is appearing in a brand new role.

One of her lectures is entitled "America and the Americans" and giving it recently her talk was of a



Mrs. Mary Ellen Lease

patronage. In her speech she was able to identify her as the same woman who had made and unmade Senators and Representatives, who caused the Supreme Court of the State to reverse its decision on the mortgage law.

That the United States is facing new problems and is in the midst of an era when the question as to whether or not this nation will continue as a republic or become a feudalistic state of many autocratic governments that laborers, who have proved themselves and that the bread line is a disgrace to modern civilization, some of the things discussed by Mrs. Lease. She talked of the Star Spangled Banner of the swiftest patriots of the West of the nation's great undeveloped wealth.

Oh, I've toned down in my old age, she told a reporter after the lecture, but I feel as strong as reform issues as I did in my youth. This has ever in a conservative age and I find that it is not best to be too radical. Then too, it would not be proper to discuss such things in a school room.

Secret of Empress's Beauty. The term an Empress's beauty is said by artists to possess the finest shoulders of any woman in Europe. She gives the credit to a soap she has used for many years. This soap has a deliciously refreshing odor and the Empress has used it for years. It is the music who acting as a tonic to the cuticle of the face and neck. The Empress uses peppermint as a dentifrice. New moon has a favorite handkerchief perfume and once a day her rooms are sprayed with cologne. The Empress powders her hair freely as she naturally is not pleased by the promise of being prematurely gray. The hairdresser she would submit her hair to the periodic bath but the Empress will not permit it. Dyed hair is one of his pet aversions although curiously enough he does not object to powder.

Helen Keller Writing of Nature. Helen Keller has settled in a new summer home near Bennington, Mass., and has taken up the work of writing a book on nature study. Miss Keller has been interested in nature studies for many years and she is sure her book will hold interest to others than the blind. Although she cannot see a flower or hear the rustle of the wind in the trees, she has gained the knowledge of what they mean to those gifted with all the senses. The truth is she enters into nature in all its moods with more sympathy and understanding than ninety nine in one hundred of those to whom darkness comes only at night. She has settled on a farm which she calls Linden Grove. Her mother is with her, and also her lifelong friends, John Macy and his wife.

Figures on Women's Work. Here are a few facts showing the varied activity of women: One out of every twenty greenhouses in the country is managed by a woman. Uncle Sam employs 7,670 women as post mistresses, and many of them receive salaries of \$2,000 a year. Six towns and cities in Colorado have elected women as treasurers. In the same State a woman operates a copier mine. In this city women are rapidly replacing men as ushers in theatres. Two women have applied in Chicago for licenses to run taxicabs. A woman has staked out a claim in a newly discovered silver region in Canada, and twenty women have accepted free grants of land in Manitoba, with the object of setting up as farmers.

JAPANESE SECRET SERVICE.

Story of a Lieutenant Who became Disappointed to Fulfill a Mission.

"I require of you," said the chief of the staff, in polished Japanese, "that you should leave your present mode of living, and, become, on the contrary, dissipated. You must leave your studies and your books, and instead have for your haunts tea houses and your companions geisha."

The young lieutenant was sad, for he was healthy minded and detested dissipation, but being a Japanese he obeyed orders. He was to become dissipated in order to prosecute some secret service of which he could not surmise.

At first he found that it is not a case for the mind to fail. He neither liked the geisha nor did he like the warm sake they had very served to him. He had to be content with a few sweet snuff boxes.

At last the day of evil came. The lieutenant after all, was human and he was not able to resist the temptation. He actually fell in love with a geisha and he had to be content with a few sweet snuff boxes.

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In an article on the hygiene of smoking published in the Munich Medical Weekly Dr. J. Hamberger says that the injury which may follow the use of tobacco differs with the manner of smoking. Those who use a mouthpiece or if not are careful not to keep the end of the cigar saturated with saliva, are much less apt to suffer from the absorption of the various products of the burning tobacco.

"Dry smokers" run much less risk of harming themselves than those who chew the ends of their cigars. Dr. Hamberger suggests that a tobacco holder saturated with a solution of iron chloride be placed in the mouth and he claims by doing this some of the harmful products of combustion are rendered innocuous.

WEIGHING TOUCH

A wonderful instrument has recently been invented for the purpose of measuring the sense of touch. The device consists of a series of little disks suspended by fine delicate threads from wooden handles, the last being attached to holes around a block.

The lightest disk is taken out and brought into contact with the skin of the subject the latter having closed his eyes. If nothing is felt a heavier disk is employed and so on till the pressure becomes noticeable.

A touch of a disk weighing three one-hundredths of a grain was observed on the temple one weighing five one-hundredths on the nose or chin, and one weighing nine one-hundredths on the inside of the finger.—The Pathfinder

Just Cause for Pride.

The man admired his wife just about as much as any man can admire a wife, nevertheless when he saw that she was devoting more and more time each day to mirror gazing he determined to take her down a peg. Said he, brutally:

"I wouldn't be so stuck on myself if I were you, just because people happen to notice you when you go out. It isn't you they're admiring; it's your clothes. I heard a bunch of women say so the other day."

For an instant the shock to the woman's vanity overpowered her, then, quickly recovering she said: "In that case I am prouder than ever. Nature is responsible for me, but I designed the clothes myself."

And then the man shut up.

Ambergris and Amber.

There is some popular confusion of ambergris with amber; in fact, however, there is no relation between them. But for a long time the nature of ambergris was hidden in mystery. In ancient days it was commonly believed that it flowed up from the bottom of the sea. Sland the Saylor tells of a spring of ambergris that he



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The term arose from the little pewee ledgers served out at one time to all British soldiers. In these manuals were to be entered the name, age, date of enlistment, length of service, wounds medals and so on, of each individual. The War Office sent with each little book a form of filling it in, and the hypothetical name selected, instead of John Doe and Richard Roe (of the lawyers), or M. N. (of the Church) was "Tommy Atkins." Hence every British soldier became a "Tommy Atkins."

Deceptive Artificial Pearls.

According to the Daily Mail of Birmingham, the centre of England's jewelry manufacture, says that there are now made many imitation pearls which look so like the real thing that they deceive experts. They are made by means of a transparent glass shell, a little glue, and some essence of the Orient, a silvery, pearly substance, composed of fine scales rubbed from a small fish called the "bleak" or the "chale," 17,000 of which require rubbing to get a pound.

As the Twig is Bent.

There is some hope for the boy who has to be driven into the bathtub, but there is mighty little hope for the boy who has to be driven away from the mirror.—Atchison Globe

Almost Perfect Timekeeper.

The clock of the tower of Columbia University, New York, is said to be one of the most accurate in the world, varying but six seconds a year.

Wisdom from Uncle Eben.

"Nursin' a grouch," said Uncle Eben, "is like neglectin' de flowers an' vegetable an' puttin' in yeh time tendin' de weeds."