

Woman's World

A NEW OPERATIC STAR.

Countess Cassini, Niece of Former Ambassador, to Sing in Paris.

Since she first dawned on Washington society twelve years ago, at the age of seventeen, Marguerite Cassini, light caravan outfit not only does away with many hotel bills, but adds greatly to the enjoyment of the trip. Many beautiful spots can be thus visited for a shorter or longer period and the tour extended indefinitely at only the running cost of the car and food, the latter being quite a small item if a stove is carried and meals taken picnic fashion. The car illustrated is a two seater with a box behind, into which all the caravan part-stows. The top of the box forms a platform for one's personal belongings, so if the

The young countess, a close friend of Mrs. McKinley and when Roosevelt succeeded to the presidency



COUNTESS MARGUERITE CASSINI.

her intimacy with Albe Roosevelt, who was not then the wife of Nicholas Longworth, made her social standing in Washington still stronger. But when Count Cassini was transferred to Madrid, a change which many believe was due to the social jealousy of the family of the British ambassador, Sir Mortimer Durand, Countess Cassini, a young Countess Cassini, who had become acquainted with the family of the British ambassador, which is said to be that of Austria in exclusive society, would not receive the Countess Cassini. As a result Countess Cassini went to Madrid alone, and the Countess, his niece, has just completed a period of study in Paris which all who know her in this country hope may lead her to the topmost heights of success on the operatic stage.

American Woman.

"The American woman's intellectual character is curious," says Marcel Prevost in Harper's Bazar. "One feels she would like to have ten pairs of eyes so as to see everything, ten pairs of ears so as to hear everything. When I sit down at table beside an American woman of Paris she immediately asks me: 'Have you seen such and such a play? Have you been to such and such an art exhibition? What do you think of this novel or that philosophical or historical book recently published?' And I am forced to admit that I have not seen the latest play; that for more than ten years I have not set my foot inside the annual salons; that I read slowly and carefully and am therefore forced to read but few books. And I know my American neighbor feels great disgust for my inactivity. Still I have a faint sympathy for her charming and universal intellectual curiosity."

"There is consequently an abyss between the way most American women have met copulative intellectual culture and my own way. Far from me to pretend that I am right. And I give thanks to heaven, which sends us in the American women of Paris the most wonderful public for books or theaters or lectures. But if I had the honor of being professor of French to young American girls I would begin with the following truthful anecdote: "A compatriot of theirs, speaking to the poet Francois Coppee, asked: "Do you speak English, monsieur?" "And Coppee answered modestly: "Non, madame. I am still learning French."

Tetraxini Met Patti.

During her year as chateleine of the Mansion House Lady Truscott, the lady mayoress of London, has acted as hostess to 25,000 guests. "The most brilliant event of my year," says Lady Truscott, "was the great concert last May in aid of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, an organization of which I am deeply interested. A charming incident occurred in connection with this concert. Mme. Tetraxini wrote to tell me that she had never heard Mme. Patti sing and would give anything to hear her. I invited Mme. Tetraxini, and I had the great pleasure of bringing the two prima donnas together in my drawing room. Mme. Tetraxini fell on her knees and kissed the hand of Mme. Patti, in homage, she said, to the greatest singer of the age."

CARAVANNING BY CAR.

The Latest Motor Fad Comes From England. The motor caravan seen in the illustration shows a novel English method of carrying one's home about the country when on a motor tour. Many motorists must have felt the heavy drain on the pocket when touring, the supper, bed and breakfast bills of the country hotel more especially making a very serious item in the expenditure. This way of combining the car with a light caravan outfit not only does away with many hotel bills, but adds greatly to the enjoyment of the trip. Many beautiful spots can be thus visited for a shorter or longer period and the tour extended indefinitely at only the running cost of the car and food, the latter being quite a small item if a stove is carried and meals taken picnic fashion. The car illustrated is a two seater with a box behind, into which all the caravan part-stows. The top of the box forms a platform for one's personal belongings, so if the



A MOTOR CARAVAN.

weather is bad one can retire to a hotel if desired and the bags be lifted off the car without disturbing any of the caravan outfit. When erected (an operation which can be performed in about twenty minutes) the car has quite a formidable appearance, the width across being over seven feet, with five feet six inches headroom. However it is lightly constructed and packs into quite a small space. The two bunks, one on each side, are made of canvas and extremely comfortable to sleep on an air cushion being used as a pillow and elderdown quilts taken for warmth besides a blanket apiece. With such an outfit one can combine the simple life with a most enjoyable motor trip at a moderate expense.

