

Woman's World

Mrs. Chu and the Panama-Pacific Exposition.



MRS. TING CHI CHU.

The Chinese government has contributed very generously to make its exhibit at the Panama Pacific exposition a success. One of the republic's cleverest young statesmen has been appointed to the post of commissioner to the exposition. This gentleman is the Hon. Ting Chi Chu, who is counselor to the ministry of industry and commerce in China. Mr. Chu, although only twenty-seven years of age, is well qualified for his task. He was born in Shanghai and attended the Polyang university when Wu Ting Fang, Chinese minister to this country, was president. Later he graduated from Harvard university.

Recently Mr. Chu was married to a clever little Miss Ping Hui, one of the bright students from the orient who graduated from Wellesley university in the class of 1913. She is intensely interested in the success of the Chinese exhibit and will advise and assist her husband in regard to the exhibit of woman's work.

Chinese women do wonderful work in many lines. Their embroideries are exquisite. The new China is distinctly progressive, and its women are taking a place in the industrial, artistic and professional work that may surprise many occidental people.

The Chinese government has ordered the governors of provinces to co-operate with the central exposition bureau that he may be able to make a suitable display of the progress and wealth of the country. The young commissioner and his wife will have facilities never before available for making China as it is known to the occidental world.

Mrs. Chu is the delegate from China to the international child's welfare congress, which convenes in Washington in April under the auspices of the National Congress of Mothers, Parents and Teachers' association.

HOUSEKEEPING NOTES.

Tiny Tips That Will Lighten the Daily Tasks.

To keep a chimney free from soot sprinkle a little saltpeter over the fire occasionally.

To sift ashes without raising dust sprinkle them with water or let them get wet with rain before sifting.

When buying shoes to get comfortably fitting shoes put them in the afternoon, when the exercise of the day has spread the muscles of the feet to their largest extent.

Scrubbing brushes will last twice as long if they are put to dry with the bristles down and if turned the other way the water soaks into the wood and rots the bristles.

To prevent stockings from being torn by the clips of stocking suspenders try doubling the stocking down before placing the clip in them, and you will find they will never tear.

When a tag comes off a bottle a little black sealing wax carefully pressed round the end of the neck and shaped to a point makes a quite serviceable new one and lasts a long time.

To keep the ironing sheet free from creases pin it on to the board with drawing pins. These hold it securely, prevent risk of it suddenly tucking up and can easily be removed when desired.

When winding a skein of wool put two flatrons on the table a sufficient distance apart to allow of wool being stretched tightly over them. They will answer as well as any one holding the skein.

After washing white muslin, handkerchiefs, etc., soak them for a short time in clear water in which a tablespoonful of borax has been dissolved. This takes away the odor of soap, slightly stiffens them and makes them beautifully white. A tablespoonful to a gallon of water is the right quantity.

Saving Gas.

Put a small square sheet of iron over the top burners of the stove. Then light one burner only. The heat travels through the iron very quickly and several things may be cooked at the same time with only one burner.

Milady's Mirror

Spring Beauty Hints.

The hands require special attention in the early spring. The sudden changes are apt to leave their hall marks of chapping and redness on the hands. It is essential first of all that they should be kept comfortably warm.

The question of gloves has to be considered carefully. Every woman who goes out much should be provided with several pairs of varying degrees of thickness and should change her gloves to suit the weather. The heavy ones she has been wearing all the winter must be discarded as soon as a warmer day comes. Some very good authorities on the subject say that to keep our hands too hot is prematurely aging. Our thick gloves should be kept in a convenient place until the decided warmth comes. They may often be required on cold days when winter seems once more to assert itself.

Some girls are very much bothered with cracked lips in the spring. They probably possess an unusually delicate outer skin which is affected by all changes in the weather.

It is a wise precaution to rub a little cold cream on the lips before going out when it is particularly cold. If this warning comes too late and some poor sufferers are already sporting agonized smiles on account of cracked lips treat with boracic ointment to heal them.

First about the complexion, which suffers most from the vagaries of spring weather. Great care must be taken to avoid exposing the tender skin of the face directly to the cold and east winds.

A little very good face cream or skin food should be rubbed gently into the skin before going out of doors when cold winds are blowing. The skin food is preferable because when it is properly applied no greasiness or shine is perceptible.

The cream serves as a protection against the strong air. A very little powder may be added. It helps too.

A veil is an indispensable article when the keen winds are blowing. A wise girl knows that she must make a careful choice of her veil for this purpose. It must not be one of those delightfully thin gauzy things which can be worn with impunity when the warm weather comes. Chiffon is a particularly suitable substance for the purpose. It forms a very good protection for the face. Shetland veils are very much recommended for the out of door girl, who has to face the elements in all their moods.

