

Woman's World

Tablets of Mark Twain
Made by Miss Church



MISS ANGELINA SCHUYLER CHURCH.

Mr. and Mrs. George A. Mahan of Hannibal, Mo., recently presented to their home city the house built in 1844 by Mark Twain's father, in which the famous author first saw the light of day.

Miss Angelina Schuyler Church of New York city is the talented young artist who was commissioned to make the bronze tablets which have been placed on the outside of the house in commemoration of the occasion. People who are interested in the education that does not forget character building are enthusiastic over the legend that the inscription tablet presents. It reads: "Mark Twain's life teaches that poverty is an incentive rather than a bar and that any boy, however humble his birth and surroundings, may by honesty and industry accomplish great things."

Pedagogues who have seen the tablets are suggesting that they deserve a place in the public schools of the nation, not only because of their artistry, but because of the lesson conveyed, the comfort and stimulus in the suggestion, which could hardly fall to be advantageous, linked with the fascination that Mark Twain exerts over vast numbers of young people.

Miss Church's portrait of the author in the tablet has been called the best yet made. Concerning it the Rev. Joseph H. Twitchell of Hartford, a lifelong friend of Twain, says: "I could not have supposed there could have been made so living a likeness of the man in that form. Really it brings my dear old friend to life again as no picture of him does."

Miss Church until recently has confined her art work to depicting animal life, and her study of "The Runaway—An Episode of Central Park, New York City," has won particular favor from critics.

The artistic education of Miss Church is being radically different from the conventional methods that crystallize ideals of the schools. The only use she has made of teachers has been for the purpose of acquiring technique. The New York School of Applied Design, Mouch of Paris, an authority on composition, and Beard, the animal painter, have been her instructors. Technique having been acquired, Miss Church turned to the teachers to whom she professes her greatest debt—herself and dogs. These she studied from life until she knew their every bone and muscle and their co-ordination.

Miss Church was recently invited by Uruguay to enter a competition for an equestrian statue of a South American hero especially dear to that nation.

Has Nursed For Forty-five Years. In connection with the death of Lord Lister it is interesting to know that the nurse who assisted the famous surgeon with his first antiseptic preparations is still in the Glasgow Royal Infirmary. Nurse Bell has many interesting stories of the old days when Professor Lister was in the infirmary and the crowd of students and dressers, many of them now chiefs, who attended the classes from 1861 to 1869.

Nurse Bell has been in the Royal Infirmary for forty-five years. She is now sixty-nine years of age, and she enjoys good health, though not able to do much. When Lord Lister was presented with the freedom of the city of Glasgow four years ago it was his special desire that Nurse Bell should be present at the function in St. Andrew's hall. When the memorial service was held in the university chapel she had a special invitation to be present.

Of course He Didn't. Husband—What a peculiar dish. Wife—I did the cooking myself, and turning the leaves of the cookbook and finding that the recipe for jelly, but you see, I didn't.

Good Form

Company Manners.
To begin with, there should be no such thing as "company manners." The courtesy springs from the heart, and it is only selfishness that makes some of us invariably turn a smiling face to a stranger and reserve our scowls and bad tempers for our nearest and dearest. It is as important that children should early be instructed in manners as that they should read and write. If young people are taught to be deferential to their elders, to be polite and generous to their playfellows, and are instructed in all the small courtesies of life they will have been given something which will help them greatly to achieve success in after years, no matter what their position. But children are great imitators, and it is impossible to teach them these things if the father and mother are not courteous to each other.

Consideration for others is the keynote of all good manners, and the man or woman who lacks this important quality can never hope to have anything but the most transparent sort of "company manners." Children should be taught to eat quietly, to take soup from the side of a spoon without making a disagreeable noise, to break their bread with their fingers and butter it on the plate, never on the tablecloth or the palm of the hand; never to bite fruit at the table, but to cut it with a silver knife and convey the pieces to the mouth with the fingers or a fork. During the process of mastication the mouth should be kept tightly closed, and naturally a child should never be allowed to talk with the mouth full. The head should never be bent to drink from a tumbler or cup, but the cup or glass should be lifted to the mouth. Yet a child should be cautioned not to lift a saucer from the table when eating from it. After all, the great point is with both young and old to make the everyday manners so good that the "company manners" can be left to take care of themselves.

Birth Announcements.

Many people do not like the idea of announcing the birth of a child in the newspapers, says Florence Howo Hull. They argue that it is not a matter of interest to the general public, but only the friends of the parents. The old English custom was to tie up the door knocker with a white kid glove as an announcement of the happy event. A pretty modern method is to have baby's name, without any prefix, written or engraved, on a tiny card. This is fastened to the visiting card of the mother with a small bow of white ribbon and sent to relatives and friends through the mail.

