Woman's World

Wonderful Likeness Found in the Czar's Daughters.

GRAND DUCHESS OLGA (ON THE LEFT) AND GRAND DUCHESS TATIANA.

Glance at this picture of the czar of Russia's two daughters, Grand Duchess Olga and Grand Duchess Tatiana, and you will at once observe the wonderful likeness that exists between the two sisters. Grand Duchess Olga, the elder of the two girls, is said to be engaged to Prince Charles of Roumania, although the lady herself exclaimed, when recently shown a portrait of her suitor: "His face is enough for me. I don't want to hear anything more about him."

The czar is not anxious for the Roumanian alliance, but force of circumstances favors it. The personality of the prince is not attractive, and his education leaves much to be desired. The preference of the Duchess Olga is for her cousin, Grand Duke Dimitri Pavlovitch, whom she vows to marry at all costs.

The Grand Duchess Olga, although not quite eighteen, is developing into a very handsome woman. She cuts a particularly dashing figure in the uniform of her father's hussars, of which she is colonel. The Grand Duchess Tatiana is colonel of the Uhlans.

New Ideas For the House.

If simplicity were chosen as the watchword in furnishing the average home its occupants would be better pleased with its aspect than they often are with many a room known so well to everybody, overburdened with "things" and a hodgepodge of colorings. Fancy a lovely pink evening gown with a background of a red wall and a floor covering that sends not less than half a dozen color impressions at once to the eye.

Some big American department stores have suits of rooms set apart with furnishings, walls, coverings, etc., that suggest artistic and practical ways of remodeling rooms in one's own home. The cost of such an improvement can be made commensurate with one's pocketbook, while the idea is what one is looking for.

Decorators have exploited brown as a fundamental color note until brown rooms are very general, but nevertheless inviting. A living room in a simple country home carries out a scheme of decoration in browns well worth reproducing. The wall paper is a plain one in a warm tan that verges on a coffee color. The ceiling is not white, but perceptibly cream in tint, and the color is brought down eighteen inches on the side walls, where a small cream enameled picture molding separates it from the paper.

Curtains for the windows are made of wide scrim hemstitched and hanging only three or four inches below the sills from a small rod over which they are shirred at the top. The floor is covered with plain brown woolen "filler," costing 75 cents per yard. Rugs having some old blue and dark red in them give life to the room, as do the flowered chintz cushions and pillows. The woodwork of the room is painted light cream color.

Autumn Fashions.

Tailors have begun to arrange skirts in such a fashion as to give more freedom to the limbs while preserving the closely fitting line. Serges are still trimmed with black mohair braid in much the same way as they were last year, with this one difference, that the braiding is massed upon the back between the shoulders, and again at and below the waist. In fact, many of the new coats in other materials have this characteristic. Skirts are braided in straight lines, sometimes ending in little tassels very flatly placed.

Skirts Nearly All Short.

Practically all of the skirts are short, revealing the feet and ankles. They are so narrow at the hem that slashing is essential, and the line being thus broken is practically always uneven. A straight hem is absolutely old fashioned, says the Dry Goods Economist.

The skirts may be slashed in the front or on either side or at the back. When the slashing is very high the space is filled with plaitings or draperies of transparent material.

A Frenchy Caprice.

A French nightgown seen at a lingerie shop has an ingenious contrivance for fastening a bow to it. There is a loop of buttonholed thread through which the ribbon may be drawn and tied into a bow. When the garment is to be washed the ribbon is simply untied. Since seeing this the girls have stopped sewing the little bows on their washable underwear.

Points for Mothers

The Child Beautiful.

No matter what a fond mother declares she wishes the fairy godmother to bestow on her child at its birth, in her heart of hearts she wishes her child to be beautiful. No amount of wishing seems to have any power in the matter, and what the fates decree has to be submitted to. No matter whether the beauty be much or little, it is impossible to add to it, but with care it can be preserved, for, sad to relate, many people spoil their good looks in early childhood through being allowed to form undesirable habits of those funny little ways which are peculiar to the early stages of life.

