

Woman's World

Appointment of Miss Lathrop
Gladdens Uplift Leaders.



MISS JULIA LATHROP.

Women of the nation who are interested in the improvement of conditions under which children and women labor are unanimous in their approval of President Taft's selection of Miss Julia Lathrop of Chicago as the head of the recently created child bureau of the department of commerce and labor.

The Rev. Anna E. Shaw of New York says:

"The appointment by President Taft of Miss Lathrop is highly gratifying to all women who are working in the cause of equal suffrage, the final purpose of which is to bring to bear upon social problems, and especially those affecting the child and the home, the special gifts and experience of women."

When appointing to this office one so extraordinarily well fitted by temperament and training for its peculiar duties President Taft has earned the sincere commendation of all suffragists and confirmed them in their expectation of a speedy removal of the restrictions that now shut them out from full participation in all the duties of citizenship.

Mrs. Philip N. Moore of St. Louis, president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, says:

"President Taft is to be congratulated on his appointment of Miss Lathrop. This woman, by education, training and experience, is the right woman in the right place. With man or woman at the head of the bureau deserves the best qualified person that could be found, and we believe the best has been obtained. We extend our approval and congratulations."

Mrs. John Miller Horton of Buffalo, vice president of the D. A. R., says:

"The appointment by President Taft of Miss Julia Lathrop is most gratifying to all of the many women and men of the nation who are interested in the welfare of the children. I am deeply interested in the work and with all others personally approve of the wise selection by President Taft."

Mrs. Margaret Dye Ellis, secretary of the National Woman's Christian Temperance union, says:

"The appointment of Miss Lathrop is just right. We have been trying for years to bring about this legislation. We believe the children of the nation are the greatest asset of the nation. The appointment of Miss Julia Lathrop we herald with great satisfaction. Her service in philanthropic work in Chicago, under the leadership of Miss Jane Addams, is, we feel sure, a safe guarantee of her efficiency for this responsible position. We are glad President Taft is broad enough to recognize ability rather than sex."

Women at a Card Party.

Kathleen Norris, the author of "Moths," in the first chapter of her new social, "The Rich Mrs. Burgoyne," in the Woman's Home Companion, makes one of her characters say:

"Women are funny at a card party. It takes them an hour to settle down and see how every one else looks and whether there happens to be a streak of dust under the piano, and then, when the game is just well started a maid nudging you in the elbow to take a plate of hot chicken, and another on the other side is holding out sandwiches, and all the women are running to look at the prizes. Now, when men play cards—"

But nobody would listen to an account of how men play cards.

Cleaning Carpets.

A simple method of cleaning carpets is to get a ball of carpet soap and wash first a small piece of carpet with lukewarm water. Then rub the way of the grain with the soap, again moisten and rub thoroughly, finish with a dry cloth. The colors of the carpet will be almost as good as new.

Maryland's New State Librarian.

Miss Sallie Webster Dorey has been appointed by Governor Goldsborough to the office of state librarian of Maryland. She is the first woman to be appointed to the office.

Points for Mothers

Baby's Diet.

The majority of babies who die before they are a year old die from gastro-intestinal disease (so called stomach trouble). In nearly every case the cause is an error in feeding, says Edith Lowery.

It is no uncommon sight upon entering a home to see a six-months-old baby being fed potatoes and other vegetables, soft bread and cake and then given a drink of coffee, tea or even beer.

A small baby is unable to digest much except milk, and if the stomach is constantly imposed upon by being forced to take care of these foreign substances it rebels and will not do its work properly. As a result the baby is sick.

Until a baby is a year old it should live almost entirely upon good pure milk. It also requires a moderate amount of water every day. The only addition to the diet should be a teaspoonful of orange juice once a day after it is six months old. The habit practiced by some mothers of taking the baby to the table during the regular meal and giving it a taste of the various articles of food is reprehensible.

After the baby is a year old a little prune juice or pulp of a baked apple may be given once a day. Gradually other articles of food may be added, but these must be such as are easily digested. Meat broths, soft boiled eggs, cereals and baked potato moistened with milk should be the chief things given. At first these should be given only at the noonday meal, but gradually they may be added to other meals. Oatmeal is a good winter food for children. It should not be given in summer, as it is too heating.

The child should be urged to drink plenty of water between meals, but never should be given ice water. No drugs should ever be given, except on the advice of a physician. Especially should mothers shun "soothing syrups" as they would poison, for these have caused the deaths of numerous babies.

