Woman's

Miss Elsie De Wolfe—Latest Success In House Decoration

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MISS ELSIE DE WOLFE.

The woman who thinks it is necessary to have a large house to display one's taste and ingenuity in decoration should see a small New York home which has been furnished according to Miss Elsie De Wolfe's ideas. There are a number of good points in the salon and the sleeping rooms for the woman who is going to be her own interior decorator next spring.

The pictures in the salon are French, in gilt frames, and the long wire to the molding is covered with plaited ribbon in a dull old rose shade. This is a novel feature which will be copied by the majority of women who see it. Miles of wire stretching over a plated wall have always been an obstacle to beauty, and this ingenious method of solving the problem will be received with gratitude. The appliques in this room are French in design, holding branches of lights above a man's head.

The sleeping rooms have many novelties in the way of decoration. Each furnishes half a dozen ideas to the woman who is on the lookout for something new and something better to put in her own room. For instance, in one room there is a chintz bed. This gay colored cotton is let into a framework of wood. The canopy, which begins in the middle, is divided into four parts, each part drawn to a corner of the bed and caught with a ring of the material edged with crimson fringe. The lower framework of the bed where it comes against the mattress is padded with cotton and covered with crimson silk, as English fenders are. This is a color note for the woman who has always objected to the sharp line of wood against the drapery of the bed. The outer coverlet is of crimson silk to match this padded wood. The dressing room, which opens into this sleeping room, gives the appearance of a house of glass. Its walls are mirrored, the dressing table is covered with glass, and a triple mirror is also of glass, edged with a tiny band of ornate gilt.

Minor details that catch the eye in the whole house are the French hardware locks put on the doors and the introduction of a mirror wherever it is possible to insert a piece of glass in the wall. Every good decorator knows that reflection gives size, and in this eighteen foot house this method has been worked so successfully one often has the feeling of looking down a vista when one is inclosed by four walls.

In every room there is an available and convenient table which Miss De Wolfe calls a kidney table and which she has invented. This oddly shaped piece of furniture is of dull wood and is placed near the fireplace or sofa or a bookshelf.

For Cleaning Lingerie Collars.

Those who wear lingerie waists with lace collars will find it useful to know a safe and easy way to clean the necks, which are apt to become soiled when the waists are comparatively clean. Especially is this the case in traveling, and many a woman has been obliged to send a waist to the laundry simply because of a black line around the collar from a dusty coat.

In such cases it comes as a relief to learn that a small nailbrush and the ordinary bathroom soap, if properly applied, will cleanse a collar perfectly. Take the waist and place the collar carefully on the edge of the bathroom washbowl. Be sure only the collar touches the marble. Then wet the nailbrush with warm soapsuds and brush it rapidly over the soiled places.

Do not rinse the collar in the bowl, but allow it to remain on the edge of the bowl, and with the nailbrush frequently dipped in fresh water keep brushing the lace until the soap is entirely out of it. Next place the waist carefully over the back of a chair upon which a turkish towel has been arranged to hold the wet collar in shape just as it was removed from the basin edge. If this method is taken at night, the next morning will find the collar clean and shapely for another day's wear.

Nothing is more effective for cleansing Irish lace collars than this method of brushing them clean with the small wet brush and placing them on the bath toweling to dry.

JEWELED DOG COLLARS.

Worn by Pampered Pets of Society Folk.

DOGGIES' EXPENSIVE COLLARS.

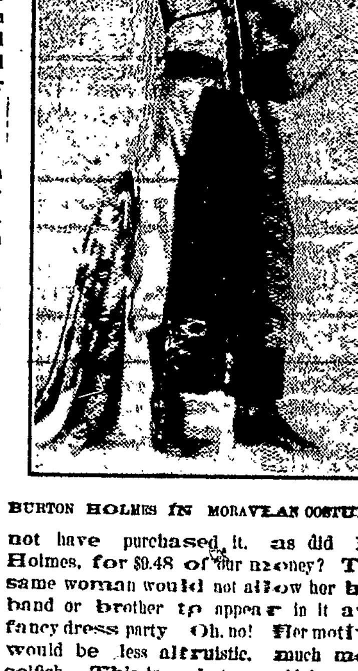
The fashion changes in dog collars not quite as often perhaps as in the clothes of the mistresses, but there are sharply defined rules concerning what is correct in canine collar adornment. The latest mode for these collars next spring is a bright green leather, and on the right shade of dog the effect is remarkably striking. Red collars are again in vogue for black coated doggies, and there is a model in silver beads that is much approved. A favorite collar of a dog in the toy class owned by a belle living at the national capital is of brown leather headed with silver nails. On the bangle which dangles from the collar are described the canine's name and address.

