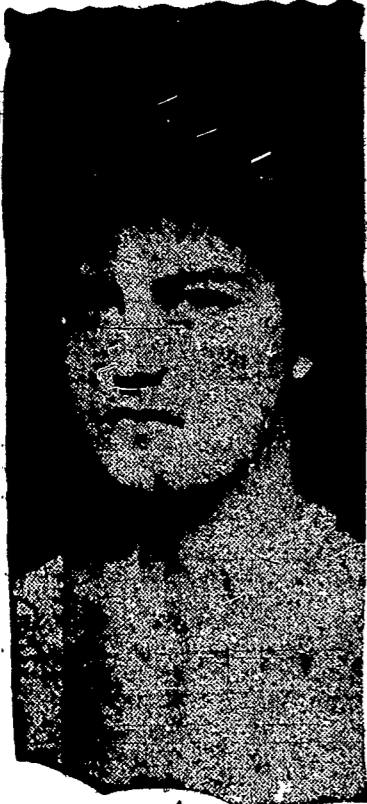


Woman's World

Mrs. Craig Biddle Gives Society a Jolt.



MRS. CRAIG BIDDLE

To smoke or not to smoke in public places has been the question agitating ultra smart society for several seasons. On the continent and in England it no longer causes a start of surprise even to the conservative member of society to see milady while slipping her after dinner coffee at one of the fashionable restaurants puff daintily at her monogrammed cigarette.

Society of the ultra smart set did, however, receive a jolt recently when Mrs. Craig Biddle, "one of the Biddies of Philadelphia," openly smoked a cigarette while dining with her husband and a woman guest in the public dining room of the Quaker City's most exclusive hotel. Up to this time smoking by women at this hotel had been confined to the private smoking room fitted up for them.

Staid Philadelphia seems to be setting aside the conventional. What next?

Concerning Women.

Mrs. Matthew T. Scott, president general of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, is the owner of a tract of 10,000 acres of land in Illinois on which she is conducting a back to the farm enterprise. Only a short time ago Mrs. Scott was elected president of a coal mining company to succeed former Vice-President Adlai E. Stevenson.

Mrs. Florence Fenwick Miller writes in one of the illustrated papers of London that Englishwomen have absurd ideas about America's home life. She says she was asked repeatedly after her visit to the United States if American women keep house. The general impression seemed to be that they had no real homes, in the English sense of the word, while Mrs. Miller declares she found the home life in this country most beautiful.

The reason that the French people enjoy the well earned reputation of being the politest people in the world is because "la politesse," or good breeding, is an accomplishment they always acquire at home and in childhood. A Frenchman, his wife and a couple of children will observe all the most exquisite social amenities in the privacy of their own home, and the family life presents all the social advantages they require. A French boy of even the humblest parentage does not wait to go out in the world to learn how to offer a woman a chair, give an elderly gentleman his arm, invite one to dine or discover the topics of conversation that engage your interest. He has lived from his babyhood in an atmosphere of family deference and cheerfully unselfish consideration, and he is charmingly polite by precept and example wherever he may find him self.

A Gift Suggestion.

An ideal gift for the bachelor is the "handy" box containing tags, rubber bands, labels, thumb tacks, twine—in fact, almost any article one might need in dispatching a package or for the hundred and one other conveniences to which these useful articles may be put. One bachelor relates he derived more pleasure from one of these boxes, which was given to him, than from almost any other gift he could mention. The boxes come in various sizes, the number of useful articles contained varying with the size of the box. A gift of this character is well worth considering where a personal gift is not desirable.

Highly Recommended.

"Why did you leave your last place?" asked Mrs. Hiram Dady of the would be cook. "I haven't left me lasht place," replied the applicant. "I haven't any lasht place to lave. I've been workin' for meself for the past year, an' I can recommend meself to yez very boightly."—Boston Transcript.

Nonsensical League.

A league of men who undertake never to be seen with a woman wearing a hobble skirt has been formed at Milan.

Milady's Mirror

Beauty Recipes of French Chemist. The following recipes are formulas used by a noted French chemist:

The woman who lives at home and has the necessary leisure may enjoy heating her little "bain marie" or blemishing her own chemist. The bustling woman can give the prescriptions to a reliable druggist, who will put them up for her. The orange flower skin food is specially recommended. The hair recipes will fall of their full effect if the skin (or scalp) to which they are applied be not thoroughly cleansed first. The scalp lotions are useless, moreover, if the scalp be tight. In nine cases out of ten both skin and scalp are somewhat neglected in the summer. Now is the time to resume the steady care of one's tresses. And as the soil is the thing to mind about in gardening, so the scalp is the thing to mind about when it is a question of the hair. The beauty of the hair depends upon the nourishment it receives, and the nourishment it receives depends upon the circulation.