When a young baby is fed upon cow's milk, this should be from a good dairy. Usually milk from a herd of cattle is better than that from one cow, as it varies less from day to day. Milk from Jersey or Guernsey cattle usually is too rich for babies. Absolute cleanliness in the care of the milk is imperative. Milk must be kept strictly clean and free from all contaminating odors. Bottles and milk pans should be scalded every day with hot water in which a little baking soda has been dissolved. Afterward they should be rinsed with clear water.

If mothers would remember that babies do not "catch" diarrheal and intestinal troubles, but that they eat them or drink them, they would be more careful of baby's food.

Teach Children to Amuse Themselves.

To teach children to amuse themselves is the duty of every mother. The baby that requires constant dandling, the shaking of a rattle, the walking or rocking, the constant, never ending amusing, will grow into the fractious, nervous child without any resources. Indeed the very happiest little ones are those who must make a fishing rod of a branch, a length of cord and a bent pin, to illustrate. It is in the preparing rather than in the actual performing that a child's pleasure lies, and when deprived of this there is no motive.

Grownups must remember that children enjoy the make believe far more than the reality and manage accordingly. Like what is known as "predigestion" food, there is nothing left for the childish energies to accomplish, just as there is nothing left for the natural functions of the physical body to do in the way of digesting.

Books are of course a very great help, but there is always the chance of the little one growing into a sedentary habit if too great a love of reading is developed. One of the most intelligent and really intellectual men I know has an only son, a splendid boy, and while the man is an insatiable reader, he declares that he doesn't care a rap whether the boy ever reads a book through or not if he will only keep his body and soul clean. This is radical, to be sure, but voracious readers, unless cultivated by literary turn, may pay for their taste in too acute sentimentalism and an almost absolute lack of practical knowledge of actual life.

But it is the mothers that are the right ones, the only ones so to train their children that play will be real play—mirthful, full of the childish realization that falls when maturity comes. It is the mothers that must cover their tracks, so to speak, making it appear to the inquiring, innocent, yet hard to deceive children that they themselves are doing the whole thing. So will the little ones grow self-reliant and easy to be interested and amused.

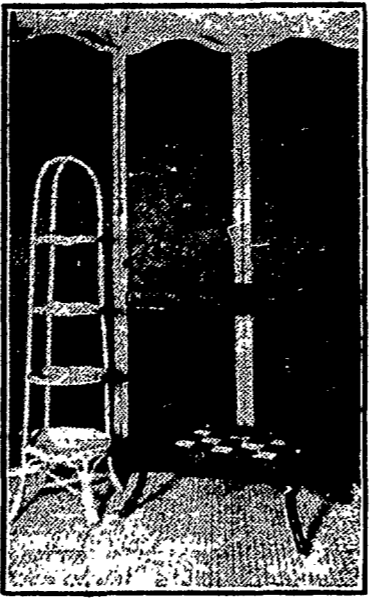
The Children's Garden.

If you want to please and interest the children plant seeds so that when they grow they will form the initials of their names.

Fancies if planted in circular beds about trees should have enough rich earth placed around the trees to mound the beds fully a foot above the roots and grass, as they can then get the best from the soil.

FOR THE BUNGALOW.

Comfortable and Artistic Wicker Furniture.



WICKER STANDS FOR THE PORCH.

There are innumerable odd pieces of wicker furniture which have their utilitarian or decorative value in outfitting the summer cottage. For instance, tall garden lamps, which can be moved to any corner of the piazza or place on the lawn, are not only picturesque, but quite necessary when nature does not supply sufficient illumination. And here are quaint shaped book and magazine racks, tea tables and flower stands, which prove irresistible to the woman whose expenditures are not too limited.

The wicker stands seen in the illustrations are among the very newest things for porch furnishings.

AN EXCLUSIVE STYLE.

Evening Frock With Modified Pannier Effect.



GOWN OF TORQUOSE BROCADE.

So far the pannier is found on costumes that are made for women who have many gowns a season. The evening frock pictured comes under this head. The material is turquoise blue brocade, with silver lace on the bodice and a pannier hip drapery confined under straps weighted with silver tassels.

LOOSE SHOES.

Many Painful Foot Troubles Result From Them.

In an article on sensible shoes in the May Woman's Home Companion the author says:

"Seven persons out of ten suffer excruciating pain at one time or another with their feet. A single corn no larger than a grain of sand can take all the 'snap' and vitality right out of you."

