

# Woman's World

The Queen of Holland's Twenty-sixth Year on the Throne.



QUEEN WILHELMINA.

Queen Wilhelmina has occupied the throne of the Netherlands for twenty five years from the 23d of last November, celebrating the event very quietly with her husband, Prince Henry; their little daughter, Princess Juliana, and her mother, dowager Queen Emma.

She would not allow her subjects to spend any money on festivities in her honor, stipulating that the appropriation made by the state for this occasion should be donated to the fund for the war sufferers in Holland. The newspapers, in recently noting this kindly act of charity brought to the minds of people in other countries the first remembrance—that the young queen had actually passed a quarter of a century upon the throne. She will be thirty-six next August and was a very plump and dimpled little girl of ten when her father, King William III, died and she became queen. She was under the guardianship of her mother until she reached the age of eighteen, since which time she has been very much of a sovereign.

Her position is not an easy one these days, at the head of a nation of 6,000,000 people crowded into an area of 12,000 square miles, less than the states of Massachusetts and Connecticut put together, with about half a million Belgian refugees and 2,000 interned British soldiers and sailors as unwanted guests.

## THE CLOSET DOOR.

**How to Make a Small Closet Spacious Enough For Clothes.**

The possibilities of the small clothes closet are often underestimated by many women. The narrowest wall closet, measuring at the most only a foot in depth and two yards in length, will hold more clothes than one would imagine if proper hanging apparatus is used. There are rods now that come for the closet door which stand out at angles to the door and to which may be attached many coat and skirt hangers. These rods may be had in nickel plate in all lengths, or they may come in white enameled wood, with hooks attached for holding the clothes hangers. Some are made with a hinge, so that they can be let down when not required for use.

The service these rods render for small space is easily seen when you realize that layers and layers of clothes on hangers may be slipped over them or over the hooks and when the closet door is opened may be easily selected without disturbing half a dozen other coats and frocks to find the garment wanted.

A similar arrangement for the sides of a small closet was tried by one ingenious girl. Instead of trying to hang several hangers on one hook, she stretched across the width of her closet from one hook to the outside wall a bit of stout picture wire. Over this she was able to slip any number of clothes hangers with large hooks and could select one garment without disturbing the others. If the width of the closet permits, it is a good plan to stretch a rod the length of the closet and hang the hangers crosswise across this, like the large cases in the suit or dress department in the shops.

One end of a closet may be shelved to hold a girl's hats if she is limited for space. It is to be preferred to the bandbox under the bed, especially if a cretonne bag made sufficiently large is at hand to cover the best bonnet as it reposes on the shelf.

**Personal Appearance.**

While clothes are an important factor in one's appearance it is not the only one to be considered. So many busy housekeepers neglect to pay sufficient attention to their own personal appearance. We are not all born beauties, neither are we born homely, unless the case be abnormal. A clear, healthy woman, who carries herself erect and dresses herself properly is never homely, while, on the other hand a slovenly, sickly, cranky person is never pretty. However our features may differ, if we are normal we all have hands, feet, hair, complexions and figures that need attention to keep them in good order.

## Do Your Spring Sewing Now

The long winter days are ideal for sewing, and the woman who is wise will begin her spring sewing now.

When March comes we all get the spring fever. The call to come out of doors and listen to the birds sing is pretty hard to resist, but if necessary sewing is left undone until those balmy days come, the chances are one will resist this springtime call and remain in the house at the very time of the year when one should be out in the air as much as possible.

Many women protest at sewing. They declare it does not pay—that in these days of ready made garments sewing is a waste of time but sewing does pay. If it is a lost art, as many women seem to think it is, why is it taught in most schools nowadays, as well as in the fashionable finishing schools? True in the latter places sewing is more in the line of embroidery, but many a woman in times of stress has turned to good account the sewing and embroidery lessons taught her in the schoolroom.

Every woman should learn to sew and should take a certain pride in that accomplishment. Where children are in the household, being able to sew for them is a godsend to the average mother, and the woman with any taste at all can design little frocks far smarter than any ready made garment. Furthermore, two of these dresses can be obtained for the price of one ready made.

Table and bed linen can also be obtained now at "white sales" at most attractive figures, and if one can hem-stitch many charming pieces can be had at a nominal cost.

Sewing is just as necessary today as in the days when women spun their linen thread and afterward wove it into cloth, and where money is "an object" the work of "making ends meet" comes less hard on the woman who can sew.

Another excuse women offer for not sewing is that they "haven't time." A large number of women never have any time simply because they do not manage their work systematically. They are always on the verge of nervous prostration, trying to do several things at one time, an impossible feat for a human being.

Arrange your work systematically. Have a time for sewing as well as for cooking and sweeping. Then you will have much more time for everything. In fact, you will have time left over, which, if you are wise, you will devote to rest and recreation.

## JUST LIKE AN ESKIMO.

**An Unusual Evening Wrap of Charming Lines.**

Just as Eskimo women swathe themselves in hooded wraps of silvery seal skins, so the debutante may fashion her opera cloak on the same lines. The one pictured is of sage green bro-



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caded velvet overshoot with gold lace along the seams. Patches of fox fur are used to further beautify the cloak and the hood, so cozy in the carriage on arrival may be thrown back in a graceful drape.

