

Woman's World

Policewoman a Great Hit at Suffrage Convention.



MRS. ALICE STEBBINS WELLS

Mrs. Alice Stebbins Wells, the woman policeman of Los Angeles, in an address at the suffrage convention recently held in Philadelphia had the following to say about the need for women in her rather unusual vocation:

"One or more policewomen should be connected with each police department for the sole purpose of receiving complaints from women for nothing else. Women hesitate to go to a policeman for information and advice. This is easily understood, and as a result it becomes every municipality to provide women officers, who can render help in many ways where a man is almost powerless.

The policeman is particularly adapted to preventive work. She is best fitted to handle juvenile offenders, for a woman has the motherly instinct that enables her to accomplish wonderful tasks. I believe that every city should have a woman attached to its lost persons bureau. She is of great value in tracing missing persons who have become separated from their families."

Mrs. Wells told of her experiences in Los Angeles in preventing the sale of tickets to moving picture theaters or any other public amusement to children under fourteen unless accompanied by adults.

NEW YEAR GOOD CHEER

A Little Chat on Open House During the Holidays.

A cup of tea and a box of crackers offered in a third story hall room to the half dozen people on the same floor is a hospitality which may have in it all the spirit of kindness which was demonstrated by the old time "open house." We are apt to grow supersensitive and self-conscious when we are surrounded by strangers. We wonder if anything we can do will give pleasure. We stay alone and wish that some one would meet us halfway, yet we do not go out to meet them. We sigh for responsiveness and sympathy and are unconscious that the slightest indication on our part of a desire to be friendly might bring a cordial welcome from those whose coldness we have criticized.

"Open house" in its old generous sense may not be a possibility under modern conditions, but those of us who live in the city might touch the lives of the people who yearn for companionship and bring to sad hearts a glow of delight in the enjoyment of our neighborliness. There is scarcely a community or settlement where one cheery and neighborly woman may not rouse a spirit of co-operation if she exerts herself sufficiently.

It would be interesting if more of us would make the experiment during the gray winter days, especially the days between Christmas and New Year's, which hang so heavily on the hands of those who have no share in the merry-making of others, if during these days we would open our tiny apartments, or even our one room in a boarding house to receive those less fortunate than ourselves for an hour's interchange of good will.

Accordion Plaited Net

Accordion net is ubiquitous for girls' dresses, the more luxurious materials being, of course, more or less reserved for their elders. There are lovely little evening gowns, too, simply made of accordion or gaufréed pearl white chiffon. Into which is plaited a panel of shadow lace, likewise plaited to match. No other trimming but the lace is required unless it be the heavy silver or gold bullion fringe which so many dressmakers employ as a finish to the soft swathed satin belts.

Something Worth Knowing

Sometimes white trimmings on a colored dress look dingy. Wring a white cloth out in thin starch, place on the trimming, then put a dry cloth over that and iron with a hot iron, and the dirt will come off on to the starched cloth.

Points for Mothers

Your Daughter's Friends.
Here is a question that every mother of a growing girl should consider very carefully: How can I have more good times with my daughter and her friends?

Have you made friends with your daughter's friends? Do you know who her friends are and who are their friends?

It would seem from a study of social conditions that more than half the mothers in this country pay little attention to their children's associates outside the home. Perhaps your plea for this neglect—for it is a neglect, a neglect of duty—is that the housework and the care of younger children will not permit you to spend any time getting acquainted with young Ethel's friends.

Ethel enjoys their company, and you would not wish to hurt her feelings by suggesting that she should not associate with them. Ethel must have her fun while she is young.

Five mornings a week ten months in the year Ethel has to get out of bed early, dress, have breakfast and hurry off to school. Perhaps she returns at noon for a hasty lunch, perhaps not, but after school hours she must practice her music, study her lessons for the next day and attend to some small duties at home.

The evenings are long in winter. As a rule, there are few amusements at home, and the young boy and girl seek pleasure at some neighbor's house or get permission to attend a moving picture show.

On the way to either place Ethel meets a boy friend or several boys and girls, who suggest a walk or a visit to some boy's or girl's home where they can "rough house" unrestrained.

