Woman's World

It is Women's Business to Look After Europe's Civilization.

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MISS JANE ADDAMS.

Miss Jane Addams of Hull House, Chicago, who is now giving so much of her time to promoting the work of the woman's peace party, was interviewed recently in regard to our responsibility in the present war.

"This war," said Miss Addams, "seems to me to be the most primitive war imaginable. It is as though the nations of the world had gone completely around the cycle of wars for freedom, for religion and all such causes and were now come back to the most primitive of all wars—the war for self defense.

"Each nation in the present struggle claims to be fighting for self defense. Each one shows a sort of tribal patriotism; it must defend its own tribe, its own property. And that is by far the lowest kind of patriotism. It harks back to the days when there were no courts of justice; when men settled difficulties by physical force; when tribes were separate units, each continually on the watch to defend itself from aggression or injury on the part of others.

"In those primeval days there was a distinct tribal appeal to women. They were not merely to stay at home and be protected; it was their business to bear children. The edicts of Europe's warring rulers today and the hosts of 'war brides' hark back to those early centuries when the chief duty of man was to fight and die and that of women to replace the dead.

"Now by this primitive warfare the work of long, long years is being destroyed. In France, for instance, the women were just beginning to get some improvements in the laws which concerned them, coguardianship of children, for one thing. The whole social fabric is distorted, the long years of struggle and sacrifice to attain a better civilization, to unite men and women and children, are gone for naught. It is our business to see that all the civilization of Europe shall not be destroyed.

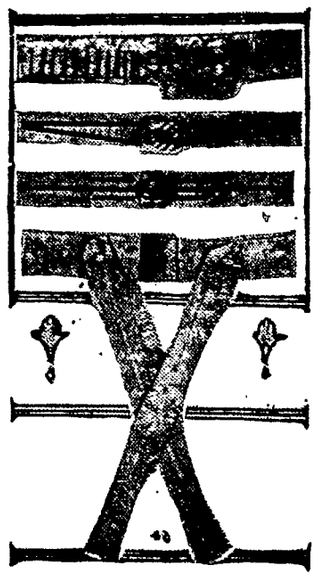
"It's difficult to say what the reconstruction will be," continued Miss Addams. "We can none of us prophesy that. But I'm inclined to think that it will be in many ways not unlike the reconstruction which followed the Napoleonic wars in France. Just traveling about there casually one is surprised at the many and varied things that women do, what an important part they play in industry and petty commerce, how they run hotels and keep shops and often act as cashiers for their husbands.

"Women will be in relatively the same position when this war is over, I believe, in political life. After all that they are doing now it will be possible for them to go into public affairs, semipolitical affairs at least."

CHIC MILITARY EFFECTS.

Smart New Belts Are Extremely Warlike In Their Appearance.

Military to an extreme degree are the smart new belts of the season, being built in cartridge effect or with



SPRING FANCIES.

shoulder straps in knapsack fashion. There are also perfectly straight belts with buckles showing a spread eagle or a floating flag. The materials may be either suede or heavy linen.

CHIC PARISIAN FROCK.

Elaborate Afternoon Gown From Across the Waters.

BEAUTIFUL IMPORTED GARMENT.

In spite of the war Paris finds time to make wonderful frocks for the American importers, though Dame Rumor says her women are not wearing many gorgeous frocks during this terrible war. However, here is a sample of the handiwork of one great Parisian couturier who designs frocks even in the trenches.

Wavy goldenrod satin is draped in this instance with silk net which has an elaborate braiding of tan soutache. A girdle of the satin shows beneath the bolero bodice, which is also made of net and braided. Smart boots of two shades of tan leather are worn with this dress, and a parasol in blue and tan is carried. A hat of blue is trimmed with daisies, completing this interesting costume.

DOMESTIC KINKS.

New Methods Used in the Household Learned From Professionals.

Window washing is one of the tasks dreaded by many women, especially the outside of the windows, which are hard to reach. Notice the men who make a profession of window washing, who wash the windows of large stores, and see that they have developed several excellent washers, chief of them being the type which utilizes the so called rubber "squeegee" for drying the panes of glass.

