

# Woman's World

Miss La Bouisse, Principal of Social Bureau.



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Everything from the etiquette of leaving cards down to advice on how to entertain is in the prospectus of a social bureau recently opened at the national capital.

The leader of the new enterprise is a Washington matron of much social experience, and the working head of the bureau is Miss La Bouisse.

The bureau will make a specialty of furnishing chaperons, taking charge of entertainments, deciding vexed questions of precedence at semi-official functions and giving advice on wardrobe.

Not the least of its tasks is to that of taking charge of residences during absences of owners from the Capital City.

This bureau fills a long felt want for social climbers.

### A Pension Roll For Mothers.

Mrs. Minbel Putter Baggett, describing in the World's Work the pensioning of destitute mothers, tells of the valuable experiments that several of the states are already putting to the test.

Two states, Missouri and Illinois, in 1911 put motherhood regularly on the payroll. The court awards what is called a pension to any mother of good character who needs such assistance properly to bring up her children. Hitherto it has been the custom when a home failed in the struggle for existence for the court to place such children in an institution. This new revelation of sociology, however, says that a child's mother, if she is the right sort of woman, is God's own institution for its upbringing.

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### Notes About Women.

The Portuguese government has appointed a woman subinspector of public health in Oporto. This is the first time that such a position has been held by a woman in Portugal. The government has also appointed a woman as professor ordinary of the Society of Philologia Germanica at the universities of Lisbon and Coimbra in recognition of her "illustrious services to literature."

By a decree of the Spanish government women will in future be admitted to all universities in Spain on the same terms as men and will be entitled to follow any profession for which the university diploma qualifies them.

For the first time in history a woman appeared in an official capacity in the law courts of Australia when the daughter of Justice Isaacs took her seat in the high court of Australia the other day as her father's associate. On her devoted the duty of impaneling the jury, and much favorable comment has been made on the quiet and dignified way in which she performed her task. Miss Isaacs is said to be a student of unusual ability, and a brilliant career is prophesied for her.

Italian Women Have Suffrage Club. The new woman suffrage club recently opened in Rome has established a free employment bureau for the benefit of Italian working women. In making this departure the club is carrying out the wishes of the late Donna Giacinta Martini, who was president for many years of the Italian Woman Suffrage association. All her life Donna Martini worked for the betterment of the conditions of working women, and she devoted a large part of her fortune to this end.

### Revival of Braid.

The revival of braid is a great factor in the evolution of this year's frocks. Not only does it add a desirable note of solidity and smartness so essential to winter clothes, but, further, it is strongly suggestive of hard wearing properties. Braid again—in very fine, silky weaves—is admirable as a trimming for theaison bodice of the three piece costume.

# Christmas Recipes

### English Mistletoe Cake.

This cake is both ornamental and toothsome for it shows the genuine Christmas colors. For the layers allow three ounces each of butter and sugar, three eggs, one half pound of flour, one teaspoonful of baking powder and one wineglassful of orange flower water. Separate the eggs and beat the whites to a stiff froth, the yolks to a cream. Beat the sugar and butter together, add the yolks of the eggs, the flour sifted with the baking powder, the orange flower water and taste the whites of the eggs. Bake in three layers. For the filling whip one-half pint of cream until stiff, sweeten slightly and divide in two portions. Coat the cake with Spanish cream and also center ornament to the other. Spread the green cream over the first layer of the cake cover with the second spread over the white cream and place the third layer on top. Ice thick with plain boiled icing and decorate with fresh with bits of candied citron to represent mistletoe leaves, using silver ornaments for the berries.

### English Plum Pudding.

The recipe for the plum pudding is as follows: Sift one cupful of flour into a basin, add half a pound of bread crumbs, half a pound brown sugar, half a pound of chopped suet, half a pound of currants, half a pound of sultana raisins, half a pound of chopped seeded raisins, one cupful of chopped citron peel, half a cupful of blanched and chopped almonds, grated rind and strained juice of one lemon, one teaspoonful of baking powder, two tea spoonfuls of mixed spices, one tea spoonful of grated nutmeg and half a teaspoonful of salt. Beat up four eggs and half a glass of brandy and one cupful of milk and pour this among the dry ingredients. Mix thoroughly, pour into a buttered mold, cover with a greased paper and steam for six hours. Turn out and decorate with blanched almonds, mistletoe and holly. Serve with brandy sauce or hard sauce.