Who is there who has not reveled in the delight of the pastime which grownups call "gargoyling?" It consists in making the face fascinatingly ugly by stretching the mouth to its fullest extent, pushing the nose up and pulling the ears forward. It is disastrous to the very young, who by this means obtain very premature wrinkles and find their ears permanently outstanding. It should be severely discouraged in young children, and on no account should such antics be rewarded by a smile, no matter how comical the child may look.

Similarly the frowns of bad temper should be avoided, and this can only be done by removing the cause. Temper, whether of the passionate or the sulky variety, is largely a matter of habit, and a very undesirable one, too, but a child must be taken in hand at a very early age if it is to be taught to control its temper. A child's feelings are often on the surface, and it is easily possible to divert the mind to some other subject than that which caused the outburst of temper. Sulkiness generally arises from resentment on the part of an elder. It is extremely infectious, and the parent who sulks with a child need not be astonished if the child shows symptoms of the same complaint.

Another trick of childhood which is also associated with bad temper is the dangerous habit of biting the nails. The ill result, which is apparent to all, is short and ugly finger nails, which can never be made beautiful again, even by the most skillful manicurists. The real danger of the habit, however, lies in the sharpness of the small particles swallowed, which are quite capable of giving rise to an attack of appendicitis.

Connected with the fingers also is the habit of thumb sucking, which commences when the gums are swollen and painful at the time of cutting the teeth. At the earliest signs of thumb sucking the thumb should be taken out and a rubber ring given as a substitute, or, better still, the child should be given a little drop of cold water to drink. It seems hard to check a habit which may soothe and comfort a young child, but there is the future to be considered, and a continuance of the habit leaves its mark in an ugly, pointed thumb and deformed mouth, in which the upper lip and the top teeth are unduly projecting, while the lower parts of the mouth are receding.

The evils arising from sucking a "dummy" resemble those of thumb sucking so far as deformity of the mouth is concerned, and with both there is the evil of overexcited salivary glands through the constant sucking. It would be a good thing if the sale of this injurious article were illegal, as in France.

Nursery Quilts.

Distinctive quilts for the little tots' room are a joy to the children and a delightful task for mothers. They are very expensive if bought and less individual, of course. Here are a few ideas for the homemade designs that will make nursery quilts things to be remembered in after years, besides being present joys.

The flower quilt always holds great attraction for youngsters. If the nursery be papered in daisy paper the carrying out of this idea is one of the easiest things imaginable. On a foundation of silk poplin, or, best of all, unbleached muslin, arrange the daisies in a straight border, the stems growing from a plain band on the edge of the quilt, continuing around the four sides.

To make the daisies, cut an oval four inches long and one inch at its greatest width. Make a pattern of a petal three inches by about three-quarters of an inch. Cut out sixteen of these from white muslin if your background is a color. Make the center yellow in this case. If you are going to have yellow petals the center should be a golden brown.

Stems in this quilt should be straight, with here and there a leaf.

Arrange the petals around the center—under it—and place the stem under one edge. Sew around the edges without turning in, using the sewing machine or quick running stitches by hand.

This is a very attractive design, the idea being capable of many different treatments in the field of flowers. Poppies, tulips, roses, daffodils, clematis may be used, and one flower quilt has a huge basket, upset, from which are tumbling in confusion dear to the child's heart all kinds of blossoms that spread out to the corners of the quilt. In this pattern all colors of materials are used. The variegated effect is of continuous interest to the little owner.

FABRICS THE THING.

Gorgeous Coloring in Materials Never So Pronounced.

COSTUME OF OLD ROSE PEAU DE PECHE.

The chic of the new frocks lies in the fabrics this season. It is the beauty of the coloring and the novelty of the weave in the material that distinguish the best looking costumes, not the line nor the design. The result is a vast amount of materials richer in tone and more original in design than anything that has bewildered the eyes of women in the past.