But the most curious dog collar on record was ordered by a Baltimore man to celebrate the eleventh birthday of his favorite black and tan terrier Dixie. The collar is of diamonds, of which no fewer than 700 were used. According to the illustration given of this collar, it was fashioned somewhat in the form of a tiara, with a pendant consisting of two graduated pieces higher in the center and narrowing at the back.

Wouldn't You Like This Costume?

Burton Holmes, the popular lecturer seems to be quite as appreciative of the picturesque in costumes as in scenery. Behold him in the illustration arrayed in his latest sartorial find—a Moravian costume which in Moravia is worn by the men of this Austro-Hungary province.

What woman, seeing the modistic possibilities of this native dress, would



BURTON HOLMES IN MORAVIAN COSTUME.

not have purchased it, as did Mr Holmes, for $9.48 of our money? This same woman would not allow her husband or brother to appear in it at a fancy dress party. Oh, no! Her motives would be less altruistic, much more selfish. This is what would happen. She would pick off, as it were, the leading motifs of this costume—for instance, the fascinating embroidered girdle with its long fringed ends. This loot she would wear about the waist of her new spring house frock of pale gray chiffon cloth. And the bolero, if this smart adornment answers to such a name in the Moravian tongue, she would incorporate into her smartest lingerie blouse of sheer marquisette. And the accordion plaited sleeves, each plait of which is said to be three inches deep—well, these marches would make several summer gowns.

Points For Mothers

The School Diet.

If early rising is insisted upon a child should never be set any task before breakfast, especially in winter, and if it is not expedient to serve a full breakfast at 7 the child should be given a bowl of hot milk and bread or a cup of cocoa with a roll or other light food. Breakfast may be served later, after the first exercises of the morning, and should be a substantial meal with animal food in the form of fish, eggs or cold meat of some sort.

There should also be porridge of wheaten grits or hominy with milk or cream and abundant sugar; also bread and butter, with some sweets in the form of jam, marmalade or stewed fruit.

Dinner, which should always be served near the middle of the day, should comprise meat, potatoes and one or two green vegetables and some form of sweet pudding. Supper, it is generally admitted, should comprise only easily digested articles of food, and such substances as pastry, cheese and meats are better omitted.

It should consist of either a porridge with milk or cream or a light farinaceous pudding of rice, tapioca, sago and the like, with bread and butter and some simple form of preserve. Stewed apples or prunes, light plain cake or a bowl of broth, with bread or crackers, may be substituted for porridge or pudding.

Children need fat, but they do not digest meat fat well, as a rule, and are very apt to dislike it. They will often take suet pudding, however, when hot mutton fat wholly disagrees with them.

Milk should be freely supplied not only in the form of puddings and porridges, but as an occasional beverage, and children should be made to understand that when hungry they can obtain a glass of milk and a biscuit or a bowl of bread and milk.

Fresh fish, eggs and bacon are all wholesome and serviceable food for children, and meat should be given at least once a day, and to rapidly growing children it may be given twice daily.

Children's Guessing Party.

A mother who wished to entertain school children gave a guessing party that was rather out of the usual run.

Boys and girls were invited for an evening with celebrities and their haunts. Nothing more explicit was said, so the young people were eager to know what was in store.

After being received by the hostess the party was ushered into a library, across one end of which was a huge white sheet. In a few minutes the room was darkened and a figure appeared dressed to represent Mrs. Jarley of the waxworks and in a witty speech announced the appearance of the celebrities.

She first distributed to each guest a card with pencil attached. These were lined and numbered to correspond with the celebrities to be shown.

In a few minutes a picture of Bluebeard was thrown on the sheet and thirty seconds given to guessing who he was.

The celebrities varied from heroes of fiction to monarchs, pugilists and football stars, noted actresses, poets, musicians, to well known places and buildings.

The pictures were made as different as possible, and when those that might be unfamiliar were given the showman elucidated it in a clever little speech.

At the end of the display the cards were numbered and passed in to a committee on awards. Each boy and girl having most correct guesses received a prize. There were also second and third prizes.

Such an entertainment is not hard to arrange if one can get the use of a lantern and some one to run it. It is essential to display the pictures rapidly.

