Woman's World

No Career Greater Than Home-making, Says Miss Tarbell.

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MISS IDA M. TARBELL.

This is what Miss Ida Tarbell, the biographer of Standard Oil and author of "Life of Lincoln," has to say about woman's civic duty:

"The most valuable citizen in the world is the woman who stays at home and properly brings up a family of children.

"A woman's first and most important duty to the state is the same as it always has been since the beginning of things—the rearing of good citizens.

"There is no achievement, literary, artistic, what you will, which a woman can perform that is of the same vital significance to the nation as the rearing of a family of mentally, morally, physically healthy boys and girls. There is no profession containing such real honor for a woman as that of homemaking. And it is the great national job for the majority of us. Let us see that we stick to it. We can't do anything better."

Miss Tarbell's interviewer here interposed that it was not possible for all women to marry, and she was asked what civic duties were best performed by the single ones.

Miss Tarbell said: "They still serve the state in many ways. The highest service that they can perform is to become teachers. Women do excellent work on boards of hospitals, reformatories, prisons, asylums, and schools. Indeed, there should be a proportion of women on all such boards, though there should be men also.

"As factory and milk and tenement house inspectors women do splendid service. There should be many more women probation officers. All state institutions taking care of women and children should be largely administered by women."

Household Economics.

To make biscuits light—drench with gasoline and ignite before serving.

To keep servants—chloroform and lock in the cellar.

To get rid of peddlers—buy all they have.

To remove fruit stains from linen—use the scissors.

To keep rats out of the pantry—put all the food in the cellar.

To entertain women visitors—let them read all your private papers.

To entertain men visitors—feed the brutes.

To keep children at home—lock 'em in the garret.

To keep hubby at home—lock up all his clothes.

To prevent accidents in the kitchen—fill the kerosene can with water.

To stop leaks in pipes—send in a hurry up for the nearest plumber.

To economize on coal—get a gas range.

To test freshness of eggs—drop on hard surface.

To propitiate the janitor—you can't do it.—Lippincott's.

Large Waists.

The Venus of Milo dressed in Parisian modes might pass muster now. Thirty inches is none too big for a waist. Paris made the law, and every one followed it joyously. Even the ... pull as you may, will not give a small waist. It is even rumored that Frenchwomen pad the front of the figure to cause it to appear straight. The one desideratum is to keep the figure to the straight line.

Catherine de' Medici when she introduced the bone corset made thirteen inches the right size for the waist, and many a woman at court sacrificed her life to attain it. There is no necessity to have long bones to keep in the hips. Coutil or brocade may be cut so as to confine the dimensions. Digestive organs are now left full and easy play.

Woman and Suffragettes.

On his visit to America Father Vaughan of London (called by Chesterton "the Mayfair priest who makes the comfortable classes feel uncomfortable") was asked. "Would you give votes to women?"

"I would make no difficulty about giving votes to women," he answered. "But, you understand," he added, with twinkling eye, "once you give votes to women the suffragettes would be wanting them also."—Success.

Good Form

Correct Letter Writing.

A communication or gift received by a person in social life must be acknowledged. This is a rule so emphatic that it has no exceptions.

And equally is it the rule that if the communication be a card or note it must be responded to in precisely the same form. Acting upon this, no woman need fear making a mistake in this branch of her social duties.

A visiting card, slight as it is, should not be ignored unless it bears the letters "P. P. C." In that instance it is an answer to courtesies received as well as an announcement of departure and therefore might be said to close communication.

A receipt of a card following an event of importance to the family requires a card in return. For example, after a birth or death or other occasions less momentous it is not uncommon for friends to post visiting cards as indicating that they are aware of the happening. Sometimes merely a word or line is written on the card, as "Condolences," "Felicitations," according to the nature of the event. The return card, which should be sent within a couple of days, may have the word "Thanks" written on it, or it may be blank except for the engraved name and address.

It is not considered good form to answer a note with a card save after a death, when a bereaved family is permitted to make little effort, and its members may spare themselves the work of writing notes.

Invitations are always to be answered in the same form in which they are received, so that if a note comes written in the first person the response also should contain the personal pronoun. More formal invitations, in which the third person is employed, require the third in return.

Incidentally a person who is unaccustomed to writing this most formal communication, which takes the third person, must be careful that in answering the response continues to contain the third at the end as at the beginning.

More than one person has committed the error of beginning correctly with the third and ending with the first person.

A Few Table Rules.