CONCERNING WOMEN.

The majority of women in France are wage earners in one capacity or another. The average sum paid to dressmakers is 3 francs, or 60 cents, a day.

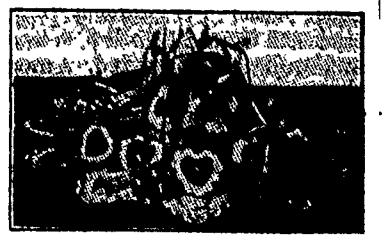
Mrs. Elizabeth Cochran Seton, better known as Nelly Sly, the globe traveler, is now the manager of the Liverpool works of Brooklyn, a concern which employs many hands.

Mrs. Rosa Herrman is president of the H. Herrman Lumber and Furniture company, an American concern which has branch offices in London, Hamburg and Natal. Mrs. Herrman lives in Stuyvesant square, New York.

Mrs. William Salter has been elected a member of the London county council. She is the wife of a physician who was defeated a few days ago for parliament. Mrs. Salter made a house to house canvass, and she credits her election to the support of women. She was opposed by two men, and she topped their combined vote. The chief planks in her platform were lower rents and lower taxes, two things which appealed especially to the women in the district she now will represent in the council.

Lady Duff Gordon is a warm admirer of the American woman. This member of the British nobility claims that an American woman can keep a secret. She says that in America women are treated on equal terms with men. "They are better educated than Englishwomen, as a rule. There is no country where woman is treated with greater courtesy. The result is seen in the independence of character and the self reliance and dependability of the American woman."

The Valentine Party. Cake better baked in heart pattypans are iced with delicate pink icing and each topped with a red candied cherry. Into each is thrust a metal dart, attached to which are pink and



CENTERPIECE FOR A VALENTINE TABLE.

blue ribbons, in turn fastened to small valentines bearing the initial in gold and silver of the guest.

How to Cook Meat.

The object of cooking meat is to make it tender and to keep in the juice and preserve the flavor. To do this sear the meat on both sides—that is, press it down quickly on a hot pan and then turn and sear the other side. When the meat turns a white brown color a coating has been formed which will keep in the juice. After searing the meat cook it slowly on a low fire. This will make it tender. Beef and mutton are the meats that are best for all persons.

Meats such as heart, liver, pork and kidney should never be given to young children or persons who are not well. Pork should be used only in cold weather and not frequently even then.



Points For Mothers

Those who bring sunshine to the lives of others cannot keep it from themselves. This is a mother's motto. Sad to say, however, there are mothers who do try to bring sunshine to others but fall utterly and develop themselves in black clouds, with never a silver lining in sight. Others seem contented to dispense "sunshine" without getting even a small gleam in return. Happily some seem to be veritable "sunshine batteries," sending out little currents to those with whom they come in contact.

One poor mother is faded and care worn. She dreads her daughter's stockings and minds all her clothes and even makes her party dresses. This mother loves her daughter dearly and regrets that the child is so selfish and apparently so unappreciative, thinking only of her own frivolities and giving never a thought to doing a kindness for her mother. She longs to be her daughter's confidant and is often jealous of her daughter's girl friends. She is irritable and fretful because overworked and tired, and worries over things that do not really matter and her daughter misunderstands her and usually considers that "mother is unreasonable" and has "queer ideas."

The "sunshine" mother is younger-looking, happy and more "up to date." She teaches her daughter to darn her own stockings and to mend her own clothes and even to make her own party dresses, but is always ready to help and plan and discuss. She enters into her daughter's pleasures with real interest and makes friends with her daughter's friends, talks over little secrets and softens, molds, influences, and advises. In fact, "mother" is considered "one of the girls" and is in great demand as chaperon.

