

# Woman's World

Cordelia Lee the Latest Violin Virtuoso.



MISS CORDELIA LEE.

Miss Cordelia Lee is the latest woman violinist to appear on the American musical horizon. Not only is this charming western girl a musician, but she is exceptionally beautiful and unaffected. Eight years away from the prairies of Dakota and from the city of Minneapolis have in no way changed Miss Lee. She has acquired no affectations, from Paris, Berlin or St. Petersburg, but still clings to the same natural, broad tone which one expects to find in the folks of the middle west.

Since going abroad Miss Lee has learned to love the Russians. It matters not what may be said about the people of the czar. Miss Lee evidently found all that was good in the big empire. In fact, she appeared in St. Petersburg and Moscow four times in one season and each time was a tremendous success. So it is no wonder she loves Russia and its people.

When asked about Russian audiences Miss Lee replied: "The Russians are the greatest music lovers in the world. Even the peasants know good music and how to appreciate it. To hear them applaud and see them wave their handkerchiefs and hats—well, I think they often spoil young artists."

Miss Lee has studied with the greatest teachers in France and Germany and has played to audiences in all the large cities of the continent. One of her favorite cities in Europe is Helsingfors, Finland. That is a wonderful musical center in the eyes of this young violinist. It is a city of only 25,000, but it supports two magnificent orchestras. Everybody there goes to hear good music, and it is not uncommon sight says Miss Lee, to see a dozen fishermen and their wives standing in line at the box office. The members of the peasant class in Finland enjoy the best musical scores just the same as conservatory graduates.

**Simple Life in Official Washington.** Back to the old fashioned pink tea. Back to the simple festivities of long ago.

Back to the old fashioned country cooking, the good old southern cooking, to be exact.

All these will be in Washington this winter.

# Milady's Mirror

**Supple Shoulders Give a Youthful Air.** "If you want to look young do not let your shoulders get stiff," says a woman who likes to look youthful and knows how to do it. "Flexibility of expression and pose is the hallmark of youth."

"Many women in their desire for an erect carriage think they have achieved it by hoisting up their shoulders and holding them hoisted with relentless persistence. Why have a stiff dignity of pose when one can have a graceful dignity?"

"To keep your shoulders young try to keep your mind young by not letting it worry needlessly or think over-intensely."

"The mind affects the shoulders, and they affect the mind. If you cannot stop thinking too seriously or worrying, move your shoulders and arms about a bit, let your shoulders fall into place easily, and you will see that at once your mind is rested."

"Don't worry about your household cares while you are attending to them, as most women do, accomplishing them with knit brow and stiff shoulders. Decide what you have to do and then just do it with easy mind and easy pose."

"Thus you keep your face from acquiring set expressions that soon age it by robbing it of its life and giving it a lot of unnecessary wrinkles. You also keep your shoulders from that inelasticity that is a foe to youthful looks."

"Don't when you can go out shopping walk along with your mind stolidly or feverishly set upon your errands. You can't do this without stiffening your shoulders."

"Stiffly held erect shoulders are bad enough in giving a woman the stamp of age's rigidity, but stiffly held bent shoulders are a crime against health as well as beauty in cramping the lungs. Stooping is a habit that requires great will-power to overcome. There is a dangerous tendency toward stooping shoulders in the present vogue for droop of pose brought about by the limp, picturesque clothes that are now the fashion."

"Let your shoulders fall into natural easy lines and at once your arms thrill with life and do graceful things that enhance your beauty and preserve your youth. Stiff shoulders stiffen the whole figure. Years fall from rigid shoulders corrected of the fault."

**An Easy Way to Reduce.** "If you want to reduce yourself quickly and with no harmful results try this way," says a specialist in the art of reducing corpulency. "I've seen it work wonders in an incredibly short time."

"It's what I call the sawing exercise. Put your right foot up on a chair and with both arms go through an up and down sawing motion toward the left side, bending over as far as possible and drawing back as far as possible. Do this fifty times and then do the same thing toward the right side with the left foot raised on a chair."