On receiving such an announcement friends will inquire after the health of mother and child, leaving cards for the former. Some persons leave them for the baby also, but this seems rather absurd. Instead of calling one may send a note of congratulation or write a little message of felicitation on one's card. Gifts may be sent at this time or later, when the christening takes place, as may be preferred.

Good Form in Dress.

Few women know how to put on their clothes. This sounds like a very startling statement, but let us stop and think over the matter quietly.

How frequently we see women with dainty, well made and even well cut blouses, and yet how few appreciate the beauty of the garment, and why? Because the blouse is not pulled down tightly at the waist line and fastened in place either by hooks and loops or safety pins. Then, too, the collar is probably not carefully boned so that it will fit the neck snugly. Each woman should study the shape of her own neck (not some one else's) and find just where the bones must be placed in order to make the collar fit well. A still better plan is to take a piece of heavy paper and cut a pattern for the collar which exactly fits the throat and then have every collar made from that pattern. Curve it down under the chin so that the collar will not break, then let it stand up high just back of the ears and in the middle of the back.

The Art of Accepting Gracefully.
I wish that there were more of the gracious receiving of favors or gifts. Did you ever think how really limited are the abilities of most persons along this line?

Many of us can give beautifully. We can say the pretty phrases, write the timely good wish to accompany a gift, but when it comes to receiving graciously our energies are overtaxed, and we become embarrassed, ill at ease and sometimes very tactless.

Learn to receive as well as to give. Let your gratitude be shown in as fine a way as your generosity. It can be acquired.

A Prompt Response.

The invitation to dinner or luncheon should be answered without delay, and in the reply it is well to repeat the date and the hour to prevent any mistake. Do not accept an invitation with a proviso "if nothing happens." Remember that your business may prevent you from being able to accept.

THE SUMMER FROCK

Simple Lines—Very Cool—Very Popular



WHITE LINEN FROCK.

Never were linen tub frocks so adorably simple and unpretentious. This graceful model of white linen buttons all the way down the front and is smartened with a broad collar and cuffs hand embroidered in black wash cotton enlivened with touches of pink. White-bottomed boots show under the skirt hem in a most attractive fashion.

WHAT VOTES HAVE NOT DONE.

Women Without Ballots Have Been Good at Municipal Housekeeping.

"Men for generations have proved what the ballot cannot do," writes Anna Steese Richardson in McCall's Magazine. "Capable, even brilliant business and professional men, armed with the ballot, have not been able to keep cities clean and healthful nor to run them economically and honestly. The so-called experts or officeholders, voted into place by these clever men, have become, like unguided, unsupervised servants in an unguarded kitchen, slovenly, dirty and often dishonest. The woman with the ballot will discover that she must follow municipal servants into the municipal kitchen and see that her orders are obeyed."

"At times she may even have to roll up her sleeves and tackle the work in her own efficient, unswerving, homewifely fashion. Let her refuse to do this and she will find that the ballot in her hand, as in that of her husband, her son or her brother, does nothing for her city, sex or family."

Bathes and Streamers.

A charming novelty is a long sash of liberty satin that fell some distance beyond the gown of the wearer and formed a sort of little train. We shall probably see many of these sashes this summer on the lighter frocks—the spotted net, the marquisette and the like. Sometimes, however, the streamer will take its rise on the hat, and this is quite as picturesque and graceful, though it has the inconvenience of dragging the hat backward and disarranging the hair. For both purposes soft satin is used. On the hat it starts as the trimming of an immense cape-line of fine straw, tussan or chip, tied in a monstrous two looped bow at the back, and thence one long end descends to the ground. One woman who had adopted this hat had fastened her ribbon en route to her left shoulder with a diamond safety pin, leaving a fairly loose curve to allow of any movements of the head and not disturb the set of the hat.

The Tailor Made Shirt.

Twisted silk shirts are being made the accompaniment of tailored skirts, and the shirts when cut in the correct manner have an outside belt of soft suede and show above the belt a double frill, sent in front and at the sides and rather closely plaited at the back.

There are numerous forms of collar for the twisted silk shirt, but the favorite is of a turnover shape, with pointed fronts. In some models eyelet holes are punched, and the sides are drawn together by means of narrow silk or cord knotted and left to fall with tasseled ends.

The shirts are made in the simplest possible manner, with three large pearl buttons down the center, or they are given no visible fastening at all, the necessary opening being concealed beneath the box plaited front.

Something New.