Very often a dance hall claims the boys and girls of fifteen and older. Surely there has been enough written about the dangers of the public dance.

The boys Ethel knows come to your home infrequently. They are at the awkward age, when the thought of meeting you and Ethel's father is most distasteful to them.

Ethel knows how they feel and courts their favor by arranging meetings outside her home—on the corner or at some girl friend's house where there is less supervision by parents than at her own home.

You, however, are really relieved by the thought that you do not have to meet and help entertain these young people. You say to yourself: "Oh, well, if she likes to be at Anna's house let her go. I suppose they do have a better time there, where they do not have to take care not to waken a baby." And so Ethel is allowed to go out in the evenings according to her own sweet will.

She forms the habit, and few are the evenings spent at home with mother and the other children.

If trouble comes to Ethel she is to blame. She is reprimanded, upbraided, and if she is a girl of spirit the chances are she leaves home entirely to join the army of working girls—or comes to greater harm.

Care of Children's Eyes.
One of the most important organs on the human body is the eye. Yet parents constantly jeopardize their children's eyesight by allowing them to read or study in insufficient light or light that is harmful to the delicate mechanism of the eye.

Light should always fall over the left shoulder of the reader. By so doing the rays of light follow the line on the printed page, and the vision also following the line from left to right meets with no resistance in the way of light waves, but, on the contrary, is aided in its work chair with the shoulders touching the chair back; then when they do lean forward to write they will instinctively move forward on the seat and retain the correct position of back and shoulders.

This is a most important matter for many persons have had to go through life with a distressing curvature of the spine simply because in early days they have been allowed to sit with bent backs over their books.

When Baby Travels

There are all sorts of fitted baskets for all sorts of purposes, but the one that most appeals to mothers is dedicated to baby on his travels.

Some of these are wonderfully elaborate affairs in a morocco case, but one within reach of the average income is of wicker, with stout straps and a firm wicker handle, light enough to be easily carried by a maid.

In the basket are a bottle for keeping liquids at an even temperature, two boxes for food, a feeding bottle with special cleansing brushes, a mixing cup, funnel, measuring spoon, napkin, bib, thermometer and a watch warranted to keep baby's meals as accurately on time as if in his own nursery.

Homemade Shoes

Soft suede makes delightful shoes for the little one, and it is quite a simple matter for a mother, with a little practice, to make them herself and to decorate them with tiny flowers or leaves. The stitching should be done on the machine and the pattern quite simple, so that there will be no unnecessary seams. Hits may be cut round the top through which to run ribbon laces.

NEW YEAR'S BAG.

It is impossible to Leave This Shopping Necessity.



ATTRACTIVE SHOPPING BAG.

Not only dainty and usable, but very safe, is this new shopping bag designed for the New Year shopper. It has a special handle attachment that straps around the wrist. The bag is a smart affair of pliant leather, with a useful monogram on the outside and the usual convenient inside pockets.

WEDDING RING LORE.

Interesting Facts About This Golden Clasp of Sentiment.

In the Isle of Man the wedding ring was formerly used as an instrument of torture—Cyril Dunsport in his book on "Jewelry" remarks that there once existed a custom in that island according to which an unmarried girl who had been offended by a man could bring him to trial and if he were found guilty she would be presented with a sword, a rope and a ring.

With the sword she might cut off his head, with the rope she might hang him or with the ring she might marry him. It is said that the latter punishment was invariably inflicted.

The wedding ring was anathema to the early Puritans, who regarded personal adornment as one of the many signs of Satan. In the old English marriage service it was the custom for the bridegroom to put the ring on the thumb of the bride, saying, "in the name of the Father," then on the next finger, saying, "and of the Son," and then on the second finger, saying, "and of the Holy Ghost." Finally on the third finger, with the word "amen."

The ring was left there, because, as the Sarum rubric says, "a vein proceeds thence to the heart." In the modern marriage service the ring is placed at once upon the third finger, the invocation to the Trinity being understood.

White Tailored Coats.

Little brocade coats are mounted over softly draped skirts of satin or cloth. The charming costume seen in the illustration shows such a coat.