"The exercise calls into play every muscle in the body, especially round the abdomen."

"It should be gone through regularly fifty times one side, fifty times the other, every morning."

"I know of no exercise that will so quickly set a good tingle of circulation through the body as this simple one. If you haven't had enough sitting and walking through the day a performance of it will largely atone for the lack."

# CHRISTMAS GIFT.

Two Scarves Make a Fascinating Dressing Sack.



THE LATEST IN NEGLIGES.

What to give your girl chum? That's the question agitating the minds of many of us just now. Stop worrying and decide upon a dainty little dressing sack made like the model pictured.

It is fashioned from two chiffon scarves. One of pale yellow flowered in terra cotta tones is thrown over the shoulders to make a graceful drapery; the other of plain yellow chiffon forms a kimono bodice and two short peplum tunics.

**Tunic Design For the Short Woman.** The tunic is the thing this season, but when one thinks of the awful possibilities of this drapery one shudders for the woman who never knows what to wear on her own initiative. Ten chances to one this woman will insist upon her couturiere incorporating a tunic into her "best frock."

The short mondaine will tell you she has been warned not to wear a tunic, for it will cut her in thirds. Still, there is a phase of this fashion-



AN ATTRACTIVE SILK FROCK.

able effect which she can wear. It is made in two long points at the sides, which nearly touch the hem or the dress.—This tunic is not only becoming, but will add inches to her appearance.

The tunic frock in the cut, however, is designed for the tall, thin girl and is of plain and brocaded silk, combined throughout the model in an artistic fashion. The bodice and lower part of the tunic are of the brocade, while the sleeves, lower skirt and gathered drapery are of the plain fabric.

# STRAIGHT BACKS.

One Way to Achieve the Modish Effect.



SMART VELVET COAT.

The backs of costumes this season, from a modish standpoint, must be like Caesar's wife, above suspicion. And unless the figure is straight, slender and youthful-looking the advantage of good tailoring is lost. When the back is inclined to curve in at the waist line padding is used to give the correct silhouette.

In the smart little coat of green velvet seen in the illustration a long tasseled streamer of velvet matching the coat is attached at the neck and hangs to below the waist line. This heavily weighted ornament gives the desirable straight line at the back and impresses the smartness of the wrap.

**Holiday Presents Found in Shops.** Ten dollars is the price of a very interesting gift—a silk umbrella in a velvet case. The case is a sheathlike cylinder, either deep mauve or black, which incloses the umbrella when not in use. At the same shop which sells these umbrellas others are shown which hide a tiny powder puff and case in their handles. Candles for men are sold with handles which open to disclose tiny cigarette cases, large enough to hold three or four cigarettes.

An inexpensive gift for a man is a shaving set, packed into a small case convenient for the traveler. There are a safety razor, a tube of shaving cream and a shaving brush. There are two tiny pockets to hold extra blades, and the whole case is not more than five inches long and three wide. It costs \$1.

Hatstands covered with Chinese embroidery are charming. One that stands about eight inches high and that is covered with dark, deep blue silk, embroidered in shade blue and yellow, costs \$2. A taller one, covered with lighter silk, costs 50 cents more. These stands are a convenience that any woman would appreciate, and their ornamental coverings put them in the top-notch of fashion.

**Reflections of Eve's Daughter.** It is some compliment to our taste to find that the furs which we have mentally decided upon are the most expensive on the market, but the shock is bad for our nervous system.

Well, warned is half armed, they say; but, no matter how dark a picture is drawn of matrimony, the average girl will continue to think wedding gowns and misty veils are quite the sweetest things on earth.

Anyway, it should be a matter of thankfulness that we at least know beforehand what this annual Christmas rush is like.