Blond Hair.—The juice of one and one-half lemons, one-half ounce of saffron, one ounce of water.

Dry Hair.—Tincture of cantharides, one ounce; tincture of jaborandi, two drams; bay rum, ten ounces; oil of nutmeg, one dram.

Oily Hair.—Powdered bicarbonate of soda, one-half ounce; borate of soda, one-half ounce; eau de cologne, two ounces (fluid); tincture of cochineal, one-quarter ounce (fluid); distilled water, thirty-two ounces. Mix thoroughly, rubbing and working it into the scalp every night.

If the hair is very plentiful double all the quantities.

The following are for the complexion and hands:

Almond Milk.—To every fifteen almonds add one tablespoonful of granulated sugar to mix the oils. Found the nuts to a powder and while doing so add to every fifteen nuts one gill of rosewater until they are a fine paste, cover and let stand for twelve hours, then strain and add ten drops of tincture of benzoin.

Barley Water For Washing the Face.—Bring three ounces of best pearl barley to a boil in a pint of cold water, after which it should simmer for fifteen minutes. When it is thick, but not sticky, strain, and when cold add twenty-five drops of tincture of benzoin and one-half its bulk of rosewater.

Orange Flower Skin Food (this does not grow hair).—White wax, one-half ounce; spermaceti, one-half ounce; coconut oil, one-half ounce; orange flower water, one ounce; lanolin, one ounce; oil of sweet almonds, two ounces; tincture of benzoin, three drops.

If made at home melt ingredients 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 and 6 and 7 briskly with an egg beater. Wash the face well with warm water and castile or any pure soap before applying and apply at bedtime only.

Oatmeal Water.—Boil one cupful of oatmeal in a gallon of water for one hour. Strain and bottle and use for washing face and hands. It is a fine whitener.

The Famous Lait Virginal.—Orange flower water (or rosewater), one pint; tincture of benzoin, one-half ounce; tincture of myrrh, ten drops; glycerin, fifteen drops.

French Complexion Paste.—Tincture of benzoin, ten drops; warm water (or rosewater), one-half cupful, and enough almond meal to make a paste with the foregoing. Tear one white rose to pieces and stir in (in bain marie—i. e., double boiler) until quite warm. Smear on the face until it draws, then remove with a little water and rub in a good cold cream.

Paste For Night Gloves.—Myrrh, one ounce; honey, four ounces; yellow wax, two ounces; rosewater, six ounces. Powder the myrrh, melt the wax and mix while hot. Beat thoroughly, stir in honey and rosewater and sufficient glycerin little by little to make a paste. Put the paste on the bands, then slip on gloves a size too large at bedtime.

Perfumed Baths.

The most notable feature of the fashion today is the remarkable extent to which perfume is being used in baths. Another modern fashion is the burning of perfumes in rooms. Perfumes have, of course, been burned in this way for ages, but of late there has been a remarkable revival of the custom, and there are now on the market ingenious little lamps. There has to be no flame. The perfume is brought from the reservoir to the surface by an ordinary wick and there volatilized by a red-hot needle. Oriental scents, which are composed chiefly of gums and spices, are used for the purpose.

Modish Parisienne Leads.

All modish Parisienne heads are dressed low in these days. In fact, little curls are getting nearer the neck all the time. Heads are quite flat all around, the hair well drawn over the ears in tresses merely suggestive of the wave, for the marcel has passed out long ago in Paris. Plumes, too, are less worn on the head than formerly. Now it is the small cabochon of pearls or colored stones or round knot of mousseline, the best coiffeurs declaring that the hair should be its own garnish.

THE WINTER MODE

New Paris Blouses Have Long Sleeves.



OF NAVY NET AND BROWN CHEIFFON.

One's frock may be elbow sleeved, but the blouse that accompanies the tailored two piece suit must have sleeves to the wrist. This waist, worn with a street suit of brown cloth, is made of ecru net and brown chiffon. The buttons have coral centers in gold rims.

The Art of Window Drapings.