### Mincepie For Pie.

Two pounds of lean beef, boiled and ground fine, one pound beef suet, minced and freed from strings, five pounds of apples, peeled, cored and minced, two pounds of raisins, seeded and washed, two pounds cleaned currants, washed and drained, one pound sultana raisins, stemmed and washed, three-quarters of a pound of citron, cut into tiny bits, one tablespoonful each of cloves and allspice, two tablespoonfuls each of cinnamon and mace, a tablespoonful of ground nutmeg, a half spoonful of salt, two and one-half pounds of brown sugar, a quart of sherry and a pint of brandy. Mix well together all the dry ingredients, taking care to incorporate thoroughly the spices. Last of all, stir in the sherry and brandy, reserving a little of each to add when you make the pies. Pack away in a crock until needed.

### A Dainty Dessert.

For a dessert there is a whipped cream mousse which is effective and toothsome. It is made by sweetening the whipped cream, flavoring it with sherry, filling with candied fruit and nuts, chopped in bits and packed in a melon mold with ice and salt for four or five hours. It should be served on a bed of whipped cream.

The snowball ice cream is also delicious and carries out the note of red that should be suggested in every Yuletide party. Plain white ice cream is frozen in round molds and when taken out a dozen maraschino cherries are put over each one.

### Salad In Ice Block.

Smooth a block of ice with a hot iron, making a cave in the center. Fill this with crisp lettuce, hearts of tender celery cut in small pieces, add slices of winter radishes and small raw claims. Season with salt, pepper, one teaspoonful of dry mustard, one tablespoonful horseradish and the juice of two lemons. Place on several thicknesses of cloth on a deep platter, wreath with green and serve at once.

### Chicken Pie With Cream Crust.

Have a chicken disjointed as for fricassee and cook in water to cover until tender. Remove the large bones, then season with salt and pepper. Make a gravy from the liquid in the kettle, in which a bit of bay leaf is simmered, allowing a level tablespoonful of flour to each cup of liquid. Add one-quarter cupful of butter and when melted pour over the chicken, which has been laid in the paste lined dish.

### A Christmas Duck.

Clean and truss a domestic duck. Fill with one large cupful of mashed potato seasoned with one teaspoonful of grated onion, pepper and salt. Add a tablespoonful of butter and the beaten white of one egg.

Roast and when ready to serve garnish with strips of celery, slices of cored apples, steamed until tender, and olives. This makes a very handsome centerpiece for a Christmas table.

### A Baking Hint.

On taking cakes baked in a tin out of the oven stand the tin on a wet cloth for ten or fifteen minutes. The cakes can then be turned out without the aid of a knife and will not stick to the tin, as frequently happens otherwise.

# HOME DRESSMAKING.

The Burnoose Drapery Easy to Manage.



OWN OF THIS BROADCLOTH CRAPE

Even the home dressmaker can make a graceful skirt if the burnoose drapery is used—that is, the drapery which is effected by drooping doubled over loops of the material from the belt.

In this afternoon gown of navy blue broadcloth crape the effect of the burnoose drapery is very good. A petticoat of plaited satin, over which the broadcloth crape is draped, is short enough to show the buttoned boots of black satin.

# DOT VEILS ENRICH OCULISTS.

Closely Woven Network Also In Cause of Eye Trouble.

"Every dot in a woman's veil is worth a dollar to the oculist," an old member of the profession declares, "and there is no doubt that the modern veil, with its intricate figurine and bold designs, is far more harmful than the old time veil, which was either plain or adorned with small spots."

"A closely woven network offers a considerable barrier to evaporation, and the surrounding of the skin of the face with material which hinders the proper ventilation of the eyes and skin produces a certain amount of trouble. Thus all conditions of eczema or skin irritation which women complain of are due to the heated condition of the eye brought about by the veil."

"Associated with the watering there are redness of the eyes and a curious oversensitiveness to light. Again, a veil which is twisted tightly under the chin compresses the veins of the face, and this intensifies any tendency to skin irritation and may account for impeding the circulation for woman's chief dread in life, a red nose."

### Kris Kringle Centerpieces.

Take a box suitable for the table to be used. Cover the box with cotton batting and sprinkle with diamond dust to represent snow. Set on the box a good representation of Santa Claus driving reindeer (this can be purchased at any toyshop). The sleigh may be filled with small favors.

For a Christmas tree centerpiece place a small Christmas tree in the center of the table and tuck around it apples, oranges, grapes and nuts. This tree may be arranged Christmas eve and serve as a table decoration as well as a place for the gifts, or it may be trimmed with small tapers and other usual trimmings and serve as decoration only.

Individual Christmas trees may be placed in tiny flowerpots covered with green paper and set at each place. These may hold gifts or favors for each person. Small tapers are fastened to each tree and furnish the light during the after dinner story telling.

