

Woman's World
 Jean Webster's Book to Improve
 the Lot of "Orphan Annie"



MISS JEAN WEBSTER.

A book with a purpose is Miss Jean Webster's charming story, "Daddy Longlegs." Since it was published, it has gone into many editions. The tale has been put on the stage in a play that is one of the successes of the season. Daddy Longlegs may do as much for the lonely little orphan child of the public institution as Oliver Twist did for English workhouse children.

The book has aroused public interest in the lot of the lonely and homeless children of the asylums, and many well-to-do people, inspired by the example of the Daddy Longlegs of the story, have come forward to adopt or bear the burden of expense of educating one or more orphans. It is said a wealthy New York bachelor has thus adopted forty children. The New York State Charities Aid society found so many requests for orphans for adoption coming in after the publication of the book that they appointed a special committee to look after the applications. Miss Mary Clark, a warm-hearted woman with experience in children's work, was appointed to take charge of the work.

Miss Webster, the author of the book, is a Vassar graduate, and college girls have been particularly taken with the Daddy Longlegs idea. In fact, playing fairy godmother to an orphan child has assumed the proportions of a fact, and, thanks to Miss Webster, the lot of little "Orphan Annie" is likely to be made a happy one.

Miss Webster is a grandniece of Mark Twain and has the sense of humor which seems to be a family gift. She has always been interested in philanthropic work and has written a number of books, most of them dealing with college girl life. She has lived in Italy for a number of years, but now resides in New York city.

LINEN GLOVE CASE.

Attractive Design in Roman Cutwork For Boudoir Fancy Work.
 The old-fashioned "cutwork" is popular again. It is carried out in many styles which differ slightly in process. In all cases the plain foundation, whether of linen, scrim, lawn, silk or satin, is slightly cut away and embroidered crosswise, plects or lace



GLOVE CASE IN CUTWORK.

stitches are worked into the opening. The outline is worked in buttonhole stitch or in overcasting. In carrying out the work the pattern is stamped or traced on the material, the outline of the pattern worked and the enclosed material then carefully cut away. When completed the embroidery is usually mounted over a colored background. A simple design in cutwork, carried out on white linen, is illustrated here. It is used as the decoration for a simple glove case and is mounted over pale blue satin.

Good Form

Geranium Luncheon.
 The most stupping dinner or luncheon table imaginable is achieved when red geraniums are used exclusively as decoration. Nearly every one can obtain these brilliant flowers, and they are usually at their brightest when other blossoms in the window garden are on the wane.

Fill a large glass bowl with the scarlet posies, using their own rich leaves for the green. Red candles in holders of glass, scarlet paper bouillon and nut boxes, with ribbons of the same hue leading to the place cards, which should be white with a red geranium thrust through the corner should be adopted.

The hostess should be gowned in white, with red sash, flowers and slippers, or the dress may be of red muslin with white accessories.

First serve a cherry cocktail, then tomato bouillon, salmon croquettes with Julienne potatoes, beet salad and raspberry sherbet. The cakes may be fed in red, as there are harmless fruit colorings. A confectioner will make cream patties to match in coloring if the order is given a few days ahead.

Smart Stationery.

Pure white is the most elegant style of stationery, especially for an elderly woman. For the debutante a tinted paper is in very good taste. This comes in pale salmon, oyster blue and Dresden. Well in from the edge of the sheet and envelope runs a fine hair line in a darker shade to harmonize with the lighter tint. For instance, the salmon paper has a dull rose line and the oyster blue a cadet blue hair-line.

Formerly a monogram was engraved in a corresponding shade in the corner of the sheet, but fashion no longer decrees this.

The correspondence paper for an old or woman is more than ever elaborate this year. One style in pale French gray, with a heavy monogram in silver and black, is decidedly distinctive. Likewise a natural colored oak with a dull brown and gold monogram, or perhaps the shaded tints of lavender and violet, with a few fine silver monograms, are in good taste for a woman who wishes something that will truly bespeak her personality.

Restaurant Etiquette.

There should be no conspicuous conduct in a dining room of a hotel or a public restaurant. Do not talk or laugh in a loud tone. Do not dispute with the waiter. Do not look around at other guests in an impertinent manner. Eat slowly, act with refinement and remember that you are in a public place. The restaurant is indeed a great test of the true lady and gentleman.

The end of the meal should be followed by your exit from the dining room. The lady precedes the gentleman on leaving the restaurant. At the door the gentleman will receive his hat, which has been taken from him on entering. Here there is a call for a tip of 10 cents if it be a restaurant of a large hotel and if the stay be just for one meal. There is much protest against this and the concerted action of men is doing much toward minimizing this "holdup."

Privacy For Guests.

When the guest room has an occupant the children of the household should consider it sacred and should never be allowed to enter or even to knock at its door without first consulting an older head.

Even a hostess sometimes spoils the pleasure of the loveliest of guest chambers by entering it too frequently with inquiries, etc.

Over entertainment is really worse than none at all. One may assume that a guest may perhaps want to be alone when she seeks her room.