"Two-thirds of modern foot troubles are due to the fact that almost every one—man, woman and child—wears shoes too loose. The shoe itself may be correct as to size and shape, but it is not fastened tight at the only point of control—namely, the instep."

"When you set your foot upon the floor or pavement in the act of walking the shoe adheres, and if it be loosely fastened over the instep the foot pushes down into the toe of the shoe. At certain spots on the foot this slipping causes friction. These spots are the soles of the foot, the tops, ends and inner sides of the toes, the great and little toe joints and occasionally even the back of the heel."

"When the friction thus caused is continued hour after hour and day after day one or more of these spots are almost sure to become inflamed and sore. A slight thickening, called a 'callous,' is formed. As the friction and pressure go on the resulting callous may thicken up unevenly, then it is called a 'corn.'"

The Danger From Flies.

Notwithstanding all that has been said and written, many people continue to ignore the constant danger from flies as carriers of infection. Everywhere food is exposed to the visits of these distributors of disease. A series of reports on this subject has recently been published in England, in which it is shown that infections may remain active upon flies which have been exposed to them—and their habit is thus to expose them continually—for from four to ten days. An idea of the distance to which infection may be dispersed by flies is given by recent investigations at Postwick, near Norwich, where it was found that marked flies traveled nearly a mile from the notorious refuse heap that served as their breeding ground.

To the Teacher.

A teacher who can arouse a feeling for one single good action, for one single good poem, accomplishes more than he who fills our memory with rows of rows of natural objects, classified with name and form, for what is the result of all these, except what we know as well without them—that the human figure pre-eminently and peculiarly is made in the image and likeness of God?—Goethe.

This is Good.

Mildewed spots moistened with clean water and then coated thickly with pure white soap and powdered chalk can be banished. Let the coating remain at least an hour, then wash off. Sometimes a second application is necessary.

Just Remember.

That a few drops of oil of lavender will sweeten the air in a room and a little sprinkled in the bookcase before it is shut up for the summer will keep the books from molding.

Beware of the Telephone.

Listeners at Other End Hear More Than Speakers Realize.

Not every woman realizes how careful she should be when talking near a telephone in operation. The listener at the other end hears more, than the voice of the speaker at the mouthpiece. If one is hastily denying her request she may hear not only the civil words into which the person telephoning translates the denial, she may hear the original words too.

One day a girl having the loan of a motorcar for the afternoon joyfully telephoned to ask if the invalid member of a friend's family would enjoy a spin? As she waited receiver to her ear, she distinctly caught these words in the irate tone of the invalid:

"Who is it—Jane?"

Followed her own name.

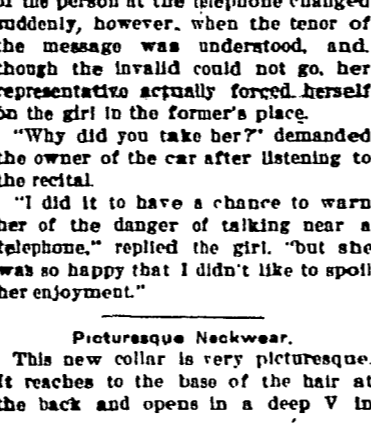
"Oh, bother take her!" greeted her astonished ears, as did an ungracious "Well, what do you want?" The tone of the person at the telephone changed suddenly, however, when the tenor of the message was understood, and though the invalid could not go, her representative actually forced herself on the girl in the former's place.

"Why did you take her?" demanded the owner of the car after listening to the recital.

"I did it to have a chance to warn her of the danger of talking near a telephone," replied the girl, "but she was so happy that I didn't like to spoil her enjoyment."

Picturesque Neckwear.

This new collar is very picturesque. It reaches to the base of the hair at the back and opens in a deep V in front.



THE ROBESPIERRE COLLAR.

A frill of plaited lace falls away from the front opening, which effect softens the rather severe line of the collar.

Washing Woolen Scarfs.

It is an easy matter to cleanse at home white woolen scarfs and shawls. Prepare soapsuds by boiling pure white soap in rainwater. Soak the article first in warm, clear water. Dip it in the soapsuds and gently knead with the hands until it appears clean. Press between the hands without wringing. Wash through fresh soapsuds and place in cold water. Rinse through several waters and dry it between cloths.

Never hang woolen articles upon the line. To stretch the full length upon a towel and cover with another absorb the water without stretching the article out of shape.

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