Of all the silk materials duvetyn (a combination of silk and wool) is at the present moment the most popular. It is claimed that duvetyn is not practical because the silk face causes it to wrinkle easily. For this reason some of the exclusive importers are advising peau de peche, a fine interpretation of velours de laine and in all wool material. It has a high luster, which makes it quite as dressy as duvetyn, and, being wool, it is said not to wrinkle and show the signs of wear quickly.

The very delectable costume seen in the illustration is of peau de peche in a lovely shade of old rose, having the new full tunic skirt effect over a tight skirt of velvet. An oriental embroidered brocade vest crosses in the front of the coat and ends in a broad folded girdle across the back.

School Shoes and Boots.

If the girl who is to spend three or four months at a school so far from home that she cannot economically visit it at stated short intervals is not provided with several extra pairs of shoes and boots she cannot be thoroughly comfortable in so far as her feet are concerned. And the comfort of the feet always reacts upon the mental condition. For wear in the house and in the classrooms there should be three pair of lightweight oxfords, in order that the same one need not be worn two days in succession, even while one pair is being repaired.

While exercising in the open air during cold weather the boarding school girl should wear quite high topped waterproof boots with heavy soles rather than lightweight shoes under rubbers, as the latter are apt to heat the feet and make them tender if worn for several hours at a time. But as heavy soles take a long time to dry there must necessarily be two or more pairs of such boots always on hand.

The girl who attends the average moderately priced boarding school can get along comfortably with two pair of evening slippers or low cut shoes—one pair in bronze or black kid and the other in white glace or suede. Satin in any shade is much too dressy looking to go with the sort of evening frock that sensible girls pack into their boarding school trunks.

Concerning Women.

W. C. Brownell has given two new prizes to Vassar college in memory of his wife, who was a graduate of the class of 1873. One hundred dollars is to be given each year to the senior holding the highest rank in biology and $100 to the senior holding the highest rank in history and economics.

Delegates from the principal industrial countries of Europe will meet Sept. 15 at Berne, by invitation of the Swiss government, to consider the drafting of an international agreement to prohibit the employment of boys and girls below specified ages and to fix a maximum ten hour day for workers within certain ages.

Refinishing Easy.

A chest of drawers or an old cupboard that is in need of refinishing can be restored by the application of a coat or two of mahogany stain after the old paint or varnish has been removed. In place of the wood or brass handles to the drawers substitute the little glass knobs that adorn real pieces of colonial furniture. The glass knobs cost merely a trifle and are easily screwed into place.

THE SUGAR SCOOP MODEL

—Ribbon Hat Trimming Exceptionally Smart.

PIQUANT SHAPE OF THE SEASON.

The piquant face with small features is the only type that looks well in the hat illustrated, which is an adaptation of the niniche shape that Frenchwomen adore. In order to make it more becoming to American women the brim in front is often broken, but in this model the tilt over the face is perfectly flat, and the high flare at the back is filled in with a huge black moire bow.

Ribbon, preferably moire, is used to trim most of these saucy little hats. Loops of ribbon are an easy method of obtaining height, and arranged against the upturned brim in the back they are generally becoming.

Small clusters of bright-colored, unnatural looking fruit give the desired touch of color to many of these shapes, and the confection in the cut has a few reddish purple plums for a garniture.

Women Healthier Than Men.

Professor Doctor Elster of Jena has sprung into fame, like Byron, in a single night, because he said "peekaboo" blouses, corsets, decollete dresses and split skirts did more good than harm. Their influence, he argued, was mainly mental. They brought variety and interest into a woman's life.

Professor Elster produces as trump card the fact that women, victims of fashion, have a higher longevity rate and a lower morbidity rate than men who are free from fashion's bane. The exposure of parts of the body entailed by fashion makes women hardy. "If fashion exposure really caused disease, then women in particular would suffer more than men in particular from the diseases which begin with a cold; but, as a fact, women suffer far less than men from bronchitis, catarrh, inflammation of the lungs and consumption."