The secret of it all is that she has adapted herself to the ideas of the next generation, although retaining and remembering her own girlhood.

Old Dutch Cradles.

Baby's bed is now mounted on trestles so as to save stooping on the part of the nurse, while the cot and basket are almost always of the folding variety, draped with hemstitched and embroidered lawn threaded with satin ribbons or with embroidered net.

Occasionally a reproduction of an old Dutch cradle will be used, and this will be lined with quilted satin. The newest quilts are stuffed with a vegetable fiber or wood wool which comes from Sweden. These are beautifully light and porous and are recommended for hygienic reasons.

When baby takes his daily constitutional it is in a perambulator with silver fittings, a crest or monogram on its white enameled surface. Sometimes the carriage is even upholstered in white, and the cover may be of fine linen trimmed with real Irish crochet, while in winter it will be of opussum or Tibet goat.

Cure For Warts.

A wart is essentially an outgrowth of the scarf skin. It may be brought about by friction. Hence it may be found on the quite healthy skin of a healthy person, just as a corn may be found. But warts sometimes come without friction, and they come numerous, so proving that there must be some internal cause. Wart crops are especially apt to appear between early childhood and the sixteenth year. They are found most usually in children of poor physique. They have been known to make sudden appearance when the child has fallen into poor health and to go away when the health has improved. Small doses of calcined magnesia in water taken daily during many weeks or months have been found effectual in getting rid of these warts.

Dolly Party Game.

A "doll hunt" is a delightful way to entertain the little folks at this season. Arrange in the center of the parlor a cabinet with bright colored strings. Attach to each string a card bearing the name of the doll to be found. After much intricate winding each child is to find a doll. In another room hang a clothesline, where each little girl is to find a dainty frock to fit her new found treasure. Let the little ones dress their dolls and afterward serve simple refreshments.

Hamper For Nursery Made of Parasol.

The daintiest nursery hamper imaginable is made from a plain white linen parasol turned upside down and fitted to a small modern standard. A tiny lace frill is placed around the edge, and linen pockets are sewed across the sections inside for soap, powder and other toilet articles. It may be easily carried about by the handle. On one side embroider baby's monogram in pink linen thread.

Hard on the Baby.

Here is some advice that appeared in a paper for mothers the other day: "The bottle must be kept perfectly clean. When the babe has finished drinking it should be unscrewed and laid in a cool place under the tap." One feels rather sorry for any babe thus treated.

MANDATES OF THE MODE.

Flowers For Mourning Hats the Amateur Milliner May Make. Flowers for mourning hats may be made at home from scraps of crepe. A lovely spray recently evolved was in the form of wild roses. A thin black silk wire was bent to shape each petal, which was grouped around a stamen made from a piece of wire twisted with wadding and covered with thin black silk. Two handsome quills were made from a strip of crepe stretched over shaped wire and bound all round with a narrow strip of crepe.

The tails of coats are creeping up. Winter overwraps have been comfortably long, but spring will mark a distinct change.

The epitome of elegance may be reached in an afternoon costume for a matron of black satin braided elaborately in black silk braid. A touch



GIRL'S SCHOOL DRESS.

of gold thread about the bodice is an alluring note.

Some of the new bracelets encircle the wrist and end in a tiny jeweled bowknot. Bangles of hammered gold are very smart.

This stylish little frock is made in jersey fashion. As illustrated the skirt is joined to the jersey portion, making a one piece costume. If preferred the bodice part could be made separately and the skirt joined to a body lining. It is designed for school wear.

This May Manton pattern is cut in three for girls of six, eight, ten and twelve years of age. Send 10 cents to this office, giving number 636, and it will be promptly forwarded to you by mail. If in haste send an additional two cent stamp for letter postage, which insures more prompt delivery.

FASHIONS ON THE WING.

Sleeves on Ultra Fashionable Gowns.

A Becoming Scarf. Sleeves pulled into the armhole and gathered below the elbow into deep cuffs are seen in some ultra fashion able afternoon gowns.