This consists of a galvanized container of triangular box shape which will hold over a quart of water. At one edge of this box is fitted a pad of absorbent felt. At another edge is a rubber squeegee. The whole is equipped with a short metal handle, into which a long wooden handle is to be fitted. When in use the container is filled with water, to which are added a few drops of ammonia or alcohol. The pad is then allowed to soak and the whole device moved vertically up and down the window. When the window has been so washed the other edge of the device is turned toward the glass and the rubber squeegee used, which practically dries the panes of glass. This is the first device of the kind which adapts the commercial washer to the home.

Another kind of washer with points of advantage is a tonglike device fitted with bunches of chamois at each end. These are dampened and the tong fitted over the window casing so that one chamois operates on the outside, the other on the inside pane. This is particularly good in the upper stories, where it is dangerous to sit outside or impossible to reach the windows by any handled device. In cold weather either alcohol or kerosene will prevent water freezing as it is used on the windows.

GUEST ROOM FANCY.

While the careful hostess will not overload her guest room with a horde of useless trifles that will not fit any other place in the house, she will appreciate this latest novelty in a dainty guest room accessory and may hang it with a free conscience on the dressing table for her next feminine visitor. It is a light tinted chiffon bag, a shapeless affair gathered on to a ribbon covered embroidery hoop. In it are piled perhaps a dozen individual powder puffs of softest cotton. Each bit of fluffiness is tied with a piece of narrow ribbon of the color chosen for the bag, and a jaunty bow offers a comfortable way of holding the diminutive puff when in operation. The real practical value of such a dainty bag lies, of course, in the fact that a guest returning from various pleasure jaunts more or less soiled as to face and fatigued as to body will relish a clean bit of cotton for applying the refreshing bit of alcohol, powder or rouge.

Points for Mothers

Regarding Environment.

A study of sound educational principles shows that the greatest perils as well as the greatest opportunities present themselves largely during A B C age and that therefore a careful study must be made of all requirements when providing a child's environment.

Specialists point out that at the start every child is greatly handicapped. Therefore he should be so nourished that every part of him works with a minimum amount of friction. We must rid ourselves of the idea that the youngest child requires the teacher of the least ability and skill. This is a viciously harmful idea. If children are wisely directed in the beginning there will be less cause for complaint afterward, less cause for men like Herbert Spencer to condemn the method upon which the advancement of the community rests.

Seguin tells us that we must educate the study of the senses, train the faculty of speech, the art of receiving, storing and expressing impressions, which is the natural gift of infants, and then we shall not need books to fill up the emptiness of our teaching until the child is at least seven years old.

If the education of the senses is neglected all after education partakes of a haziness, an insufficiency, which it is impossible to cure. Here, then, is a chain of reasoning that mothers and teachers of the very young child cannot escape. Examine the Montessori plan or Hillyer's or any one of the methods based upon the fundamental principles advanced by Froebel, Seguin—indeed by educators that reach back to the beginning of all things—and you will find in every instance that the greatest reliance is placed upon the sense training accompanying these methods. These students of education grasped the underlying principles and then worked out their own methods for action.

Night Terrors Are Serious.

Night terrors are due to fault in the nervous system which makes it easily excited by any slight irritation, even though that irritation be in some remote part of the body. The child awakens suddenly with violent screaming and gives abundant evidence of great fear. This may be repeated night after night or at less frequent intervals. Night terrors usually attack children between the ages of three and eight years, and in nearly every instance the attack comes on within two or three hours after the child has retired.

The face of the child shows the extreme terror which he is in. His eyes are widely opened and generally fixed upon one object. Sometimes a clew is given to what frightened the child by his crying out the name of the thing or person. During the attack the child will cling to others for protection. This period of extreme terror lasts usually only a few minutes, but it may be prolonged to nearly half an hour. Following this is a period during which the child recognizes persons and his surroundings, but for a considerable time he remains in a state of mild fear and dreads to be left alone.

Night terrors should never be allowed to continue untreated. They are indications that there is a serious fault in the nervous system, and this should receive the most careful and thorough consideration.

American Toys.

To take the place of the lead soldier made in Germany one firm has made a steel soldier very durable and quite neutral, his breeches Magyar, his coat English, his helmet German. He is cheap, too, the little set of fifteen infantrymen and three cavalrymen costing 25 cents as against the price for the imported pewter set of soldiers of $1. The sale of the paper and wooden soldier has gone up from the rate of 3,000,000 a year before the war to 5,000,000 since.