**Repairs Old Flags.** Mrs. Amelia Fowler of Boston, who has made a reputation for taking care of old flags, says that she has never seen one so old that it could not be preserved. Some of those which she has renovated, flags of the civil and preceding wars, seemed to be disintegrated until she got hold of them. One of them is Perry's battleship, which flew from the masthead at the battle on Lake Erie.

**FASHION REVIEW.** If you are including in your wardrobe the one piece-dress the separate wrap is a necessity.

The separate skirt contrasting with the jacket is a godsend to the woman who must be economical.

# Points for Mothers

**Novel Amusements Help.** The little weary face and the fretful cry of "I don't know what to do" that so often delay the sick child's convalescence can easily be avoided by a few ingenious thoughts for his amusement.

Very often, Toddy bears and expensive toys that have been sent to him by sympathetic relatives will be neglected at the foot of the bed, and the invalid's interest can be aroused only by some novel form of entertainment that has never amused him before.

Children are never happier than when cutting up paper. Sulp, sulp they go, clipping out shapeless pieces from old magazines and making a mess while they waste their time. There are so many ways in which paper cutting can train little fingers to be clever and active. For a few cents one of those colored paper "pantomimes" can be bought whose "cast" and scenery will take some hours to finish neatly.

Little girls love to cut out paper dolls, and create fashionable wardrobes for them. Very often they prefer to draw the outlines themselves, and then they can color them with crayons. Flowers, model houses, brightly hued chains—all these can be made from paper.

**Rag-Dolls and Beads.** The average child loves to make those rag animals and dolls that are now sold at every toy shop. The shapes are easily cut, and then they are stuffed with rags and sewn up again. This is another opportunity to humor a child's artistic bent because the animals can really be made from plain pieces of calico, provided somebody cuts it out in the right shape, and this can be painted by the youngster.

Stringing beads is a favorite pastime with the sick child. Rings, bracelets and necklaces can be made for relatives "on order," and there is nothing that children enjoy so much as making things for grownups.

Scrap book making is another task which a child enjoys. Give him a blank book, a paste pot and a few old illustrated magazines and he will amuse himself for hours.

An imaginative child finds great joy in sea shells. He loves to feel the different shapes and by putting them to his ear thinks he can hear the sounds of the waves. This sometimes entertains him for hours.

**The Bran Pie.** Children love an excitement and a novel way of keeping their unfeeling interest in making bread. A penny piece should be wrapped in separate pieces of paper and hidden in a cardboard box that has been filled with sawdust. Every hour or so the child can pause a minute from his other amusements and have a "pie." Great will be his speculation as to what he is going to pick out of the bran pie.

**Care of Young Children.** It is curious to notice how few women realize the possibility of compensation in children between the ages of two and five years. They will discuss the most impossible subjects before the little ones and very often discuss the children themselves in a way that seems to indicate that the little brains are blanks. So they are at first, but they are blanks upon which any passing hand can write what very few hands can erase.

The average child of these years is quicker to comprehend than at any other period. He is more sensitive to impressions than grownups can possibly realize. An angrily raised voice leaves a blot on the young mind which it will take weeks to remove.

Think, then, mothers, of the responsibility of writing on these quickly covered blanks. Think of the care which should be spent on the writing, for remember, as the child is trained now so will he be in adolescence. If kindness, courtesy and generosity are the lessons impressed on the young mind as he grows so will the knowledge of these traits develop. If he is raised on other principles he will reflect their impressions in after years.

Train your little one in ideas of big heartedness and compassion toward others. It is very easy to do. When the child bumps his head do not encourage him in ideas of revenge by spanking the offending obstacle and saying "Bad door" (or bad floor or whatever the object may be). "How could it hurt baby! There! Take that!" It is this method which will train the child in entirely wrong ideas of revenge.

If instead of this treatment the child is taught compassion and self-forgetfulness the mother will reap the reward in after years. Teach the little one by saying: "Poor door! There! Did baby hurt it? Baby didn't mean to." In this way the little one will forget his own hurt in thinking of the other.