As becoming an evening wear as can be had is made of a length of mousseline de sole bordered all round with marabou of the same tone, and if an especially stylish affair is wanted marabou tails may finish the ends.

A very stunning pair of corsets seen recently were of white satin edged on the top with the finest white silk fringe.

Bugle trimming both for day and evening frocks are lovely. They come



CIRCULAR KNICKERBOCKERS.

In silver, gold and all the delicate shades, and in pearl they are particularly charming.

An adorable little dressing sack is of white albatross, with cuffs and collar of pale pink silk. The waist is finished with a silk cord.

Stripes prevail in the latest French fashions, and some of them are highly effective.

In cold weather knickers are comfortable garments to wear when outdoors, as they mean protection against searching winds. They can be made to take the place of petticoats for skating, tramping and any outdoor sports. The bloomers illustrated are circular, the leg portion being joined at the front and back, and they are fitted by means of short hip darts. The front and back portions are joined to separate bands, and the openings are finished with overlaps.

JUDIC CHOLLET.

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A VALENTINE SEARCH.

Substitute For the Usual Heart Hunt, But Fresher and More Exciting.

A substitute for the usual heart hunt, but fresher and more exciting, is a valentine search. The valentines are hidden in books and crannies around the room. A few are paper, but others are very much more pretentious. There are heart shaped boxes filled with chocolates or with bottles of perfume in seats of artificial flowers heart shaped pin cushions and sachets penwipers, blotting pads, calendar and a variety of attractive articles in scribbled simply. "To My Valentine," Cordate photograph frames are represented in leather, silver and pyrographed wood.

When the search is about to begin a tiny hand bell is rung by some member of the household and away all hurry. Much of the fun lies in the fact that the first object discovered is the valentine of the person discovering it. When it is found the player must stop searching. A couple of comic valentines are put in gilded envelopes and hidden with the rest to add to the fun. These boobies do not count, and those finding them are told to continue their quest until something more desirable is unearthed.

If any hostess should find it too expensive to provide gifts for all members of the company she might limit the number to three or four and let those first to discover them retain them, or valentines might be in store for all women of the party and the men detailed to help them search.

In the way of rumps, which are relished now and then by the most sensible of people have a pretty one called hearts to let. For this as many chairs as there are women players are decorated with huge bows of ribbon or the same paper bunches of artificial flowers and golden hearts. They are arranged back to back in the center of the room. Each man selects a chair and marks it as his own by writing his name on a card and placing it on the back of the chair. The girls blindfolded scramble for the seats.

The name on the back of any chair into which a girl sinks is that of the man for which she is supposed to have a special predilection. When the laughter of this valentine absurdity has died down the girls name the chairs and the men are blindfolded, the inference as to the chair taken being the same. No prize is, of course, attached to this game.

Or the hostess may cut from pink cardboard or tissue paper a quantity of wee pink hearts, which are scattered or hidden around the room. While the hearts are being distributed banish the valentines into the hall or an adjoining room. When they are readmitted have them ranked in line and get someone to play a lively piano tune. When the music stops the players scramble for the hearts. When it begins again they must fall into line once more. This continues until all the hearts are gathered up.

A Dainty Gown.

This is the time of the year that a woman's thoughts turn to the making or purchasing of dainty lingerie. The white sales in the shops are "on," and everything is marked down to ridiculous prices.



STREETSCENE OF HAINBOCK AND VAL LACK.

lously low prices, but the woman who cannot buy the best or second best in the underwear line should make her own garments. And right here is a saving all along the line in remnants of long-lost, laces and embroideries. The nightdress illustrated is one of the newest designs and is charmingly trimmed with imitation valenciennes edging and insertion.

Care of Tablecloths.

When not in use a tablecloth should be kept in folded creases and when brought out to be spread should be laid on the table and unfolded its entire length, the width being doubled, with the center crease along the center of the table. Then the half breadth that is folded should be turned back and the cloth will hang even. Careless servants often gather up a cloth "anyhow," without taking the trouble to fold it up again in its own creases, and thus fresh ones are made. A tablecloth will keep fresh looking as long again if it is always folded up in its own folds and put away until the next meal.