### When Buying Furs.

The woman who must economize buys her furs very carefully. She sees to it that the skin is soft and pliable, and that the fur is the kind coming in and not just going out. Most furs last three years in favor, and at present the brown furs are "coming in." Fox, cheviots and boucles are shown in skunk, brown marten, mink, bear and navy blue, brown and gray. The coat wolf are very fashionable, and there is a special craze for the brilliant fox, which Poret has raised to high favor. This pelt is rather conspicuous, and a woman who can spend little, but must dress well, selects a more quiet variety of fur. Opossum is an attractive pelt that is also very durable. The set of opossum furs of the season shows a smart toque with an embroidered oriental ornament as well as a fat muff and a big neckpiece made of two animal skins, one lapping over the other.

### When Caught In a Shower.

If your hat gets wet in a sudden shower take it off and turn it upside down to dry. The flowers and foliage will then remain in their upright position.

# CHRISTMAS GIFTS.

A Party Bag That Looks Like Flower.



PARTY BAG AND GARMENT HANGER.

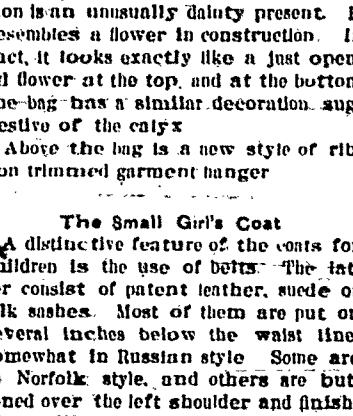
Ideas for needlework are so delightful and numerous this year that the woman on the lookout for Christmas suggestions has not far to go for ideas. For the girl friend nothing will make such an appeal this year as a dainty apron, for Dame Fashion has set her seal of approval upon aprons. An unusually dainty design noted recently was of white barred muslin in the regulation ten apron size, the lower edge cut in graduated scallops, the broadest and roundest scallop at the center, the two each side of this one girl, also in the dress of this period, sloping off so as to make the sides shorter than the center front. Each scallop was decorated with an oval punch work surrounded with eyelets. A green wreathed large bowl of some kind and each oval motif suspended from a simple vine of solid work running along their top edges and trailing gracefully up the sides of the apron several inches. The entire edge was embroidered in scallop effect, and the strings, also scalloped at the ends, had a spray of the vine and a suggestion of the eyelets.

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### The Small Girl's Coat.

A distinctive feature of the coats for children is the use of belts. The latter consist of patent leather, suede or silk sashes. Most of them are put on several inches below the waist line, somewhat in Russian style. Some are in Norfolk style, and others are buttoned over the left shoulder and finished on with a belt. Other favored styles



MODEL IN BROADCLOTH AND FUR.

have the single revers and sailor collars or are in plain double breasted effect.

Corduroys and velvets are well liked, and are in navy blue, brown and black, and in white for those from one, two and three years. Chinchillas, double faced cloths, zibeline, wool velours, heavy pictures of old rose broadcloth trim with a dark brown fur collar. Narrow bands of the pelt extend down the front. In golden brown velveteen this model would be extremely pretty and serviceable.

### Chinese Grops.

This fabric is extremely fashionable, and many pretty articles are made from it. When it becomes soiled make a strong lather of boiling water and white soap. Allow this to cool and wash the crease by pressing it with the hands. Rinse in salty water to set the colors and dry in the open air. Wash the crease as quickly as possible to prevent the colors from running.

# Good Form

### A Holiday Card Party.

Invitations are sent out and delivered by hand if possible on rolls of parchment or yellow paper sealed with red wax and written in the formal manner of old times, bidding ye guest to come to ye inn "at the Sign of ye Christmas Tree" on a certain date. At a country house it would be possible to hang a sign with a tree painted upon it outside the door.

The dining room with a big fire roaring up the chimney is the place to hold this party. Ropes of evergreen and wreaths of holly supply the holiday atmosphere, and a large trimmed tree should be stood in one corner. Lamps and candles are used for lighting, and all unnecessary furniture should be removed for the time being, with the exception of wooden settles standing on either side of the fireplace and the small tables and chairs that are placed as usual for a progressive card game.

The tally cards are cut in the shape of Christmas trees. For each game won a gold star is pasted on the tree. The favors, which should suggest the season, are hidden in colored stockings, which are hung on the tree. During the game a small boy dressed as an innkeeper of Washington's time should pass tankards containing lemonade or hot chocolate. At the end of the game the guests remain at the tables, where they are served by the boy and a small girl, also in the dress of this period, sloping off so as to make the sides shorter than the center front. Each scallop was decorated with an oval punch work surrounded with eyelets. A green wreathed large bowl of some kind and each oval motif suspended from a simple vine of solid work running along their top edges and trailing gracefully up the sides of the apron several inches. The entire edge was embroidered in scallop effect, and the strings, also scalloped at the ends, had a spray of the vine and a suggestion of the eyelets.