# For the Children



Almost every boy and many girls are fond of dogs. Dogs are very faithful and affectionate friends and when kindly treated never fail to respond a hundredfold.

The young gentleman in the picture has a dog that doesn't mind what kind of treatment it gets because it is only the status which is mounted on wheels a kind of horse sort of dog. Almost any boy would be glad to own such a dog. He would also like to have a really, truly dog to go with it. Then what about riding a big stuffed dog with another one barking alongside! The boy in the picture probably got the dog on which he so proudly rides last Christmas, because Santa Claus doesn't let people know what he is doing until the proper time comes. And everybody knows that is Christmas eve. Probably Santa will give a present like this one—or perhaps a pony—to some of his numerous young friends. He keeps lots of nice things in stock up in the polar regions, where he keeps old makes toys. All year long he has been toiling, and just before Christmas he starts out to make his rounds. Let us hope that he won't skip anybody this Christmas.

**An Old Bottle Trick.** You can probably find sixteen or eighteen empty bottles, and I am going to tell you how to make a bottle game on which you can play real tough, which will give you any amount of fun, says a writer in Queen's Latest Folks.

You will require two pairs of handles, one for each of the bottles, and some water.

Place the two poles across the bottles and suspend the bottles from them, using pieces of string with double loops. If the bottles are all the same size you obtain different notes by pouring water into them; the more water you pour into a bottle, the lower the note will be. But if the bottles are of different shapes—and there is no reason why you should not hang up all the empty bottles you see by your hands on upon sticking them with a stick you will find that each bottle gives forth a different note and can be tuned by pouring in a little or a lot of water, according to the note required. If the bottles are all alike you will pour a little water in the first bottle, a little more in the second, still more in the third and so on until the eighth is almost full. On the second pole you can get in the sherry and left, and if you wish you can add a third pole and get an octave higher by using smaller bottles.

For playing the bottle game use a wooden stick or cane for each pole, use two sticks, one in each hand, and for still faster work two purchasers are required, one on each side of the plane.

**A Christmas Game.** Editorial comment is a game for older children. In fact, it has proved very interesting to those still older children that you call grownups. Write a short Christmas story in your own words, and when the story is finished the children are given scrap books (collections of manila paper tied together with heavy ribbon), a table full of magazines, school papers and news. Each person is to illustrate the story just read by cutting pictures from the magazines and pasting them into the scrap book. A line of text are pasted underneath to explain the meaning of the pictures. It is surprising what really clever books can be produced with just a little ingenuity.

**A Little Boy's Wish.** Wish I didn't have to go to bed when Santa Claus is going to come. I think he and me will stay up all night. And there's the great that has the most fun.

Old Santa Claus must be a heavy, heavy fellow. If he lets children drive him away, he would like to mount upon his back. "Would be fun with him to romp and play."

"I wish I could take me in his reindeer sleigh and give me a long and joyous ride. And as we sped, oh far, far away, I'd feel like some pumpkin by his side. Maybe, now, he has an air-o-plane. That would take us up so high that we could see what little boys do. That live away up in the blue sky. I wonder if they have Christmas, too. And if it can be one bit more fair, would my pa and ma if they pray. And ma said, 'It is always Christmas there.'"

"I wish I can go by myself some time. If I really learn to find the way. And every day, Christmas morning, I'd like a year for a Christmas day."

# WISE WORDS FOR WOMEN.

He is a fool who thinks by force or skill To turn the current of a woman's will.

They who love nature are the real artists; the "artists" are copyists.—Richard Jefferies.

"Impossible" is a word only to be found in the dictionary of fools.—Napoleon Bonaparte.

Life is a series of surprises and would not be worth taking or keeping if it were not.—Emerson.

It is not by the way she looks or acts, but by a change in her voice when she speaks to a man, that one can most surely divine when love has sprung up in a woman's heart.—L. Deprat.