The French have a way of making even an inferior quality of table linen look well without the aid of starch. When the napkins are washed and ready to be ironed they are dipped into boiling water and partially wrung out between cloths. They are then rapidly ironed with a hot iron as fast as possible without burning them.

MAKING AUTOMOBILE PARTS.

Manufacturers Abandon Other Lines to Supply New Demand.

The large number of manufacturers who have been planning to produce automobile parts promises to be materially increased by the announcement of the automobile builders that they are unable to secure enough parts to make the output planned for 1910.

To-day the movement is taking in many manufacturers whose previous training has been in other directions, and according to the Iron Age the departure may be too radical to be wise. Enthusiasm for the new product may mean the neglect and serious injury to the old.

At the present time the successful automobile parts brings the handsome profit which a specialty usually commands. But, as with every other business the time must come when competition will get down to the normal basis, with profits reduced to the usual level.

Thousands of inventors are working on new means to accomplish the same ends and improvements are being made in quick succession.

Found New Eskimo Tribes.

W. J. Bower, an Arctic explorer, reports the discovery of a tribe of Eskimos who according to his statement, live on a point of Prince Albert Land. They call themselves Nunacoctics, are tall and look like North American Indians. The explorer was cordially welcomed by them, and he procured many rich furs. From the town of the Nunacoctics, Bower proceeded farther north where he discovered immense copper deposits. On this trip he lost an eye through the bite of a spider. This was not the end of Bower's troubles, for the end of Bower's troubles, a severe surgery of an Eskimo, the Eskimo used by the party was killed and the adventurers had to travel 100 miles to Point Barrow, where they were taken on board the steamer Jeannette.

Not Cold Weather to Him.

One of the guests at a reception in Washington some time ago had a poor memory for faces, and in the evening he took the host to the side after the manner of a man who had some important secret he was about to disclose and in a deep whisper inquired:

"You see that tall man standing by the door?"

"Yes," answered the host.

"Well, I was talking to him awhile ago about the terribly cold weather we had in Nebraska last winter, and he yawned in my face."

"Don't you know who that is?"

"I queried the host trying his best to hide a smile."

"No."

"Why that's Commander Robert B. Peary."

The Captain's Repatriate.

The captain of a trans-Atlantic liner, having become irritated as a result of some minor troubles in the ship's management and the unusually large number of ridiculous inquiries made by tourists was heading for the bridge when a dapper young man asked him to inquire the cause of the commotion off the starboard side of the ship. Being on the port side, the captain's reply with some hesitation he was not certain but thought it possible that a cat fish had got into the kitchen. What to do?

Capital Punishment in Germany.

Although little is heard outside Prussia of capital punishment within the kingdom the law is by no means a dead letter. In seven years there have been 98 executions, ten of the condemned being women. Silesia heads the list with 21 executions, followed by Brandenburg, Posen and Ruland. No executions take place in Berlin, the condemned being taken to the prison at Ploetzensee, in Brandenburg, where they have a standing guillotine.

Didn't Forget Himself.

A three-year-old waif in a despoiled home offered up this prayer, says the Delineator. "Oh, God bless all in this home (mentioning each by name), and all the sailors in the sea, that the ships won't run over them, and all the poor boys and girls that they may get bread and candy, and bless Alfred Warren Randall—(himself) a hesitation, then added, "the one what's got the nightgown on."

Woman's Opportunity.

Good sense is the greatest preservative of health. Never before have women had such a chance in the world as to-day and in this country. But the chance will avail them nothing unless they have the health to seize it and the vigor to hold it.

Duties of Military Attache.

The duties of a military attache are to make himself thoroughly acquainted with every change that takes place in military affairs and to report from time to time on the mobilization, armament and equipment of the power to which he is accredited.

The Guest of Honor.

A characteristic story is told of an occasion when Lord Avebury had to undergo a surgical operation. His friends endeavored to persuade him to take chloroform. "No thanks," he replied, "I would much rather be present at the operation."

Not a Profitable Job.

"Dodging" work," said Uncle Eben, "is an occupation that's liable to keep you busy an' fretted 24 hours a day, an' no vacations whatsoever."

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