Dr. Elster further justifies against the hygienomaniacs the corset and the high heeled shoes. The corset distributes certain bodily pressures, and "it has never been shown in what way the high heeled shoe is bad for the health. It might be argued that such shoes render a service, inasmuch as they keep thin soles out of the wet."

A Furry Suggestion.

The long fur coat will not be seen in the land of the modish this winter, so say the furriers, and in its stead will

ONE OF THE NEW HIP WRAPS.

reign the smart little hip wrap, which is very dressy, and to a slender figure very becoming.

Pictured is a short afternoon wrap of baby caracal fur. The new full lines give grace and ease to the garment. A deep shawl collar of satin sets off the smaller collar of fur.

Hot Vinegar in Sauces.

If hot vinegar is used instead of cold when making meat sauce, it will greatly improve the flavor and give the sauce a better color.

Milady's Mirror

A Beauty and Borax.

To remove the shiny look common to some complexions add a pinch of borax to the water in which the face is bathed. A weak solution of borax is highly recommended as a wash for sore eyes, redness of the edges of the lids and for tired and smarting eyes. The same solution is also an excellent mouth wash. It is a healing lotion for slight cuts and scratches.

To soften and whiten the hands bathe them in moderately warm water to which a good sized pinch of borax has been added.

To remove the odor of perspiration use borax with a powder puff under the arms after bathing. A solution of borax and bicarbonate of soda, used as a wash for face, neck, arms and hands when going out and returning to the house and especially when visiting the sick, is considered very efficacious in warding off contagious diseases.

If the water for bathing is hard the addition of a little borax will soften it, and a pinch of borax added to the water in which infants are bathed tends to strengthen the skin and prevent chafing. The strength of the solution may vary somewhat according to the purpose for which it is to be used. A teaspoonful to a pint of water is not too strong for the most use, but for infants and very young children it may be made weaker.

Health and Beauty.

It will be absolutely necessary for you to get a good rear view of your hat as well as a front view. Don't count any minute wasted that is spent at the mirror when purchasing a hat. Look at it from every angle. You will gain much pleasure in wearing a hat that you know is just right and remember its good qualities long after you have forgotten the bill.

Cool baths suit some temperaments and hot baths bring the best results in others. Morning baths act as a tonic for some, and the evening tub is the most appropriate for others. The best thing to do is for each individual to experiment until she has found which seems to have the best effect in her own case and then abide by the rule. Don't make the rule an unbreakable one, however, or you will be laying up trouble for yourself.

If you once get the shower bath habit you will never give it up, so begin tomorrow morning. When using the regular shower be sure to protect the hair with a rubber cap, use pure soap and warm water first; then, when all the soap is rinsed off, rub the body with a handful of sea salt. Shower again with water cool enough to give a pleasurable shock, rub briskly with a coarse towel and a moderately stiff flesh brush and then spray the body with a lotion.

Fine Skin Tonic.

Exercise is a splendid skin tonic. A brisk walk, no matter if in the rain, will freshen the complexion, even as it freshens the flowers, and a simple aperient will do wonders for a muddy skin. It remains for all women to preserve such beauty as they have and to cure the defects which are peculiar to them or that time has wrought. Every skin is different and must be treated accordingly, and it takes a reasoning woman to experiment carefully and find out the proper method of treatment for her skin.

Lack of sleep ages a woman possibly more than anything else. Most women who are inclined to be nervous require from eight to nine hours. Six or seven hours of rest suffice for others. The hours before midnight contain the magic wherein beauty is dispensed freely. One hour before 12 will do more good than two afterward.

Sleep without a pillow, if possible, or a very small one of couch size.

The feet should be higher than the head. This makes the flow of blood over the heart even. Sleep on your right side, with the limbs outstretched and the arms down at the side rather than over the head, which, it is said encourages bad dreams.

