

# Woman's World

Mrs. Frederic Schoff's Appeal to Mothers.



MRS. FREDERIC SCHOFF.

Mrs. Frederic Schoff, president of the National Congress of Mothers, recently sent out the following appeal to parents and teachers associations; such an appeal cannot fail to be of interest to every mother in the land who has the welfare of her children at heart:

"Gentle little mother, working faithfully in your own home to make your own children's lives true and pure, strong and vigorous, gathering them each night by your own fireside, listening to the evening prayers and tucking them snugly in their beds, do you know of the great world outside of which your children are a part, in which, as soon as school days come, they must live? Yes, you know only too well of its temptations, and for your dear children's sakes you wish you could make it better. You are only one mother, with perhaps little outside influence. You think your own thoughts, but they do not go far toward solving the problems that face the children when beyond home influence. Get six mothers to organize a mothers' circle, and your influence is increased. Get twelve, and it is again doubled. Get the fathers on an advisory council and keep them informed of what you are studying and doing, and the influence is again more than doubled. Get your mothers' circles as an auxiliary of the school, and its opportunity and power for good are multiplied many times.

"Have every mother in the county a member of the mothers' circle in her community and hold an annual county conference of mothers to consider the welfare of the child in home, school and community, and the things that concern the children will have to go."

"Bring all the mothers of a state into annual conference for the welfare of the child, and your own children's opportunities and privileges will be far beyond what they are when mothers do, each one in her own home, thinking and wishing things might be improved, but without the strength which comes from organization, unable to accomplish much.

"Mothers organized are a power which no man wishes to resist. They can ask what they will for the children, and legislators and educators will listen with respect.

"Gentle little mother, in your busy life in the home do not forget that your children are citizens of the nation, that for them you want the nation to do—all that will enlarge the possibilities of life and health for all children and that by joining or forming your little local circle or perhaps a county, state and national organization of mothers whose sole object is to give to every child the chance to develop physically, mentally and morally he should.

"What other benefit will you, gentle mother, derive from joining the National Congress of Mothers? You will be kept in touch with the best thought of the best and most experienced men and women on bringing up children. You will have study courses recommended to you, books for yourself and your children. You will feel the pleasure of knowing that by your membership you are strengthening and encouraging those who are working successfully to improve the conditions of childhood throughout the nation.

"You may never find it possible to attend a national congress, but if you do it will stimulate you to a higher conception of your great privilege and opportunity in being a mother. If you cannot attend you may read the wonderful words of those who have studied children and know how to bring out their best, physically and morally.

"Are you not glad that there are women and men, too, who have organized to guard and promote in every possible way the welfare of the child? If so, show your appreciation by joining the congress."

**Fashion For Flowers.**  
The woman who neglects opportunities for decorating her costume with artificial flowers is indeed careless. Never were made blossoms more life-like, whether of velvet, satin or gauze.

All smart evening gowns carry a group of mixed blooms or three orchids—two ferns. The single American Beauty rose is a favorite; also the red poinsettia. Small flowers are not in fashion.

## Good Form

**Men's Visiting Cards.**  
A man's visiting card is for some inscrutable reason decidedly smaller than a woman's. The shape is long and narrow, the length being nearly or quite twice the width. A man may have the address of his house or his club on his visiting card if he likes, but usually he does not. Perhaps this apparent modesty on his part is in reality due to the fact that his wife, mother or sister often does the formal visiting for the family. Since her card contains the address it is not strictly necessary that his should do so. A young man who is a favorite in society knows that people who want to invite him will take the trouble to look up his residence in the directory.

In the case of a married couple if the husband's card gives the residence the wife's sometimes omits it. It would seem to be more sensible, however, for every one to put his or her address on the visiting card, as this often saves time and trouble and prevents confusion. The lady who looks over the contents of her card receives when arranging to send out invitations may inadvertently mix up members of different families having the same name. For this reason, as well as for the sake of uniformity, which is desirable in these matters, it is well to have the cards of the different members of one family living under the same roof engraved in the same style of lettering. It need scarcely be said that there should be only one style of lettering on a card, although the address may be in smaller type than the name. It is now the fashion to give at full length the numbers of the street and house unless these are so long as to look cumbersome.

Twenty-seven West Seventeenth street.

We cannot help suspecting that this style was invented for the benefit of the stationer, since he involves more work for the engraver and therefore more expensive for the purchaser than the simple figures. As it also has an appearance of affectation, we venture to predict that it will not last many years.