The slides can be rented, or if you have a collection of postals they can be made into slides at small cost.

A Good Idea.

A mother who has several active children that are frequently coming in with cut fingers or bleeding noses says that in two places in her household she keeps squares of cheesecloth about handkerchief size for such emergencies, as blood stains are hard to get out of handkerchiefs. Sometimes a week or more elapses before the ruin is brought to light, because small boys are indifferent to the welfare of linen and also because they occasionally find it desirable to hide all evidence of affairs in which they have been aggressors. After so many days even the useful chalk treatment has to be repeated several times before the ugly stains are removed, making unnecessary work for some one. So when a "roughhouse" seems to be in prospect and always at playtime during the football season her young hopefuls have their pockets filled with the cheesecloth squares, and only one good handkerchief is allowed "for show." So impressed are other mothers with the scheme that all the small boys of the neighborhood now go forth to play with this command ringing in their ears: "If your nose bleeds take the squares in your right hand pocket, remember."

For the Children

Dorothy Schwartz at the Wheel of Her Runabout.

The ranks of experienced chauffeurs have recently been increased by the addition of Miss Dorothy Schwartz of Edwardsville, Ill., who was presented with a twenty horsepower runabout on her fifth birthday and is a familiar sight in the city in which she lives driving her car. She began to learn the automobile when but three years old, her father allowing her to hold the steering wheel of his machine during their trips together.

United States Mail.

An enjoyable game is United States mail. Place the chairs at equal distances and in each a player. These players choose the names of cities of the United States, and the leader, who must have a good memory, will begin the game by calling out, for instance, "Buffalo and San Francisco." These two cities will now change places, and if the leader can possess himself of either vacant seat in the course of the exchange the person thus ousted must be leader in his turn. When the leader calls "General delivery" every one must move to some new seat, and the person that is left without a seat is the new leader.

The old game of stagecoach is played in much the same way except that different parts of the stagecoach and its various passengers, the horses and so on are selected by the players, and the leader must improvise a story introducing as many of these names as possible. As the name of each player is introduced he must rise and whirl around, resuming his seat. When the leader says "Stagecoach" the whole company must go through this performance, and when the climax of a breakdown is reached all change places, and in the melee the story teller finds a chair, thus forcing a new story teller to the front.

Geographical Comparisons.

It is only by comparison that some things can be understood, and this is particularly true of divisions of the earth's surface. Every one has a fairly clear idea of the size of his own state or county or even of the whole area of the United States. By comparing other countries and seas with those that are familiar to us on the map a much clearer notion of them is obtained.

Greece is about the size of Vermont.

Palestine is about one-fourth of the size of New York.

Hindustan is more than a hundred times as large as Palestine.

The great desert of Africa has nearly the dimensions of the United States.

The Red sea would extend from Washington to Colorado, and it is three times as wide as Lake Ontario.

Conundrums.

When are two apples alike? When paired.

Why is a bedcover like a mustard plaster? Because it is a counterpane.

Why does tying a slow horse to a post improve his pace? It makes him fast.

Why are gloves unsalable articles? Because they are made to be kept on hand.

Why is life like this riddle? Because you must give it up.

Why does a boy sneeze three times? Because he can't help it.

Why are some women like facts? Because they are stubborn things.

A Cure For Balking.

A farmer thus cured a horse of balking: He went to a stall of wood for a small load, but his horse would not pull a pound. He did not beat him, as most men would, but simply tied him to a tree and left him there. At sunset he went to the stack again, but the horse still refused to draw. So he put a blanket on him and left him there for the night. In the morning he still refused to draw, but at noon, being hungry, he started at once and drew the load to the house. The farmer returned and got another load before feeding him and then gave him a good dinner.

The Fagot Gatherer.

In Europe every bit of wood is carefully saved and used, and the fagots of the forest furnish the peasantry with fuel. The Swiss boy is most expert of all the fagot gatherers, for he has to balance on his head and shoulders his awkward bundle of fagots while he leaps down the rough mountain side.

Dispositions.

I wonder if it's pen or ink
That's cross.
They're very nice with grownup folks,
Of course,
But soon as I begin to try
To write with them they kick and fly
And stub and splash with all their might
And make my writing just a sight.
I don't know if the pen's to blame
Or not;
It's certainly the ink that makes
The blot.
But anyhow I'd rather write
With Mr. Pencil, gay and bright.
He's kind and never twists and twirls.
I think he's fond of little girls.

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