Waving the Hair.

Are you one of those troubled with hair that is quite straight? Every woman cannot help noticing when she changes the style of her coiffure that the hair does not take easily to the new order of things. In fact it takes half a dozen dressings in the new way before it settles down comfortably.

The present fashion for simple hair dressing makes training essential, for simply may be "pinned Japanese" to a degree, or it may be extremely artistic.

If your hair needs a wave try this method, which cannot spoil your hair, as hot irons are apt to do. It is quite easy and you will be delighted with the result.

Part your hair in the center and again lower down on each side. Take the hair between the partings on each side separately, damp it and pin it up in an even line with hairpins placed at short intervals. Leave the hair like this until it is quite dry. Remove the pins and the pretty wave in it will remain for several days.

Sparkling Eyes.

Most persons have a great admiration for sparkling eyes and would love to possess them. Here are a few simple directions about the care of the eyes which will produce good results in an entirely natural manner. The eyes should always be well bathed in a good lotion after they have been exposed to dust. Girls are so apt to neglect this little matter, and it is really very important. The dust has an injurious effect on the eyelids and lashes and eventually takes away the bright, healthy appearance of the eyes. Then you should be careful not to overstrain your eyes in any way. Reading or fine needlework should be done only in good light. Of course the main thing to remember is to keep healthy and well in yourself. Take plenty of exercise in the fresh air, eat lots of good, nourishing food and sleep well if you can. Your eyes will then reflect the sparkle of health and vigor.

Preventing Blackheads.

If you are troubled with blackheads your blood must be in a poor state. You should take some simple corrective mixture for about a week or so. Plenty of exercise is essential for keeping fit. You should drink plenty of water between meals. These general precautions should improve the state of your blood and help to prevent the blackheads from putting in an appearance. To remove those that are there steam your face over a jug or basin of hot water and press out the blackheads with the tips of the fingers. Rub a little boracic ointment on the sore places. This treatment should be done once a week. Avoid all rich, fatty foods or anything likely to cause indigestion. It is a frequent cause of blackheads and unhealthy skin.

PRINTED CRAPES.

They Are Fashionable For Spring Costumes.



CRAPE AFTERNOON GOWN.

Never were the cottons more varied or beautiful than they are now, and there is an equal diversity in price. Satines and crapes are sharing favor, with a noticeable preference for the latter, and the long popular volles are again in great demand. This is but natural, since these fabrics are ideal for draperies and the clinging effects that are again fashionable.

Printed effects are especially popular, and the flowered crapes are very dainty. In volles the embroidered designs seem to be preferred, and many of the new satines are in stripes, checks and plaids.

In the white crapes there are many beautiful fancy weaves. The jacquard and broche designs on crape grounds are new and pretty. White goods generally show the preference for rough surfaces. Ratine is largely used to produce this effect, and it is applied in broken checks or stripes and in conventional or floral designs.

Printed crape in bordered material was used for this very pretty spring gown. The skirt was very fully draped and cut in the front to give a glimpse of the flounce of lace. The long shoulder lines were imparted by means of the deep collar. The wide satin girdle was adjusted above the short tunic with clasp fastenings so that it was removable. The little hat with the ribbon crown was finished with a smart feather ornament.

ADVANCE PLANTING.

Flowers for the Garden May Be Started in Window Boxes.

So far hardy annual flowers in the window boxes this month. You will then have good sized plants ready for putting out of doors in May. Here are the names of a few of the best: Sweet alyssum, mallows, geranium, annual chrysanthemum, larkspur and lupins, conflowers, gilliflower, nigella.

But don't forget that plants with a "taproot," such as poppies, eschscholtzia and yellow bartsia, do not like transplanting, so do not sow these in the greenhouse. Keep them to put in a little later in the outdoor garden.

Don't forget that perennial flowering plants can be raised most successfully from seed sown in the house now. Sow some seeds of perennial phloxes at once. They will flower the first year after planting out if you are lucky.

Put the seeds in shallow boxes of sandy soil in a warm spot. Later you will be able to transplant the seedlings to the garden, first putting them in a cold frame to "harden off," as it is called.

Lighting the Dining Room.

The preferred custom for lighting a dining room is to have shaded electric lights from the walls and to use lighted candles in old fashioned silver candlesticks on the table. Colored silk, candle shades or openwork silver shades lined with a colored silk are liked. If no side lights are in a room and there is the necessity of having a light from overhead, at least it should not be glaring. Although a dining room should not be too brilliantly lit, it is undesirable to go to the other extreme and have it dimly lighted. That is unbecoming and depressing. Flowers, candlesticks or ornaments should be arranged so that they may not interfere with the view across the table or with conversation with guests opposite.