A woman who gives much attention to diet and lives up to the best ideas in this line has the following rules neatly framed in a conspicuous place in her dining room where the family may be impressed with them:

First.—Five or ten minutes before beginning to eat a meal drink a glass of cold water. This will leave the stomach before the food reaches it and will carry with it any mucus which has accumulated since last eating, thus leaving the walls of the stomach clear and ready to be activated by the newly arrived food.

Second.—Never take a second cup of coffee. You will not care for a second if you moisten your food sufficiently with saliva. Take dinner coffee always with dessert or after rather than before, as if thus aids digestion.

Third.—Never wash your food down with liquids, but masticate each mouthful well and it will be sufficiently moist and will promote the flow of gastric juices, thereby preparing the stomach still further for its work.

Fourth.—Never eat "until too full." By a little attention to the matter you will learn when to stop and thus avoid the consequences of overeating. One mouthful too much is apt to cause disarrangement of the digestive system. This may seem like putting it rather strong, but you know that even a teaspoonful too much will cause a dish to overflow, and the same applies to the closely packed organs of the human body, where disarranged gastric fluids will produce illness.

Telephone Invitations.

When accepting an invitation over the telephone it is the part of wisdom to follow it with a written acceptance, in which the day, date and hour are repeated. Only in this way can a woman be certain that no error is made in the time, and the sense of security given is worth the effort.

Telephone invitations will always appear to be informal and sometimes are, but a woman will have no difficulty in deciding the point if she gives heed to the hour appointed. A luncheon at half past 1 o'clock, to play bridge afterward, may be regarded as formal; dinner at any time after a quarter to 7 is also formal.

Earlier than these hours is considered to be informal.

Bridesmaids Gowns.

It is customary for a bride to select the style and material of the bridesmaids' dresses, and if the girls are not well enough off to have many dresses she should assuredly be careful to choose styles that are not too pronounced, so that the dresses may be worn on other occasions. Complaints about this are not infrequent from girls who have acted as bridesmaids when they were obliged to buy dresses. They could never use again on account of the combination of colors or the exaggerated mode fancied at the moment by the bride.

BLOUSE NEWNESS.

A Stunning Evening Model In Velvet and Silver Lace.

VELVET AND SILVER LACE BLOUSE.

A lovely combination of velvet and silver lace is to be found in the evening waist pictured. The foundation is of coarse silver net and the fichu draped bodice of heavy silver lace. The short kimono sleeves are edged with silver ball fringe. A heavy silver cord ornament studded with rhinestones through which is drawn the cyclamen colored velvet relieves the one tone effect and adds chic to the blouse.

A new French feature is the side sash of silver net edged with ball fringe.

Eliot For Sex Frankness.

Dr. Charles W. Eliot, president emeritus of Harvard university, is one of those who believe that sex hygiene should be taught in the public schools. "The only alternative for education in sex hygiene," he declared in a paper read recently by Dr. Luther H. Gulick to the American School Hygiene association, "is the prolongation of the present awful wrongs and woes in the very vitals of civilization."

Dr. Eliot believes that to prevent the disasters to the young that arise from ignorance systematic instruction should be given in the processes of reproduction and the consequences that follow violations of the laws of nature. "The policy of science has failed everywhere," he urged. "If any one protests that this educational process will abolish innocence and make matter of common talk the tenderest and most intimate concerns in human life let him consider that virtue and not innocence is manifestly God's object and end for humanity."

For the Summer Girl.

The lingerie gown for the summer will not be of handkerchief or any of the fine linens if it is strictly up to date. Cotton voile in different degrees of fineness has taken the place of linen in the dressmaking world this season. Embroideries that play so conspicuous a part on these costumes is of a mingled heavy and light weave. But as there must be an exception to every rule the lingerie gown illustrated is composed almost entirely of heavy but very handsome English eyelet embroidery.

OF ENGLISH EYELET EMBROIDERY.

Fountain Designed by a Woman.

Miss Blanche Nevin, the sculptor who made the statue of General Muhlenberg in the Revolutionary hero group in the capitol at Washington, has a fountain in her back yard in Lancaster county, Pa., that has attracted much attention. It is supported by the statues of four women, each prominent in the history of the country, one of them being Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy.

A Gift With a Sting.

What do you think of the man who presented his wife with a set of diamonds when married, each diamond representing a year of her life, and who has since given her one on each birthday, exacting that she wear them all at once? The worst of it is that he explains to every one of their friends and acquaintances just how he has managed the brilliant gift giving.