**Sandwiches For Whist Parties.**

**Celery Sandwiches.**—Mix a cupful of finely chopped celery, a quarter cupful of chopped nuts and a quarter cupful of chopped olives (if liked), moisten with salad dressing and spread on thin slices of brown bread.

**Jelly Sandwiches.**—Spread buttered graham bread with jelly and sprinkle jelly with chopped nuts, cover with white bread and shape.

**Rolls Bread.**—Cut fresh bread while still warm in as thin slices as possible. Spread evenly with butter which has been creamed. Roll slices separately and tie each with baby ribbon.

**Bread and Butter Folds.**—Remove end slice from bread, cut off as thin slices as possible. Remove crusts, butter each slice and put thin slice of entire wheat bread or brown bread between two white ones. Cut in squares, oblongs, circles or triangles. Shapes of hearts, spades, clubs and diamonds might be used for sandwiches.

## SPRING IS HERE.

A Pretty Frock For Wear When It's Summer Time.



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White broadcloth and georgette crepe for sleeves and apron tunic, which is embroidered in amber, give this youthful result. The deep crush girde buttoning so snugly makes a trim waist line. Please notice how full the sleeves are. The novelty straw hat bandied and strewn with amber velvet ribbon has a crisp bunch of blue flowers on the left side.

## FOR EARLY SPRING.

So Modish is This Costume of Such Quiet Lines.



A NEW MODEL.

Out of tan silk poplin with a full skirt and a flared basque-like coat, this suit is spring as possible. All shades of tan are now good style. A picturesque effect is gained by the smocking around the fitted collar and the narrow velvet ribbon banding. The coat and buttons are also novel.

## FOUR DUMPLINGS.

A Run-on These Appetizers So Satisfying For Winter.

**Chicken Dumplings.**—Mix and sift three level teaspoonfuls of baking powder and one-half a level teaspoonful of salt with two cupfuls of flour. Add sufficient milk to make a soft dough. Roll lightly on a floured board and cut into small biscuits. Place on a greased plate in a steamer and cook twenty minutes. Do not move or uncover the steamer while the dumplings are cooking. Do not start to make the dumplings until the chicken is tender. It can wait, but not the dumplings.

**Stuffed Dumplings.**—One cupful of finely chopped beef suet, one generous pinch of flour, one teaspoonful of black pepper, one and one-half teaspoonfuls of salt. Mix well together and add enough cold water to make as thick as biscuit dough. Roll out and cut with a biscuit cutter or knife, drop into boiling water and cook for one-half hour, drain and serve hot. Serve with roast meat, or the dumplings may be slightly browned in the oven after boiling. They are also good added to a meat stew.

**Liver Dumplings.**—Chop one-half pound of liver and one-fourth pound of bacon, uncooked, as fine as possible. Beat two eggs lightly and add one-fourth cupful of butter to them. Then add the meat, the seasonings of chopped parsley, white herbs, salt and pepper and one and one-half cupfuls of breadcrumbs, adding more breadcrumbs if necessary. This will depend on the softness or dryness of the crumbs and on the size of the eggs. The mixture should be just stiff enough to make a paste which can be formed into balls. Divide into portions, roll smoothly in the hands and poach in boiling water before boiling, cooking about fifteen minutes.

**Pointed Dumplings.**—Grate four cold boiled potatoes, and add to them one cupful of stale breadcrumbs soaked in a little milk, just enough to moisten, also one cupful of breadcrumbs crisped in a little butter or drippings. Add two eggs, two tablespoonfuls of flour and seasoning of salt, pepper and nutmeg. Form into medium sized balls and steam or boil twenty minutes. Turn out on a serving dish and sprinkle with the remaining fried breadcrumbs.

**No Pins or Sewing.**

Here's a good way to save both time and labor and yet enable one to alter ways have a clean ironing sheet at home. Take a length of factory cotton a little longer than the ironing board. If the board is of ordinary width one length will make two sheets or a change. Hem each side with small pieces of tape, attach small brass rings (such as are used for stocking bags or fancy work) about nine inches apart and lace across the underside of board with tape or corset strings. This does away with the old way of tacking or pinning the sheet on board, and makes it easy to remove.

**Kidney Stew.**

Cut kidney in small pieces, rejecting tubes and hard portion; blanch, then cook until tender, adding one onion finely minced. When tender thicken gravy slightly with two tablespoonfuls of butter rolled in two tablespoonfuls of flour; add one tablespoonful of finely minced parsley. Place a border of mashed potatoes around the disk and fill the kidney in the center.

## The Saving Grace of Humor

There are just a few elemental things in life that we all want. One of them is surely success—that is, success in some form—not necessarily financial, perhaps, but in the realm that seems important to us. And so we find it interesting to recall what William J. Locke wrote about success in one of his novels.

"As for success, that elusive will-o'-the-wisp," says Locke, "the man who has never enjoyed the humor of failure has never deserved success."