Starching Humane.

From London comes the news that starch will have the same effect in human laundry as it has upon the family wash. Taken in the bath, it will stiffen the muscles and smooth out the wrinkles of care. Here is the formula for its application:

All you have to do is to buy a pound of ordinary pure starch from your grocer. Then dissolve the starch in a saucepanful of hot water and pour the solution into a well filled bath of water at a temperature of 95 to 98 degrees, but not exceeding blood heat. Then to take the cure lie down flat in the bath—with all but the face and hair immersed—and remain there for at least twenty minutes. No more hot water must be added or the beneficial effect will be considerably marred. Paris is raving over the stimulating effects of such baths, which impart to the flesh a feeling as though one had bathed in rich cream. A starch bath is restful and soothing to the nerves and leaves a delightful sense of exhilaration for several hours afterward. The bath is best taken before breakfast or before dressing for dinner.

For the Children

Prince John, Son of the King of England.

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Prince John, the handsome boy [illegible] pictured, is the youngest son of King George V. of England. The little prince was born eight years ago, and the photograph was taken on the anniversary of his last birthday. He has four brothers and one sister and [illegible] the baby in the set of the [illegible] His sister, Princess Mary, is devoted to her small brother and spends much of her spare time in aiding him in his studies and as his playmate. Princess Mary is in her seventeenth year and is the third child of King George and Queen Mary. The two boys next older than Prince John are Prince Henry, thirteen years old, and Prince George, who is eleven.

The Kaiser's Meal.

About twenty-five years ago, when the German emperor was traveling in Austria, he found himself very hungry after a hunting trip with no provisions and food.

"What shall we do?" asked his majesty.

His companion, Count [illegible], remembered a farmhouse not very far away.

"Yes; follow me," he [illegible] in a few minutes they stood [illegible] the old farmhouse.

"Well, my good woman, [illegible] you give us?" asked the emperor.

The woman placed bread, [illegible] butter and sausage on the table.

"Milk, bread, butter and [illegible]" exclaimed his majesty. "[illegible] a feast it is not before the [illegible]."

He and his companion [illegible] the woman had the satisfaction of [illegible] her food quickly disappear. Finally the emperor said, "My good [illegible] take this and go and buy [illegible] salt meat, sausage and [illegible]" and he placed a golden ducat [illegible] in her outstretched hand. "Ask no [illegible]," he continued, "if you happen to [illegible] a cheap picture of the Kaiser hang [illegible] that you can point to it and say, 'I [illegible] saved that poor man from starvation.'"

Riddles.

Why should an architect make a good actor? Because he is an adept at drawing houses.

When was wit a father? When a pun became apparent (a parent).

Why is an elephant different from other animals? Because if you ask [illegible] his head and tail you don't [illegible] drop his trunk.

What grows the less good the longer it works? An auto wheel.

What sin would a double [illegible] like to be on? Affinity in [illegible].

What kind of a cat lives in a [illegible]? A cat-alogue.

Why are those riddles like [illegible]? Because they are farfetched and full of nonsense.

The Word Fiasco.

When a play or performance turns out badly or any cherished plan ends with failure we call it a fiasco. Fiasco is the Italian word for bottle or flask, and at first glance the word bottle seems hardly to fit the meaning implied. But the use of this word came about logically enough.

When the Venetian glassblowers, in making their beautiful glassware, detected a flaw in the bulb they would convert it into an ordinary bottle or fiasco. In this way the word bottle came to be synonymous with failure.

Not Magical.

How can you draw a circle around a person placed in the center of a room so that he will not be able to jump out of it, though his legs should be free? Draw it around his body.

We'll All Drink Tea!

(Only water tea, of course!)

I.

Polly, put the kettle on,
We'll all drink tea.
The tiny table now is set
As nicely as can be.

II.

The dollies and the Teddy bear
And Punch and Judy, too,
[illegible]
[illegible]