When Woman Calls.

Ceremonious calls are not made between women in the morning, evening or on Sunday afternoons. A man, owing to the exigencies of business, may call in the evening and on Sunday afternoon.

A woman should never call on a man socially. A business errand is the only occasion for a call from a woman to a man, and in such a case the lady calls during his business hours and sends in her name, not her visiting card.

Taking French Leave.

If you are unexpectedly obliged to leave a town where you have been on a certain without returning any calls send back a card to those to whom you are indebted. Take your visiting card and write "P. P. C." on it, which is the French for "Pour prendre congé" and means "to take leave." Send these cards by post to all those to whom you owe calls. This will show that you are not unmindful of them and were prevented from calling.

Matching Partners.

A good way to match partners at any social affair is the following: Get two kinds of a variety of candies—say two caramels, two chocolate drops, two peppermint sticks, two gumdrops, two butter Scotchies, etc. Pass one plate to the men and one to the women, and when candies are matched partners will be found. Another good way is to match flowers or animal crackers.

BLACK FOR EVENING.

Gowns For Festive Occasions Fashioned of This Mysterious Color.



BLACK EVENING GOWN.

Never has the black evening gown been so popular for both old and young. Fashion, owing to the influence of Paris, continues her allegiance to somber shades. The fascinating evening frock here pictured is of black satin. Over the satin fall three tunics of accordion-plated net. A novel feature of the frock is the wide grille, simulating a beanie. This grille is of dull gold metal with jet ornaments. The simple little bodice is of black velvet, a material that brings out to perfection the delicate tints of the skin.

AIRING BED CLOTHES.

Sunshine For Both Sides of the Mattress Is Necessary.
 Many housekeepers think they air beds by throwing the bedclothes over the foot of the bed and the mattress over them, but this is simply airing the under side of the mattress and smothering the bedclothes.

Some persons also think that to air a bed properly it must be this way about half the day, giving a very un tidy appearance to the room.

The proper way to air a bed, if bedclothes are not removed from the bed and placed on chairs, is to throw them over the footboard across a chair placed to keep them off the floor and then lift the mattress in the middle, tilting it up so that air passes under and over it. One-half hour of this will thoroughly air a bed, the windows to be open all the time of course.

Air and sunshine are the best purifiers on the market, and they are also the cheapest. If sufficiently used they are enough to meet the need of a healthy family.

Air the closets and wardrobes just as you do the room. They are full of clothes that have been worn all day, which need airing.

Cleaning Pots and Pans.

Keep at hand a small quantity of coarse cornmeal or coarse wheat bran, and when cleaning greasy cooking utensils rub a handful in the pan, kettle or skillet. You will be surprised how clear of grease it will leave the utensil. Wash it then in good soapy water, scald and set to air before putting away. If one keeps chickens the meal thus used is excellent in their mash feed. If not, fold in a waste paper and burn. This way keeps the sink clean and saves much hard work.

FOR EVENING WEAR.

Coral is a favorite shade in gowns for evening.

Dance frocks for young girls are both short and trained.

A lovely evening gown is of green crystal net over white satin.

Narrow, clinging lines of the middle ages are most in favor for evening gowns.

Many evening gowns have no sleeves, narrow jeweled shoulder straps being the substitute.

Some evening models have apron drapery in the front, and an odd thing about it is that the apron section falls longer than the foundation. The apron is of metallic lace.

The pointed décolletage is a thing of the past. The square cut neck line is in high favor and it is severely plain, being seldom softened with trimming of any description. A great many beads and sequins are used on evening dresses, especially on white satin and net. Black nets with blue sequins and all shades of red over cream lace are used.

"Oh, Child New Year!"



Oh, child New Year, as whom my mantle falls,
 In the departing year, who leave in thee

The labor, tasks, the duties and the calls
 Which are the beckonings of the past

To be
 A precious trust, the heritage of time,
 New will these faces the future all mine,

New front the faces of sin and vice and crime,
 Which smother round with force and might unknown?

Take courage, child, of time, be not dismayed;
 Equip thyself with faith and hope and love

And seek for strength and wisdom from above,
 With these to help thee never to be cold.

Go forth with goodness on thine sacred way,
 And strength shall come to thee from day to day.

The Year's Beginning In Various Countries.

Russia, Greece, Etc.
 New Year is an expensive luxury for Russia, Bulgaria, Greece and other countries in which the people belong to the Greek Orthodox church.

It is a time of gift making, and not only must the father of each family give money to his wife, children and the servants, but he is expected to call on all his friends and before leaving bestow more money on the servants of each family, who are drawn up in an expectant line.

At the feast, after "watch-meeting" nuts are thrown into the four corners of the room to blind the evil one. And at a second feast on New Year's night there is a huge cake in which are two coins. The winners of these coins are crowned king and queen with great ceremony. Each girl bites off a piece of her cake to dream on as she would on Valentine's night.

Wales.
 In some parts of Wales fires are burned to purify the home for the New Year, and the ashes, kept in a sacred jar, are supposed to ward off disease.