Care of the Basket.

To save a clothes basket from getting dirty and worn at the bottom, get four clothes pegs (those with a tin band), split them as far as the band and insert them at each corner of the basket. They will thus act as feet by raising the basket from the ground.

TAILORED SUITS.

In Navy Blue Serge They Are Ultra Stylish.



BLUE SERGE SUIT.

All the suits now, whether for best or otherwise, are invested with a certain feminine touch that is indescribably charming.

A very effective arrival upon the early spring scenes is jacquard chevot, a fine woolen and, as its name denotes, figured fabric, that ranges through all the fashionable colors.

Motre, broche and a certain souple saffeta are well to the fore, and there is every indication that navy serge in the finer makes will play an important part in the tailoring world. Last, but by no means least, in importance and charm is a black and white check woolen material that is presenting insistent claims for consideration.

This last, however, is usually employed in conjunction with a plain material, when the result is extremely smart.

The leading characteristics of the season's coat models are an exceedingly flat shoulder line and a belt, placed somewhere about the region of the waist. The belt is sometimes wide, sometimes narrow, while frequently the waist line is indicated by a sash either of satin or crepe de chine, especially with coats and skirts of moire, broche and the like dressy materials.

The navy blue serge tailored suit shown here is one that illustrates many style points. It has one of the new yoked skirts, the tunic suggests the pannier, and the coat is a short bolero model.

FOR THE TABLE.

Utensils That Will Be Appreciated by the Cook and Housekeeper.

Two useful devices for the housewife are shown here. One, a toast rack in nickel, is a light and attractive addition to the breakfast table.

The mayonnaise mixer also shown will be appreciated by all lovers of



TOAST RACK AND MAYONNAISE MIXER.

salads, for it will enable them to mix up a salad dressing with ease and celerity. The results will also be more satisfactory than with the old fashioned process.

About Corks.

Corks may be made air tight or water tight by being immersed in melted wax for five minutes. A cork will fit any bottle if boiled for five minutes previously. A convenient substitute for a corkcrew when the latter is not at hand may be found in one of a common screw with an attached string to pull out cork.

Points for Mothers

The Children's Stockings.

The first requirement in stocking economy is to buy substantial stockings which will wear well. When you buy a new pair of stockings soak them in water for a couple of hours and dry them in the open air. This loosens the texture and softens the threads. Being more pliable, they will wear twice as long.

It is well to buy children's stockings as long as possible. Some careful mothers turn them in around the top, thus doubling that portion of the stocking about the knee. The tops are whipped just below the knee, and loops of tape are sewed on for the stocking supporters.

Certain reliable grades of stockings if treated in this way will last the children two seasons. Of course different weights are worn in winter and summer.

Some mothers lengthen the life of stockings by putting new feet on old legs, others by firmly believing and following the old maxim, "A stitch in time saves nine." The foundation darning stitch is one which all who embroider need to know.

It is a splendid plan to rub the heels and toes of stockings after they have been washed with paraffin. This prevents the sliding of the shoe from wearing a hole in the stocking, as the paraffin has to be worn off first. A person who has to walk very much had better wear thick stockings, as they run less risk of blistered feet.

Colds and Chills.

Colds and chills however slight must not be neglected. "Only a cold," we say and try to still anxiety, but it must be remembered that bronchitis and pneumonia frequently follow close on the footsteps of an apparently simple cold.

At the first sign of a chill give the little one an aperient, then put him in a warm bath with a tablespoonful of mustard in it. Next wrap him warmly in a blanket and give a hot breakfastful of nourishing broth; then pop him into a warm bed. If the temperature is normal and there is no sore throat you need not worry. Baby will probably be himself again in the morning.

Children who are susceptible to colds need cod liver oil. The following is a good way to give it them: Thoroughly beat two new laid eggs, add half a teaspoonful of cod liver oil, stir well, then mix in the same quantity of honey. Add slowly, stirring all the time, the juice of half a lemon. Give the little ones a teaspoonful or two night and morning during the treacherous winds. It will strengthen the constitution, soothe the chest and keep the cold out, and this is a grand recommendation—it is a nutritive food, not a medicine.

Let Girls Help Mother.

Many girls nowadays suffer from overmothering. They are never given a chance to help in the slightest degree with the running of the house because mother sees to everything. They never do the least little bit of sewing or knitting or mending for themselves because mother always says: "I don't think you can do that, dear. I'll do it for you." At every step they are overshadowed by their too energetic mother.