CLOTH SKIRT WITH BROCADE COAT.

Made of white matelasse with trimmings of moleskin worn over a draped white brocade cloth skirt.

White suede gloves and boots of white satin with pearl buttons complete the daintiness of the white costume, and the hat of white velours has a white plume tipped with salmon pink.

A Wire Clothessine.

A wire clothesline which becomes rusty can be remedied by painting it with a coat of white paint and when dry paint it again. These two applications will keep the line in good shape for a long time.

FUR SMARTNESS

Peat Cap Matches This Seal and Muff Set.



THREE FINGER SET OF SEALSKIN.

From a famous furrier comes this chic set of sealskin, which includes a typical French cap, the design used by a Parisian dressmaker, a long seal scarf and a big muff.

The scarf and muff show a mosaic arrangement of the fur, while the cap is of seal and brown satin.

KRISS-KRINGLE PACKS.

Something Quite Novel to Send Your Friends.

Two clever young New York women who have built up a delightful and lucrative business through the copying of artistic gift boxes made up especially for the individual recipient have introduced a novel Christmas package this year.

It is called the "Kris Kringle pack." It is a stout black pouch, finished with tan leather straps and fastened with a small padlock. The pack is filled with gifts chosen with special reference to the age and tastes of the person—small boy or girl, invalid or healthy grown-up—to whom it is to go.

The gifts are daintily wrapped and fastened with Christmas seals, and are each attached to a bit of merry verse. A few days before Christmas the key which unlocks a mysterious pack to be delivered by Kris Kringle on Christmas morning.

On the outside of the pack is a gay presentation card in colors showing Kris himself and having space for the name and address of the recipient. The toys, dainty gifts and imported novelties with which the packs are filled are things which for the most part cannot be found anywhere else. Many of them are made by the young women themselves.

Present For the Men.

Choosing Christmas gifts for men is so difficult that women this year will welcome a novelty for the necktie. This is in the form of a stout gold pin with a gold knob at the end. The point is supplied with rivets that screw into a second knob when in place. This is attached to the pin proper by a small gold chain.

This useful contrivance is to hold down the soft collars of negligee shirts. When adjusted nothing shows but the gold knobs in the lower corner of the collar, the pin and chain are hidden by the tie.

For a more costly individual gift a pearl or colored stone is substituted for the gold knob.

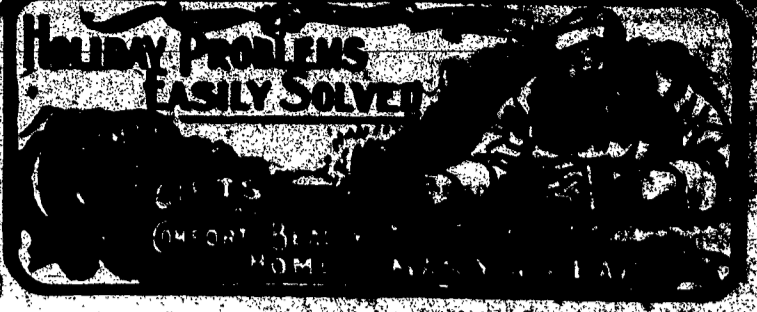
This is How She'll Look.

Woman's dress is to take on an aspect of militancy for 1913, according to the edict of the National Cloak, Suit and Skirt Makers' association, which met in convention recently. Skirts are to be perfectly straight, looking like an envelope. Jackets are to be the same. Narrow skirts will prevail, with a slash, because women wearing narrow skirts indisposed are in constant danger from falls.

Waistcoats will be worn with nearly all of the spring suits. They will be made of contrasting material. The spring coats are to be made of stripes and checks mostly. There are few plain materials in the new coats.

Lessons in Spending.

Viscountess Esber, an energetic Englishwoman, has started "spending" classes, in which women will be taught to keep account of the money which passes through their hands. As women are proverbially poor accountants, it will be a wise plan to teach them how to fill in a check, to keep a petty cash-book and to have general intelligence in keeping their household accounts and dressmaker allowances out of the generally hopeless muddle.



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