The sales of toy shotguns have also increased. In one firm the employees have been increased from 60 to 180, and they work in day and night shifts. This firm made not only guns, but war games. Their history is interesting because it is so recent. They are an adaptation of the peaceful map game made by the firm before the war, a game of the shortest routes for parcel post or a game to be won by locating the capitals of the states or by naming rivers and harbors.

Cruelty a Trying Fault.

One of the most trying faults to combat in nervous children is cruelty. Fortunately it is not a common one. The difficulties of its early eradication are made possible by the many examples that the child sees of what is apparently deliberate cruelty carried on by adults. He cannot see why it is not wrong to trap and kill mice, to kill fowl, to use worms as bait or to catch flies. He justifies his own acts by those of others. This is what makes the problem a particularly hard one to solve, and it requires the most patient handling to set the child right. Single acts of cruelty in the child need not be a cause for alarm, but persistency in such acts or their occurrence in later childhood should attract attention to both moral and physical needs.

HELPFUL HINTS FOR HOUSEWIVES

Paper Picnic Spoon That May Be Discarded After Use.

The sanitary picnic spoon is an implement which is packed away in a perfectly flat shape for convenient carriage and storage, and yet when called upon to perform the usual functions of a spoon it has a bowl and handle and much the same shape as the ordinary article. The new spoon is fashioned out of a piece of treated paper, which gives it firmness and yet pliability and at the same time renders it moisture proof. The flat shape consists mainly of a round portion with two extensions projecting from one end of the bowl. These extensions are each notched near their extremities, and to make the spoon the extensions are overlapped and locked with the aid of the notch. This forms a very satisfactory spoon, which will answer all purposes and, after use, may be thrown away, as it represents a trivial value.

Sewing on a Button.

Take a small stitch, bringing the knot on the right side. Run up through one hole of the button and draw it down just over the knot. Lay a pin across the button and work the stitches over the pin. When the button is firmly sewed on remove the pin. Pull the button out from the material and wind the thread around the threads between the button and the cloth several times to form a shank. Pass the needle through to the wrong side and fasten the thread with several small stitches. The shank formed makes buttoning easier and lessens the strain on the cloth. The knot is brought up on the right side and under the button to keep it from being worn off.

Maryland Spring Chicken.

Clean spring chickens and disjoint them and then wash them in salt water. Dry thoroughly. Put equal parts of lard and butter in a deep frying pan, enough to cover the chickens when they are in it. Then roll each piece of chicken in flour and then in fine cracker crumbs and then drop into the fat which should be very hot. Fry until browned on both sides. Drain a moment on paper and serve on a hot dish garnished with sprigs of parsley. Pour off most of the fat and thicken the remainder with browned flour and add to it a cupful of rich milk. Stir until smooth and pass with the chicken.

Potato Salad, German Style.

Boil six potatoes; when the jackets begin to burst drain, pare the potatoes and slice. Heat three and one-half tablespoonfuls of melted bacon fat, pour over the warm potatoes. Add one-half teaspoonful of salt, one-fourth teaspoonful of pepper and one tablespoonful of cut chives or minced onion. Heat three tablespoonfuls of vinegar to the boiling point, add a tablespoonful of sugar and pour this over the potatoes; mix thoroughly. Place in the warming oven for about twenty minutes before serving.

Codfish With Macaroni.

Soak overnight half a pound of salt codfish. Boil for twenty minutes two ounces of broken macaroni. Melt one tablespoonful of butter, add one of flour and cook thoroughly. Add one cupful of stewed and strained tomatoes and cook until thick. Season with salt and pepper, add the fish and macaroni and cook for an hour in a double boiler.

French Shirred Eggs.

Rub a porcelain frying pan with a little onion or garlic and then pour in a teaspoonful of pure olive oil. Heat to the smoking stage and then pour in four or six eggs which have been broken into a bowl, but not beaten or stirred. Dust with salt and paprika and cook until the whites are firm and the yolks slightly set.

Fried Green Peppers.

Wash sweet green peppers and cut in halves. Remove the seeds and fry the peppers in hot olive oil until thoroughly cooked. Have ready a cream gravy or white sauce and pour it over the peppers after they have been drained of grease on blotting or brown paper and seasoned with salt and pepper.

Clam Batter Balls.

One cupful of mashed potato, one pint of clams, cut fine; one egg, one half cupful of clam juice, one-half cupful of milk, one-half teaspoonful of salt one heaping teaspoonful of baking powder, flour to make rather stiff batter. Drop in spoonfuls in deep, hot fat and fry brown.

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