Germany.
 Fire also plays an important part of the New Year's celebration in certain parts of Germany. Huge piles of wood are heaped in the public square, and the people throw on them all the things they have determined to discard with the new year. Thus drunkards cast thereon their bottles, maidens their love letters from jilted swains and smaller girls the dolls which they feel they have outgrown.

Promptly at midnight the bonfire is lighted, and all the men dance around it, singing a health to the new year.

France.
 In France every man and boy gives some gift, no matter how small, to his woman friends and would not think of going empty handed to pay his calls.

A favorite gift is candy in all sorts of odd shapes, such as temples, boots, shoes, musical instruments, sausages, golden and lobster. Books and hats are made from spun sugar, hollowed out and filled with chocolate and mints.

China.
 The Chinese New Year, though it does not come till February, is a gala time, and any Chinaman who does not pay up all his debts by the new year is looked upon with disfavor by his friends.

NEW YEAR'S CANDLES.

Custom Prescribes These
 Made of Bayberry Wax

THEIR most appropriate birthday candles were burned in the past on New Year's eve and are still burned in some of the Southern States.

New England, however, has a considerable industry which makes candles in House Beautiful.

The candles are made entirely by hand in the original manner, are cut of wax pressed being able to produce the same results. They bear the traces of continued burning, and taper at the top, an inevitable result of the process. This means that the wax is dipped repeatedly into the tank, with a new layer being added each time until the candle is the desired thickness. They are made in a variety of sizes, from those small enough conveniently to decorate a birthday cake to large ones, three feet high, intended for a floor candlestick. When sent out the beautiful wax gown is wrapped in white tissue paper and placed in a box of a contrasting color of wax. A box may contain a single candle or half dozen or a dozen. On presentation the lid above the candle is in the shape of paper is turned a turning which bears an appropriate term in English or other acceptable language, for example:

On New Year's eve
 A bayberry candle
 Burned to the socket
 Brings health to the house.

And we'll see the best
 The little wax and the bayberry
 One of its preceding names, the bayberry candle in early New England, was the name of the candle at all.

Very good bayberry candles are mentioned in the History of Virginia, published in 1703 by Robert Beverly. It is said that this discovery is very modern, notwithstanding these countries have been so long settled. The mention of these bayberries is said to have been first found out by a surgeon of New England, who performed wonderful things with a single candle of them.

Before this was written, however, the candleberry tree had been made the subject of scientific investigations in several meetings by New England people, with the result that a certain day, Dec. 13, 1813, "which is still called a 'Candle Day,'" as the first upon which those berries might be picked. This day was called in consequence bayberry day.

FATHER TIME SAYS.

Make the Following Resolutions For New Year:

- I WILL cultivate health, happiness, contentment, peace, and good will.
- I WILL stop growling and growl at people and speak softly.
- I WILL be straight in speech, square in sharing profits and square in social life.
- I WILL think and talk often things, tame my tongue to avoid falling into traps my taste to refuse toxic words.
- I WILL build a hospital, built with a brick and brimstone, and brighten with a beaming cheerfulness.
- I WILL abstain from anger, avoid antagonizing others, recall my temper, appreciate favors and applaud success.
- I WILL be a true man, a trustworthy friend, a tender sympathizer, a timely helper, a tenacious idealizer and a truthful teller.

TWO RIP VAN WINKLES.

They Are to Be Found in a Welsh Legend Relating to New Year's Eve.

Every one is familiar with the Rip Van Winkle of Washington legend and has laughed and cried over the story of the big-hearted, rollicking Dutch man who drinks with the ghost of Hendrick Hudson and the gipsy crew in the shadowy fastnesses of the Catskill mountains, sleeps for what he believes to be one night, but what is in reality twenty years, and then wanders down the mountain side to find that all his old friends are gone, that his dog Schneider is dead, that his home is broken up, that his wife is married again and that his little daughter Meenie, the idol of his heart, has grown out of his recollection. Now, it is a fact, but one probably known to but few readers, that there is scarcely a country whose people do not relate this story in some form and that the source from which Washington Irving derived his version of it was a legend of the Fairies, mentioned pertaining to New Year's eve.

If you will travel among the peasantry of Wales and inquire as to their folk-lore concerning New Year's day and its mystic eve they will tell you the legend of two Rip Van Winkles, who, while wandering among the ravines of their native Welsh mountains one New Year's eve, were met by two fairy maidens, who carried them across a fairy bridge into a fairyland where they spent a period of such blissful happiness that it seemed but one day. Returning to their friends on the morning, they found that seven generations had lived and died during their absence, which had extended over a century. — Washington Star.

Seeding the New Year.

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NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS.

- Resolved
- That the straight and narrow path is the only one.
- That patience brings better fruit.
- Never to see the end of a man's nose.
- Make every cent count.
- That it is wiser to control your own pleasure than to be at the mercy of a woman's.
- To see the brightest and most beautiful before they are in their light.
- That happiness is not in money, but in the love of God.
- That personal methods have more attraction than any other.
- To give your best to the love of your work.