BEAUTY SPOT VEIL.

Mme. la Mode Decrees This Face Veil.

WHITE VEIL WITH BLACK SPOT

The latest whim of Mme. la Mode is the white veil with a black beauty spot which comes wherever the ordinary beauty spot of court plaster would be chic, becoming or daring.

This velvet hat and beauty spot veil accompany a blouse of orange velvet and white machine embroidery veiled with chiffon.

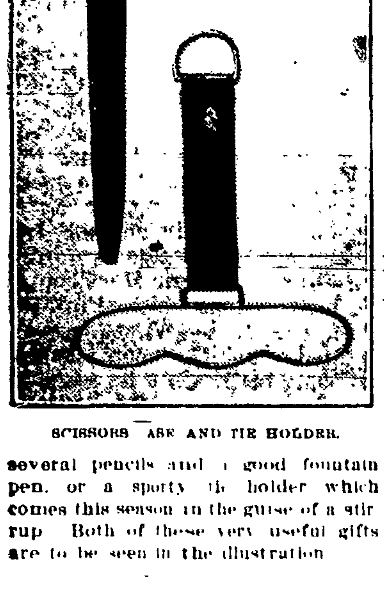
THE MODERN WOMAN.

What Helen Keller Has to Say About Them

I am not disposed to praise the educated woman as we commonly use the term. I find her narrow and lacking in vision. Few women whom I meet take a deep interest in the important questions of the day. They are bored by any problem not immediately related to their desires and ambitions. Their conversation is trivial and erratic. They do not consider a subject long enough to find out that they know nothing about it. How seldom does a college girl who has tasted philosophy and studied history relate philosophy and the chronicles of the past to the terrific processes of life which are making history every day. Her reputed practical judgment and swift sympathy seem to become inoperative in the presence of any question that reaches to a wide horizon. Her mind works quickly so long as it follows a traditional groove. Lift her out of it and she becomes inert and without resource. Such a woman comes to the gravest responsibilities like the foolish virgins who hastened to the marriage with no oil in their lamps. She is not prepared for the battle of life. Before she knows it she may be in the midst of the fight, undisciplined and disorganized, struggling for all that is precious to her against an enemy whose position she has not reconnoitered. She sends her sons and daughters into the streets of life without the knowledge that protects. Ignorance gives her confidence and she is fearless from want of understanding.—Helen Keller in Metropolitan.

When Shopping For Christmas.

When looking about for Christmas presents and it is not a bit too early to begin this work, why not buy for a masculine relative or friend one of the new scissors cases equipped with



SCISSORS CASE AND TIE HOLDER.

several pencils and a good fountain pen, or a sporty tie holder which comes this season in the guise of a stirrup. Both of these very useful gifts are to be seen in the illustration.

The Kitchen Table.

When the kitchen table becomes spotted and discolored, it may be bleached with lemon. Cut a lemon in half and rub it over the entire surface of the wood.

Rinse well with clean water. The result will be a smooth snow white top.

Pastry boards may be treated in the same manner.

Progressive Chinese Women.

Chinese women are now engaged in organizing a congress which has for its object the complete equality of the sexes and the suppression of polygamy, slavery and prostitution. The National Council of Chinese Women is to be organized in six sections, and branches will be established in every town throughout the empire.

Cookery Points

Chicken and Veal Pie.

Buy chicken giblets, the necks, gizzards, hearts and livers. By adding to these half a pound of veal cutlet there is enough for an excellent chicken pie. Put the giblets into a saucepan with a pint of cold water, a slice of onion, a small carrot and a level teaspoonful of salt. Simmer until there is only half a cup of liquid. Strain this and set aside. Cut the veal into small cubes and cook slowly until well done and a light brown. Put into a baking dish with the giblets cut up and scatter a little salt [illegible] pork cut in [illegible] through the meat. Thicken the chicken liquor slightly with flour moistened with water [illegible]. Cover with good, rich pie paste, puff paste if you have it, and bake in a steady oven for an hour and a half.

Boiled Cracker Pudding.

One quart of milk, one pint of pounded crackers, three eggs, one-fourth cupful of molasses, one cupful of seeded raisins, one teaspoonful of salt, one teaspoonful of cinnamon, one-fourth teaspoonful of nutmeg, one-fourth teaspoonful of cloves, one tablespoonful of melted butter. Add cracker crumbs to milk. Beat eggs until light, add salt and spices and combine with the crackers and milk mixture. Add molasses, raisins and melted butter and stir until thoroughly blended. Tie the mixture carefully in a heavy floured pudding bag. Place on a rack in a kettle of boiling water, cover and boil two and one-quarter hours. Serve with hot pudding sauce.