The sanitary envelope moistener is something quite new and is really very useful as well as attractive. It is simply a small china box about the size and shape of a hip case with a few small holes at the top through which the water comes to moisten the envelope and stays.

THE LIBERTY BELL

Replica of the Original of July Fourth



PATRIOTIC FAVOR BELL.

A charming and unusual luncheon plan is the Liberty Bell table, the idea beginning with the flowers and extending to favors and all minor details. The centerpiece, by way of a change, might be a hanging one, a bell formed of flowers and depending from the chandelier or by ribbons from the ceiling.

Again, you could have the conventional law bed of flowers and just above this one of the silver Liberty bells, the paper mache which come for holding candy. Have this swung from the chandelier or from the ceiling by ribbons and fill it with favors to be distributed after the luncheon, or you can fill it with sweets and have as favors little chocolate or silver paper Liberty bells, with the names of the guests written upon them in icing of red ink, as you choose.

Replicas of the old Liberty bell can easily be made provided one can construct the frame of wire by covering the frame with paper which has been dampened, then molded into shape. The outside is afterward lined in a dull bronze, with the date 1776 across the surface in gold lettering. However, these trifles are so inexpensive that it would be a waste of time for any one to try to make them at home. There are many number of variations of the articles typical of Independence day shown in favors which will not only add interest but attractiveness to the Fourth of July entertainment.

Useful Traveling Suit.

Scarlet or green silk is reproduced in smart touches on the black and white tailored costume, as evidenced in this



PEPPER AND SALT COSTUME.

good looking suit of black and white check, which has a collar and cuffs of black satin faced with apple green.

The Key.

"And where, my fellow citizens," appealed the political agitator, "can we find an instrument so fit, so delicate, so adjustable and at the same time so unobtrusive and simple that it will unlock every opportunity of service for the benefit of the people?" The speaker, although an authentic antic antagonist is the audience.

Cookery Points

The first rule in cooking is to be clean. The kitchen should be kept scrupulously clean. The range should be kept free from all grease and dirt. The sink should be kept clean and free from all refuse. The floor should be swept and mopped daily. The walls should be washed with a solution of soda ash and water. The windows should be kept clean and bright. The furniture should be dusted and polished regularly. The silver should be kept bright and free from all tarnish. The linens should be kept clean and fresh. The food should be kept fresh and free from all spoilage. The water should be kept pure and free from all impurities. The air should be kept fresh and free from all odors. The light should be kept bright and free from all shadows. The heat should be kept just what is needed for the purpose. The time should be kept just what is needed for the purpose. The place should be kept just what is needed for the purpose.

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Cocoanut Cakes.

When fresh cocoanut can readily be obtained there is no better than these cakes of cocoanut, coconut, condensed milk, chocolate, vanilla, sayings of sugar sugar.

The cakes contain with condensed milk a couple of cups of sugar, two cups of flour, and a cup of butter. When it begins to melt, a spoonful of it is added and stirred back, remove it from the fire and when it is as much thickened as possible, add as much shredded cocoanut as it will hold. Then, let it cool until very stiff and drop it in small balls on waxed paper. These are eaten after hardening. They are a most delicious chocolate cake.

The following recipe is for a white cocoanut bonbon which may be served in chocolate. It is made with cream, sugar, and cocoanut. The cream is whipped and mixed with the sugar and cocoanut. The mixture is then rolled into balls and dipped in chocolate. The chocolate is melted and the balls are rolled in it until they are completely covered. The balls are then allowed to harden and are served as a dessert.

Orange Cup.

This is one of the nice punch bowl drinks that are all right for the children's late party. It is made with orange juice, sugar, and water. The orange juice is squeezed and mixed with the sugar and water. The mixture is then served in a punch bowl with ice cubes. It is a refreshing and delicious drink.

Delicious Short Crust.

Roll a quarter pound of butter into half a pound of flour previously sifted with half a teaspoonful of baking powder. One ounce of sugar and a little salt. Make a well in the center, beat into it an egg, work together, moisten if necessary with a little water and roll out. This paste is best for an open tart, for which purpose the paste is laid on a plate, and a roll of well is placed around the edges. Bits of bread are laid on it, if it is to be baked, the bread removed and the paste filled with stewed fruit or jam.

For the Tea Table.

Small sugar cutters, which are really scissor shaped tongs, are a great help to the hostess at afternoon tea. It is a difficult matter to select a lump of sugar which is the proper size. The little cutters may be used in place of the ordinary sugar tongs as well as for cutting the lumps into halves or quarters.

French Patties.

These little cakes are made with butter, sugar, and flour. They are baked in a small pan and are served as a dessert. They are a delicious and easy to make treat.