Perhaps you are going to get some new curtains for the windows this winter, so as to give the room an additional touch while putting them in order for the winter. If you are wondering what kind to select, here are a few hints which may help you. There is a great deal of art in hanging window curtains correctly. Entirely different shape and hanging is required for long, narrow windows from that given to the wide "cottage" window. The latter may have lots of dainty plaits and frills, while the former is very formal. If the draperies are thin and ruffled they may be looped back, for if they hung straight they would have an unfinished appearance. Place the loops holding the curtains back high up, if you wish the curtains to look graceful, unless the ruffles are very scant. When two sets of curtains are used the under ones as a rule do not come below the sill. When such is the case the loop comes four or five inches above the top line of the bottom set. But if the under curtains hang to the floor the loop is placed very low, just opposite the sill. If curtains that come just below the sill are used and ruffles placed along the edges these must be twice as full as the usual ruffle; if they are to look pretty and graceful. Less than that makes them look scant. When the curtains are looped back the outer edge is pulled out a little, giving it a slightly scalloped effect instead of a sharp drawn back effect. Do not put any more dressing into such draperies than is required to give them a little body or they will hang stiffly and awkwardly.

Picturesque Type of Evening Gown.—Every evening frock that comes from Paris is different from all the rest and full of individuality. The gown pictured, by Beer, has a unique



EMPIRE GREEN BEADED MODEL.

of fillet net embroidered with crystals and wooden beads and is mounted over a foundation of empire green. The corsage shows a novel one side drapery, and the arrangement of ribbon bands of gold tissue is unique.

First Woman in Diplomatic Service.

The president of Uruguay has recognized a woman's fitness to serve as a diplomat by appointing a young woman lawyer attaché of the Uruguayan legation at Brussels. She is Miss Clotilde Lalat, doctor of laws in the University of Uruguay.

For the Children

How Pussy Keeps Her Feet Warm in Winter.



Hens dislike to have their feet touch snow or ice. If they do so the beauty to keep them warm by lifting up first one and then the other and holding it under the feathers. During the greater part of the day hens, when left to run about the yard, will get on a piece of wood and seemingly go to roost. What they are trying to do is to keep their feet warm.

The cat has a similar habit of getting on a high fence or a board in some sunny place and then curling her paws inward so that no part remains uncovered by fur and exposed to the cold. The gray squirrel is heavily furred in cold weather, but he delights to scurry down in the nest within the hollow tree trunk the first time he has leaves and tree dust which he has collected to make his warm and cozy quarters.—St. Nicholas.

That Strange Word "Crowd."

Do you know how many words in the English language mean "crowd"? Well, a few of them are given here: A crowd of ships is termed a fleet; a flock of sheep is called a flock; a flock of geese is called a bevy; a bevy of women is called a pack; a pack of thieves is called a gang; a gang of anglers is called a host; a host of popples is called a shoal; a shoal of buttocks is called a herd; a herd of children is called a troop; a troop of partisans is called a covey; a covey of beauties is called a galaxy; a galaxy of rubbers is called a heap; a heap of oxen is called a drove; a drove of hoodlums is called a mob; a mob of whites is called a school; a school of worshippers is called a congregation; a congregation of engineers is called a corps; a corps of robbers is called a band; a band of bees is called a swarm; a swarm of people is called a crowd.

New Year's in Japan.

On New Year's the streets of a Japanese city find the national flag, which when a red ball upon a white ground. Before each house candles stand two pines, on the right a red stemmed one and on the left a black pine. Beside the pine trees stand slender bamboo canes, and the trees are joined above with a festoon of paper fringe and straw rope, ornamented with yellow, bitter oranges, bits of charcoal, lobsters and large bunches of red berries. These garlands also bring luck.

Everybody in town is happy because of the New Year. The children crowd the shops, the boys buy kites, gorgeous stringing kites, which as they fly make strange whirring noises like the sound of the aeolian harp. The girls buy dolls and pretty things to wear, and every one wears brand new clothes.

Politeness.

The extent to which a girl is called on to use politeness and tact in her daily life makes it necessary for her to cultivate a pleasing manner and to be a respecter of all persons, no matter what their station is. Occasionally some girls are accused of discourtesy to their elders or being unkind to charity-does or doing some little act which does not reflect to their credit. But politeness at all times should be followed, even to a fault, and consideration for others will widen our acquaintance.

Queer Diet.

The huge squads of police detailed to guard the coronation parade in London were given sticks of pure chocolate and bags of candy "drops" as the mainstay of their rations.

Strange to say, this diet was recommended by the chief of police surgeons as the very best for a hard day's work in the sultry weather.

Safe it is to say that the little English children for that day at least wished devoutly to belong to the police force.

Conundrums.

Why is a good dog like a minute hand? Both are on the watch.

What vegetable is like the blind? The potato. It has eyes, but cannot see.

When is a cherry like a book? When both are red (read).

When is a fowl's neck like a bell? When it is rung (wrong).

Why are days long in summer and short in winter? Heat expands and cold contracts.

Bill's Problem.

Said the thoughtful William Smithers: "There's something on my mind. Although I've pondered long and well, no answer can I find. And this is the information that I would like to know: Where does the new year come from, and where does the old year go?"

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