Consequently they grow up ignorant of the domestic arts. And in after years no one laments their incapacity more than their mother. But, though she acted with the very best intentions, it is really her fault. The children who turn out the best are usually those who are left to fend for themselves a good deal.

When Accidents Happen.

A child should never be whipped for anything done by accident, such as knocking an ornament over, breaking the window or some similar thing which he did not intend to do. Corporal punishment should always be reserved for deliberate and persistent naughtiness, not for mere carelessness.

The second point to remember is never to whip a child while you are angry about his offense. Take time to cool down and consider matters. While you are reflecting the child will probably do the same, and presently you may find that he is really sorry and the whipping is not needed after all.

Baby's Last Meal.

The time for a year old baby's last meal for the day depends somewhat on the baby. If the child appears quite satisfied with supper at 7 p. m. it is sufficient until 7 a. m. the next morning. On the other hand, should baby want to be fed when it awakes at 10 p. m. (and most babies do), it may be given the following: Milk, six tablespoonfuls, water, one tablespoonful, lime-water, one tablespoonful, sugar of milk, one teaspoonful.

Blisters on the Lips.

Sulphur is a good, safe corrective for blistered lips, and glycerin and borax should be applied locally. Give the child so afflicted half a teaspoonful of flowers of sulphur in a dessert spoonful of molasses before breakfast. It is an old fashioned remedy, but most effective. Mix half an ounce of borax with two ounces of glycerin and smear on the tongue and lips where blistered.

For the Children

Dog Which is Fond of Playing Tennis.



Photo by American Press Association.

The dog so nimbly jumping with his mouth agape to catch a tennis ball that has been batted to him is a wire haired fox terrier. He lives in England, and when he plays tennis with his young mistress his cup of happiness is full. He is so quick that he rarely fails to catch a ball that is anywhere within his reach, frequently leaping several feet in the air to accomplish his purpose. His mistress is lady Rosamond Butler, and she dearly loves a game with her dog. The picture was taken just as the dog made a great jump to retrieve the ball, but the picture does not show whether he succeeded or not. At any rate, he made a brave try for it and deserved to get it.

A Handy Straw Man.

In Korea there exists a very odd belief about protecting a person from evil and from the results of committing a crime or misdemeanor.

First of all, when the Korean realizes that he has committed a sin he hunts up a sorcerer who sells various "charms."

The sorcerer makes for the penitent person a life size straw man, concealing therein a number of small coins, and then proceeds by incantations to lure the evil spirits out of the real person's body into that of the straw man.

The buyer then takes this straw man home, dresses it in some of his cast off clothes and throws it into the street. All passersby help to destroy the straw man partly because they believe in helping the penitent man to get rid of the evil spirits and partly because they know that there is money hidden within. It is thought that the angry spirits are thus appeased by the destruction of the proxy sinner.

A Nervous Tree.

In Idaho there exists a species of the acacia tree which is entitled to be classed as one of the wonders of plant life. The tree attains a height of about eight feet. When full grown it closes its leaves together in coils each day at sunset. When the tree has thus settled itself for its night's sleep it will flutter violently if touched, and if you shake the branches it will emit a nauseating odor strong enough to bring on a headache.

In Idaho it is called the "angry tree," and it is said that it was discovered by some men who were making a camp for the night and placed one end of a canvas covering over one of its sensitive branches to use it as a support. Immediately the tree began to jerk its branches sharply. The motion continued with increased nervousness, until at last there came a sickening odor that drove the tired men to a more hospitable camping place.

Hide and Seek.

When we play
The children say:
"You be 'it' I hate to be!"
But I make
Them all take
Places straight in front of me.
"Een-ter-ey-on-ter-ey, cute-as-ey-corn."
Apple seed and brier thorn.
Fire, brier, limber lock,
Three geese in a flock.
One flies east,
One flies west,
One flies over the cuckoo's nest.
One, two, three,
Out goes she!"
Then if "she"
Comes to me
I am "it" for this one play.
Then they run—
Oh, what fun!
While I hide my eyes and say:
"Five, ten, fifteen, twenty,
Twenty-five, thirty, thirty-five, forty,
Forty-five, fifty, fifty-five, sixty,
Sixty-five, seventy, seventy-five, eighty,
Eighty-five, ninety, ninety-five, one hundred"
Coming whether you're ready or not!"
Then I go,
Creeping slow,
Seeking, seeking one and all,
Low and high,
Passing by,
I can hear them softly call:
"Coo—oop! Coo—oop!"
Come and find me! "F-in-d-me!"
Then at last
Scourrying past
Runs a girl with laughing face.
Then I fly,
I must try
To get before her to the base,
Strike it hard and as I hit
Shout: "It's, ten! You're 'it'! You're 'it'!"
—Youth's Companion.