A man's visiting card should always bear the name "Mr." unless he has some other title. A physician describes himself as "Doctor," a clergyman as "Reverend." If he is a doctor of divinity he may add D. D. after his name. A judge uses that term on his card. For the members of the supreme court at Washington the correct title is

Mr. Justice Holmes.

thus omitting the Christian name. Officers of the United States army and navy state their rank as:

Rear Admiral  
A - B - C  
Commandant United States Navy  
Naval Station  
Newport.

A lieutenant describes himself as "Mr.," although he may give his rank beneath his name. If he is in the army the regiment may be given also. Military and other complimentary titles are not used. There should be no "Mr." on a business card. A school boy uses a specific-to-his-name. Husband and wife often have a joint card to send with wedding presents or to use for purposes of congratulation or condolence. Such a card is not often used for calling, except during the first year of marriage.

**Helpful Hints For Women.**  
The woman who is innately dainty dislikes to remove her gloves when traveling by rail, for grimy and unrightly indeed does the hand become in even a well protected drawing room coach. Some women carry old, loose gloves, which are drawn on at the beginning of the journey and removed only in the dining car. For the same reason the hat should never be removed while traveling by rail unless a chiffon veil is at hand to tie over the hair. It is so hard to keep the hair properly shampooed while traveling that the greatest care should be taken for it and the dust and soot of an all day railroad journey will practically ruin its condition, robbing it of its luster and rendering it clogged, heavy and whippy. A chiffon hood, made like an automobile hood and lined with thin silk will keep the hair clean on the train and at the same time be light, cool and comfortable. When the end of the journey is reached a handful of powdered ovals may be shaken over the hair and brushed out. This will help to make the tresses clean and shiny.

The importance of a note of acknowledgment not only of an invitation but of courtesy received cannot be over-estimated, and the few graceful words of thanks for the pleasant evening please the hostess and gain for a guest the reputation of having been well brought up and also of being appreciative—two most valuable assets.

In these days, when attractive stationery can be bought for so little, every girl should take care to select attractive note paper. The cost of marking the address is also very trifling, and a dainty note, well written and well expressed, always makes a good impression upon the recipient. Small note paper and the oblong cards should always be kept at hand so there can be no excuse for not answering an invitation promptly or in acknowledging acts of courtesy or kindness, and just such trifling acts as these do more to make or mar a girl's popularity than she realizes.

## SMART MILLINERY

The Derby hat is coming Straw Derby.



DERBY IN BLUE MILAN STRAW.

These still derby hats made of blue milan straw, are just now in fashion's favor. The derby illustrated is a model of blue milan with a band of velvet around the crown in matching shade and a plaited cabochon and bow at one side.

These straw derby models are the latest kind of outing hats worn this spring.

**Household Hints.**  
French chalk will do much toward removing a scorch on silk or delicate wool if a coating of the chalk is left on the spot for several days.

A good treatment for soiled coat collars is naphtha applied with a brush. Dip the brush in naphtha until thoroughly saturated, then give the spot or grime a few brisk rubs. The most delicate velvet will yield to this treatment, though satin should not be treated in this way.

A teaspoonful of peroxide of hydrogen in half a tub of cold water is a splendid bleach for linens and white clothes. Let the clothes remain in the water overnight and after rinsing wash in the usual way. White silk and wool as well as linen may be treated in this way.

To remove white spots from fur-ture dip a cloth in hot water nearly to boiling point. Place over the spot, remove quickly and rub the spot with a dry cloth. Repeat if spot is not removed. Alcohol or camphor quickly applied may be used.

To prevent glassware from being easily broken, put in a kettle of cold water, heat gradually until water has reached boiling point. Set aside and when water is cold take out glassware.

**A Reasonable Fad.**  
The fad is a fad—surprising things with taffeta this spring, and the little afternoon suits of changeable taffeta are fetching affairs indeed.

Such a thing is pictured here. It is of blue and green changeable taffeta.



TAILOR'S SUIT OF CHANGING TAFFETA.

and the skirt is short enough to reveal the neat buttoned boots. The coat is the feature of the suit with its gay cutaway lines, pipings, cord fastenings and trimming of cream Venise lace.

**Crochet Suckle.**  
Why not make for yourself a belt buckle of Irish lace? Any oval or oblong shape may be used for a foundation, or a shape can be cut from heavy cardboard, with slides sewed on the under side when finished.

The foundation is covered first with a layer of cotton wadding, then with black or white silk, according to the effect.