SPRING RIDING HABIT.

What the Up to Date Equestrienne Will Wear.

READY FOR THE HORSEBACK RIDE.

Women are taking more and more to horseback riding as a means of keeping themselves in form, but of course there are many who ride merely for the love of the exercise. Whatever the object of the sport, every woman who rides wants to be turned out in the latest and most approved riding togs. A dowdy looking woman on horseback is an unforgivable object. She won't be a dowd, however, if she goes to a good tailor and follows the idea of the riding costume seen in the illustration. The skirt is a divided affair made of English suiting, and the details are correct in every particular.

Memorial to Famous Women.

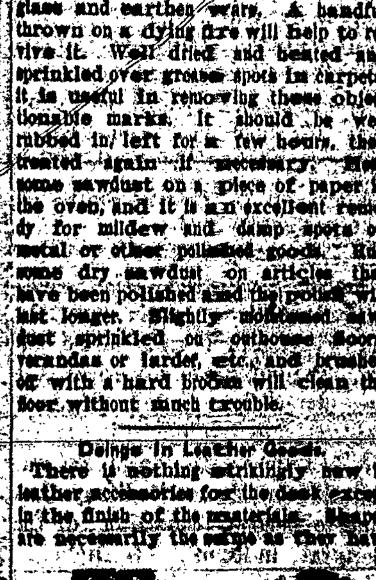
The lady chapel of the new Liverpool cathedral, which is to be opened next summer, has a scheme of beautiful stained glass windows commemorative of the noble deeds of good women. Besides the famous women of the Bible the following are commemorated: Dr. Alice Marvel and all who have laid down their lives for their sisters, Grace Darling and all courageous ... brave champions of purity, Mary Collet and all prayerful women, Louise Stewart and all the noble army of martyrs, Christina Rossetti and all sweet singers, Catherine Gladstone and all loyal hearted wives, Elizabeth Barrett Browning and all women who have seen the infinite in things, Angela Burdett-Coutts and all women almoners of the King of heaven, Mother Cecile and all women loving and large hearted in counsel.

How to Use Sawdust.

Sawdust may be made to serve a number of purposes for the housewife. It is good for removing sediment in glass and earthen ware. A handful thrown on a dying fire will help to revive it. Well dried and heated and sprinkled over grease spots in carpets, it is useful in removing these objectionable marks. It should be well rubbed in, left for a few hours, then treated again if necessary. Heat some sawdust on a piece of paper in the oven, and it is an excellent remedy for mildew and damp spots on metal or other polished goods. Rub some dry sawdust on articles that have been polished and the polish will last longer. Slightly moistened sawdust sprinkled on outhouse floors, verandas or larder, etc., and brushed off with a hard broom will clean the floor without much trouble.

Doings In Leather Goods.

There is nothing strikingly new in leather accessories for the desk except in the finish of the materials. Shapes are necessarily the same as they have



CORRECT FORM OF WRITING PAD, BLOTTER AND TELEPHONE CASE.

been for years, but there are beautiful finishings and mountings that vary from season to season.

The articles seen in the cut are carried out in English morocco in a charming shade of dull green and with the telephone case made a delightful addition to one's desk fittings.

Cookery Doses

Prune Souffle.

For prune souffle remove the pits from a large cupful of stewed prunes and chop fine. Add the whites of three eggs and half a cupful of sugar beaten to a stiff froth. Mix well, turn into a buttered dish and bake thirty minutes in a moderate oven. Serve with whipped cream. If it is desired to cook this in individual cups butter the cups, fill only two-thirds full to allow for puffing up of the eggs and set the cups in a pan of water to bake. Some like a dash of cinnamon in this.

Another recipe for prune whip in which the making is omitted is especially rich. Take one pint of stewed prunes, one-third pint of thick cream, whites of six eggs and raspberry or loganberry jelly. After thoroughly draining the prunes pit them and rub them through a colander, but avoid rubbing the skins through as much as possible. Beat the whites of the eggs to a stiff froth, then by degrees beat this into sifted prunes. If not sweet enough to suit the taste add a teaspoonful of sugar.

The delicacy of this dish depends largely upon the thoroughness with which the ingredients are beaten together. When well beaten together pour into a glass dish. Whip the cream and spread evenly over the top of pudding, then fleck the whipped cream with bits of the jelly. Serve with cream or, if preferred, with a custard made from the yolks of six eggs.