Spinach In Eggs.

Boil the spinach in a very little water (save the water) and drain the spinach dry. Chop very fine and mix with a tablespoonful of [illegible]. Season with pepper to taste. Have three eggs boiled hard, cut them in two lengthwise, take out the yolks, fill the whites with the spinach. Make a sauce with one tablespoonful of butter and one tablespoonful of flour, stir until smooth, then add half a cupful of the spinach water and boil for five minutes, stirring all the time. Put the whites of eggs on rounds of buttered toast, pour the sauce around and sprinkle the yolks of eggs [illegible] through a sieve over the top.

Peanut Brittle.

Shell the peanuts and remove the skins, then roll the nuts with a roller on a marble slab until they are as fine as possible. Measure the nuts and for every half pint take one pound of granulated sugar. Put the sugar in a saucepan without a drop of water, let it melt very carefully and when thoroughly melted and brown (not burned) remove from the stove. Stir in the peanuts at once, pour on a marble slab and roll very quickly with a roller until thin as a wafer, then cut in strips.

Peanut Cookies

Beat to a cream four tablespoonfuls of butter and half a cupful of sugar, add two well beaten eggs, four tablespoonfuls of milk, one cupful of flour, one teaspoonful of baking powder, one teaspoonful of essence of lemon or vanilla and one cupful of finely chopped peanuts. Drop from the point of a teaspoon on to buttered [illegible] [illegible] good [illegible] to prevent running together. Stick a half peanut on top of each [illegible] and bake in a moderate oven.

Peanut Soup

One [illegible] shelled [illegible] peanuts [illegible] two tablespoonfuls of celery [illegible] of white stock, four tablespoonfuls of butter, one pint of milk, salt, red pepper, paprika. Chop the peanuts in a chopper. Cook the chopped nuts, the onion and the celery in the white stock for twenty minutes. Melt the butter, add the flour, the milk and the seasoning, cook for five minutes. Combine the mixtures, strain and serve.

Baked Caramel Custard

Melt one-half cupful of sugar in a clean frying pan, add one-half cupful of water gradually and cook until thick. Beat four eggs until light, add three tablespoonfuls of sugar, one saltspoonful of salt, one pint of rich milk and the caramel. Butter an earthen baking dish, sprinkle with granulated sugar, pour in the custard, stand the dish in a pan of hot water and bake until firm.

Shrimp Salad

Cream two tablespoonfuls of butter and [illegible] flour together, add yolks of three eggs and two cupfuls of milk and cook until thickened. Add salt, pepper and a pinch of cayenne pepper, one-half teaspoonful of mustard and one can of shrimps broken in small pieces.

Peanut Caramels.

Put into a saucepan over the fire one cupful of molasses, one cupful of sugar and a quarter of a tablespoonful of butter. Cook until the sirup crisps when dropped into water, then stir in quickly one cupful of chopped peanuts and pour into buttered tins. When nearly cold mark into squares.

For the Children

Coasting Jolliest of the Sports of Winter.

When old King Boreas of the north, assisted by his chief lieutenant, Jack Frost, gets busy, there is much fun in store for the young folks. Borne on the icy breath of the northern monarch come the snows that furnish so much sport for boys and girls. Then mufflers and mittens come into fashion, and from the cellar and garret are brought forth the sleds and skates that for many months have been rusting and neglected since last used. Soon the hillside will be merry with the joyful throngs that find enjoyment in coasting swiftly as they wind down glassy slopes. What matters it that one must walk up again after every dashing slide. Roses glow in rounded cheeks and sparkling eyes rival diamonds in their brilliancy. Forgotten are the swimming holes and picnics of summer days. Each season brings special pleasures for the young people. But none is more appreciated than that provided by old King Boreas.

Ants That Cook

The remarkable habits of the harvester ant have long been known to naturalists. Certain species not only harvest and store in granaries the seeds upon which they feed, but actually plant and cultivate an annual crop of their food seeds.

But now a still more wonderful tale is told of an ant which is common in Dalmatia, Messor barbarus. According to Professor Neger of the well known forestry school near Dresden, this ant not only cuts leaves and gathers seeds, but actually makes bread or biscuit.

The seeds are first sprouted, then carried into the sun and dried, then taken back to the underground chambers, where they are chewed into a dough. The dough is then finally made into tiny cakes, which are baked in the sun, then carefully stored for future use.