The separate flowers are first crocheted, then a shaped background of the openwork stuck just big enough to cover the buckles neatly. This is stretched tightly over the covered belt buckle and sewed with tiny stitches.

A good looking buckle for a black and white dress is of the black lace made up over a white satin lining.

## A FASHION HINT

Fashion the Last Season's Sport With a Touch



BRIGHTLY BOWED IN CHIFFON AND VELVET.

If a silk frock of last season needs freshening up there is nothing that will do the trick so well as to scrape it with a chiffon tunic. These tunics come in lovely embroidered and beaded designs already made in the shops, and the most inexperienced dressmaker can attach them to the frock they aim to adorn.

The costume illustrated has a chiffon tunic weighted with a deep hem of velvet and also with heavy embroidery and gold cord. The tunic falls in straight lines over a drop skirt of satin. The waist line is high, in the prevailing empire style. The long light-colored tulle and the brilliant color scheme, which of course does not show in the reproduction, makes one forget the severe lines, for the satin is rich dark red and the red chiffon tunic above the gold embroidery.

**Story of a Stupid Husband.**  
In a lively article in the current number of Farm and Fireside on the relations between husbands and wives on the subject of home finances there are several interesting reports of actual cases. Following is a report of a stupid husband:

"A girl I knew in my youth was married after a short acquaintance to a scholarly professional man. He had been brought up under hard conditions in a straitened school of poverty. He was the daughter of wealth and had never been denied a reasonable wish. Her husband is what is called a good provider. He bought amply for the table and was not averse to having plenty of fuel and sumptuous house furnishings to keep his home comfortable and dignified. He simply declined to let Betty buy so much as a cent's worth of anything. He did not wish her to have accounts at shops, nor did she desire them. When she wanted to buy anything for herself or the children he accompanied her, superintended her purchases, examined every pair of stockings and every yard of material and frowned upon ruching and trimmings as needless, drawing out his well filled pocketbook and paying the bill with a flourish when the shopping had been done to his satisfaction. She never had any money in her possession except when her mother sent it to her as a gift, and when this was done she took excellent care to keep Beuben in ignorance. Once the gold was gone, for in some ways he was good, was compelled to leave home for a few days. He carefully counted the amount, then his wife would spend for the house during his absence. Then he lost his train and had to wait over another day. Coming home, he asked her for the cash and put it back in his own pocket for the next twenty-four hours."

**Suffragette Activity.**  
The women of New York state are trying to bring the Empire State into the suffrage group to follow California. New York city is about to surrender with suffrage doings. There are nine local organizations. Mrs. Clarence Mackay's branch opened a circulating suffrage library recently. The Woman's Political Union held a meeting in Carnegie hall to listen to Mrs. Fankhurst, and the collection they took up amounted to \$9,000, and with this they are branching out in various directions. A vote for woman bill is the next affair, and then comes the suffrage parade, when they count on having 30,000 women in line, with banners and floats, to say nothing of a company of cavalry. Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont has opened a magnificent clubhouse, and her next venture is a daily paper. The woman's suffrage party is carrying a message that will compete with the Ladies Home Journal in seducing and showing much reading as women have never had dished up to them.

## Cookery Notes

Food Notes

**Best Flavored Fruit Cake.**  
Cooking Time: One hour.  
This is the best fruit cake I have ever made. It is very moist and tender, and has a delicious flavor. It is made with the following ingredients:

1 cup butter  
1 cup sugar  
2 eggs  
1/2 cup flour  
1/2 cup raisins  
1/2 cup currants  
1/2 cup almonds  
1/2 cup walnuts  
1/2 cup pecans  
1/2 cup cashews  
1/2 cup hazelnuts  
1/2 cup pistachios  
1/2 cup macadamia nuts  
1/2 cup brazil nuts  
1/2 cup pineapples  
1/2 cup oranges  
1/2 cup lemons  
1/2 cup limes  
1/2 cup cherries  
1/2 cup strawberries  
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**Even Baked.**  
Put the cake in a shallow pan and bake in a water bath. This will keep the cake moist and tender. Bake for one hour at 350 degrees.

**Beef Stew.**  
Wash and scrub the beef. Cut into small pieces. Brown in a hot pan. Add water and simmer for two hours. Add vegetables and seasonings. Simmer for one hour more.

**Roast Turkey.**  
Wash and scrub the turkey. Rub with butter. Roast in a hot oven for four hours. Baste frequently.

**Chicken Soup.**  
Wash and scrub the chicken. Boil in water for one hour. Strain and add seasonings. Simmer for one hour more.

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