Chicken Pie.

Two medium sized chickens, one pound of raw sausage, one slice of onion, a few herbs, a little chopped parsley, seasoning of salt and pepper, two cupfuls of cold water, one heaping tablespoonful of powdered gelatin, some pastry, one raw egg, one hard cooked egg and a few slices of cold ham.

Cut the chickens into neat, small joints and take out the bones. Skin the sausages. Put the bones, necks and gizzards into a pan with enough cold water to cover them; add the onion, herbs and seasoning. Let all simmer gently for an hour and a half. Put a layer of chicken in a pudding dish, then some slices of cold ham and hard boiled egg. Sprinkle over them some chopped parsley, pepper and salt. Repeat these layers till the dish is full ... [illegible] ... center ornament, and pour in the stock ... [illegible]

Stews That Are Good to Eat.

A variation of the old time Irish stew has the meat cooked with peas, beans, peppers and potatoes in place of the usual carrots and other vegetables. For a brown stew cut the cooked or uncooked meat in pieces, roll them in flour and fry them brown in drippings. Then turn in hot water and boil until the meat is within fifteen minutes of being tender. Add potatoes cut in pieces, a green pepper or two with the seeds removed, and cut in pieces, a sweet red pepper or two prepared in the same way and a half cupful of tomatoes. Season with salt, pepper and a little paprika.

Clam Fritters.

The following batter is excellent for clam fritters: Sift a pint of flour with a teaspoonful each of salt, sugar and cream of tartar and half a teaspoonful of soda. Add a tablespoonful of melted butter, one egg and half a pint of milk. Mix the flour, sugar, salt, soda and cream of tartar together and rub through a sieve. Whip the egg till very light and stir it into the milk, then beat it gradually into the dry ingredients. When the batter is smooth stir a very scant pint of chopped clams into it, taking care not to add enough clam juice to moisten it too much. Fry on a hot griddle.

Neapolitan Cake.

For neapolitan cake prepare two cake batters, one white and the other yellow, and divide each batter into two parts. Color one half of the white batter a beautiful pink and leave the other half white. Color and flavor one half of the yellow batter with chocolate. ... [illegible] ... with orange juice. The yellow layer may be flavored with orange juice if desired and the white flavored with ... [illegible] ... flavored with strawberry or rose.

Pepper Nuts.

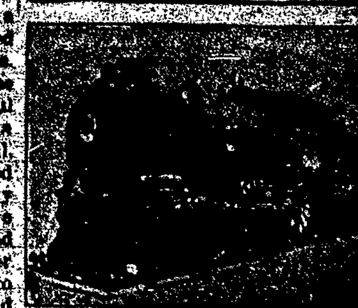
One pound of pulverized sugar, one pound of flour (very scant), three eggs, two ounces of chopped citron, one teaspoonful of cinnamon, one-quarter of a teaspoonful of cloves, one-quarter of a teaspoonful of pepper, one-quarter of a pound of chopped almond meats. Beat the sugar and eggs one hour, then add the other ingredients, the citron last. Put in little lumps in greased pan. Bake in moderate oven.

An Attractive Sundae.

For an attractive sundae prepare vanilla ice cream, divide it among as many sherbet glasses as there are guests to be served and sprinkle with minced nut meats ... around it some finely ... from a jar of the best ... [illegible]

For the Children

A Locomotive Entirely Covered With Apples.



At a horticultural fair in Sebastopol, Cal., one of the most interesting exhibits was an apple locomotive on an apple track on apple ties, says the St. Nicholas, from which the accompanying picture is reproduced. It required several thousand apples to make this unique design.

The framework was twenty-six feet long and six feet high, and the engine was complete, at least as to its outward appearance. The driving wheels were operated by a concealed electric motor. When the power was turned on this fruit engine moved along the track.

Making Scrap Books.

The very best kind of scrap book for the nursery is one made of ... [illegible] ... ed cambric or muslin. Cut four pieces 24 by 12 inches, and buttonhole around the edges. Then stitch down the middle, fold over and stitch again along the folded edge to make the book stay shut. The edges may be scalloped instead of buttonholed. ... [illegible] ... advertisements may be cut from papers and magazines, and by combining them make very funny pictures.

Another kind of scrap book ... made from a blank book ... [illegible]

[illegible]

Presence of Mind.

A startling incident ... [illegible]

[illegible]

What Lucy Knew.

[illegible]

When Mary Reads.

[illegible]