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### When One May Be Unconventional.

Etiquette is not a synonym for conventionality. On the contrary, there are times when it is far more polite to be unconventional than the opposite. These are occasions when the small bred person will commit some small breach on the conventions in order to put at ease some other person, not entirely versed in the minute details of such things, yet who is far more worthy of commendation in a general sense than hosts of others who are "up" in such matters. The use of the wrong fork or spoon; the careful covering of a broad expanse of snowy shirt front by the man who has lived the free life of a wild country, for example, should never be looked upon with scorn by the delicately reared.

Every one knows the story of the admirable polite of a hostess who, noting the mortification of a clumsy guest who had broken one of a priceless set of teacups by letting it fall in his em-barrassment, said to the poor man, his face burning with the shame of his awkwardness: "Neter mind, Mr. Blank; these cups are so easily broken, by the slightest touch, look," and she naively broke another on the edge of the table. This was a loss to her, inasmuch as she knew the set could not be duplicated, but she knew the man was a scholar, a student, a man of intellect and broadest intelligence, whose life, passed in researches for the good of his fellow creatures, had not allowed of learning all the small methods of doing exactly the "proper thing" at a ceremonious society affair.

It is not very likely that such feasts of true courtesy and consideration come often, yet there are many who would show the true meaning of that polite-ness that comes from the heart and which really means consideration for the feelings of others in an equally quick understanding.

### Santa Claus Dance.

A Santa Claus dance is one of the most delightful of all Christmas frolics and really one of the easiest to plan, for only one scheme of decoration has to be thought of, only one idea kept in mind—Santa Claus. Santa Claus everywhere—and it is one that appeals to the youngest as well as the oldest dancers.

To begin with, write the invitations on paper or cards which bear the good saint's image. Such paper or cards can be found everywhere. Postal cards, at least, bearing Santa Claus' portrait will be available, and these can bear the invitation and then be enclosed in an envelope or else small gummed Santas can be bought and pasted to the invitation note paper. These gummed Santas may also be used as seals on the envelope. The invitation may be worded in Santa's name, for instance:

"Santa Claus requests the pleasure of your company on the evening of Dec. 24, at the home of Mrs. John Jones, where he is going to spend the evening."

The house decorations should, of course, include plenty of holly and Christmas greens, but if possible small Santas should play a conspicuous part in the scheme. Paper or china or cloth, whatever they are, they should perch over the doors or windows, cling to holly wreaths and hide themselves in the greens.

### Make Father a Spectacle Wiper.

Cut two rounded pieces of chamolms two or three inches across. Bind them with bright colored ribbon and fasten the two pieces together with a bow of the same ribbon. The edges may be scalloped, if preferred. Print across the top with pen and ink. "I make all things clear."

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# For the Children

A Merry Christmas Morn After Santa Claus' Visit.



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Santa Claus has been very liberal with the little girl in the picture. When she went to bed on Christmas eve she prepared for the good old fellow by hanging several stockings on the foot of the bed. Santa was equal to the occasion, however, and filled them all from toe to top. Perhaps he had to forget some other little girl; but, sad though it be, that sometimes happens. This fortunate baby is yet too young to think of anything more than that dolls and other toys and candy galore are her gifts from Santa Claus. Maybe when she grows older thoughts of others less happy will temper her joy—and the pleasure of giving be made known to her.

### The Old Home of the Doll.

The old home of the doll is Thüringen, especially the town of Sonneberg, twelve miles from Coburg. Most of the poorer families in and around Sonneberg are engaged in this industry, which is the chief source of revenue of the population, giving employment for the whole year. The work demands a great deal of practice and skill, as well as time and trouble. The inhabitants start making dolls while very young and by constant practice are finally able to work with astonishing accuracy and speed. In the doll industry only some special part of the dolls is made by each person. Some make the bodies, others the heads and still others the arms, hands, etc. By this division the work is done much quicker and better.

### The Dolls are Often Very Complicated.

The best jointed dolls have about elastic cord on the inside, to which the movable parts are attached. A special branch of the industry is devoted to the making of dresses and hats. The latest Parisian styles are copied in dressing the larger sized dolls, and the creations turned out compare very favorably, in miniature, with the original.

### Christmas Decorations.

Have the children gather evergreen and make long strings of it to reach from the mantels over table to each window and door frame. Put a large red bow of ribbon on one corner of the tablecloth, set a tiny spray of holly at each plate and one in the center of a plum pudding. One can get a tiny pine tree, set in center of table and run red and green baby ribbon to each side and corner of table, ending with a spray of holly. Green and red crepe paper can be used in place of evergreen, where it cannot be obtained. Hang a large bell on the light over the table and little ones at each window.

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