No cooking is done by the sun whether in the ripening of fruit or in the baking of bread in a stove. The heat obtained from fuel is simply stored up sunlight set free.

The Arab and the native Mexican [illegible] of ripe fruit is fruit which has been cooked in the sun. The ant has somehow learned the art of sun cooking.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Game of Slaps

[illegible] is a good game in which no [illegible] required.

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] twisted and [illegible] together to form a circle. [illegible] round or a ring hold [illegible] to the rope which keeps them together. [illegible] hold the rope, not each other's hand. One person goes into the center and tries to slap one of those many hands thrust so invitingly forward.

Of course no one of the circle desires this attention, and by withdrawing quickly the chastiser finds the rope has received his slap. When he succeeds in getting one home his object is attained and the slapper changes places with the slapped. The fun is fast and furious, and the slaps do not really hurt.

Setback For John.

Teacher asked John, "Why am I like a fact?"

"Because you are a stubborn thing," answered his teacher. And [illegible] didn't like her answer one bit. He thought she'd say, "Because you are true."

Pussy's Wheels.

[illegible]

Perhaps you [illegible]

They always [illegible]

Perhaps you think of warm green grass and basking in the sun,
Or of your ball that slides so fast as after it you run.

I hope you think of me sometimes, because I love you well.
I hope you love me back again although you cannot tell.
And how I know you're thinking (it's a secret that I've found)
Is 'cause I hear close to my ear your thought wheels going round.
—St. Nicholas.

QUITE THE LATEST.

Embossed Velvet Gowns Popular This Season.

DRAPED VELVET COSTUME.

Embossed velvet in one tone colorings is a favorite fabric for dressy gowns this season. Some women object to this very expensive material on account of its resemblance to furniture coverings, but in soft tones the new embossed velvets are lovely.

The gown of figured velvet seen in the illustration is of a dull old blue shade further beautified with old lace and handsome skunk fur.

The band of fur just above the hem makes the narrowness of the skirt all the more apparent.

AFTERNOON GOWNS.

Absinth Velvet Bridge Costumes Are Smart This Season.

A peculiar greenish or yellow shade, not olive and not tan, is now much fancied for formal afternoon frocks for bridge, reception or luncheon wear. A costume of this sort has just been finished for a bride of November. Absinth chiffon velvet is the material, and the suit includes a gracefully draped skirt and the most coquettish of coats, short enough at the front to reveal the black satin draped girdle, but falling at the back in long tails to the knee. These tails slope gradually from the double breasted front and give the coat a graceful cutaway effect viewed from the side. Enormous revers of the velvet are gathered at the top into a turnover Robespierre collar of black velvet and hang to the waist line over the coat front. The revers and collar open in a deep V, the coat fastening in double breasted fashion with two black velvet buttons just at the top of the girdle. Within the V of the opening is a little vest or chemisette of very fine machine embroidery insertion and pin tucked lawn. Above this dainty chemisette is a high stock of net, a pert, tiny bow of changeable green and gold silk separating the two. This bow of green gold silk seems to be a culminating spot of color in the greenish yellow absinth tone.

The skirt has a wide front and back panels hanging perfectly straight, the sides being caught up below the hips into a soft transverse drapery.

Women and the Ballot

Professor Yandell Henderson of Yale university strongly approves of woman suffrage, but not until the short ballot is adopted. With the present long and complicated one it is very difficult, he says, for men to vote intelligently and it would be impossible for women. The professor put it more politely than this, but he was not so crowded for space. The statement is well authenticated that in California and those other states where women vote many of them have to instruct the men of their families, as they have more leisure and their clubs are making a thorough study of political questions and candidates. In Oakland a father and son, prominent business men, brought home a sample ballot for the wife and daughter to mark for them, and while they were doing it the cook came in with another which her brother, a policeman, had sent her to fix up for him.

Girls Should Have Professions.

Miss Laura Drake Gill of the University of the South at Sewanee, Tenn., says: "Every girl, rich or poor, needs a skilled vocation carried to a self supporting point. She needs it for insurance against reverses, for her mentality, which reacts better toward concrete aims, for her sense of responsibility to society or ethical development and for the joy which only comes from constructive activities. Home making should be among the paramount activities."

In Quebec.

It is said that there is no married woman's property act in Quebec. If a woman marries without a contract, and this often happens, her husband owns all she has, all she earns and all she may inherit.

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