One is tempted to ask at once, "Why the paradox?" But the person who has failed now and then, and let it teach him rather than discourage him, knows full well the reason. It is the humor of failure that Locke asks us to look for, not the failure itself.

Know, then, just what this man means by a sense of humor. We have it from his own pen. It is worth reading.

"Your sense of humor—that delicate perception of proportion, that subtle check on impulse, that touch of the divine fellowship with human frailty, is a thing of mellow growth. It is a solvent, not an excitant. It does not stimulate to sublime effort, but it can cool raging passion. It can take the salt from tears, the bitterness from judgment, the keenness from despair."

It is, then, the ability to meet failure and to profit by it, to have it touch us and leave us with a sense of the relative value of things, which makes us truly capable of carrying success when it comes to us.

Without doubt one of the most beneficial experiences in life is that of meeting failure and knowing with a fine sense of humor that you are not quite as infallible as you thought you were. It need not make one unnecessarily meek, but it is a mighty wholesome and helpful thing to be touched with a little gentle humility once in awhile.

Some of the biggest things that people have ever done in their lives have been done on the rebound from just such a half humorous recognition of their own limitations. For it is not well to go on indefinitely without a sense of them. But the thing to do, of course, is to see in such failure humor of a passing thing, not the finality of defeat.

## SMALL ELEGANCE.

Her Sunday Go to Meeting Very Best Coat.

Here is another variation of popular glazed leather. White, yoked, belted and trimmed with Hudson seal, this coat makes an attractive spring garment.



SO MODISH.

ment for eight-year-olds. A white coney cap gives just the right finish, and please observe how correct sister's white kid gloves are.

**Gauntlet Gloves Worn.**

Gauntlet gloves a la d'Artagnan are the latest craze in Paris. These gloves are made of white chamouis leather and also in all the tan shades. They are worn with the most unexpected costumes, fragile frocks composed of chiffon, as well as practical suits in heavy whipcord. The gauntlets of these gloves are deep and supple. They are drawn up over the coat or dress sleeves, and they give a sporting, attractive appearance to the whole toilet.

Many of these gauntlet gloves are made of cotton tissue, which imitates suede very cleverly. Gloves made of this tissue are very inexpensive, and they are ideal because they are so easily cleaned. Doeskin is also much used in this connection. With rose pink sweater coats, gauntlet gloves in pale gray doeskin are charming. When long gloves are worn the favorite color of the moment is pale stone gray.

## For the Children

A Fortunate Little Boy and His New Playmate.



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On the right is a picture of a little boy who was once left on the steps of a cathedral by his real parents. Some kind people found him and carried him to a big house, where he was taken care of until a few weeks ago, when a rich lady adopted him and took him off to her beautiful home. This fortunate little boy's name is now Finley J. Stewart, Jr., and his playmate beside him is Louis Seaton. Lately, when Jack Frost froze all the lakes in Central park, where New York's children get their winter fun, these two boys liked very much to spend their afternoons watching the young skaters. The little adopted mother was Miss Helen Gould.

**Nature Study.**

Animals that hunt are not only "sharp eyed," but also have front teeth with noses especially fitted by their sharp tips and the openings squarely in front, where they can be brought to bear upon the same spot of ground in concentrated attention in order to pick up a delicate trace which human nostrils could not perceive. A dog traces along, his nose close to the ground, and bends his course to the right or left as though tracing over some invisible chart by means of his power of scent. The dog is a natural meat eater and is not supported by man, must be a hunter, so his nose is the most important part of his outfit, as it is of the other "front nostrils"—the wolf, tiger, lion, mink, weasels, etc.

But the hunted are the "side nostrils," eaters of vegetation, such as deer, rabbits, etc. These are keen scented, too, but their interest is less in knowing what animals passed before them than in detecting those that may be approaching, so their nostrils run around to the sides, where they can read the message of each passing breeze and be warned of coming danger.—Farm Journal.

**Sword of Damocles.**

Did you ever hear the story of the sword of Damocles? Damocles was never tired of saying how happy the rich and powerful should be. So one day, to show him just how happy they were, Dionysius, the tyrant of Syracuse, invited him to a wonderful banquet, with all the delicacies of the season spread before him in the most luxurious way. Dionysius was happy to be thus treated like royalty and was about to eat the good things set before him when he happened to glance above his head and there discovered a sharp edged sword suspended by a single horsehair. Of course he became immediately more interested in the sword than in the delicacies of the season and so learned that it is better to eat bread and herbs in peace than to sit at a king's board with a sword over each man's head. But one does not have to be a king to have worries on account of riches, and it is not the worst thing in the world to be poor if one is happy.

**The Black Bear.**

Did you ever see a black bear with its hair different from the covering of other bears? He is said to be very fond of honey and loves to reach into the honeycomb and take out the sweet. Sometimes he finds the wild bees' stinging places for their honey in a tree; he puts one arm around the tree and with the other reaches in and takes out the honey. The bees cover him all over, but their stings cannot get through his hair.

**Popping Corn.**

These cold days it is so nice to pop corn in the kitchen, and let me tell you a nice way to do it. Take a granite dipper and put a spoonful of lard in it and place it over the flame until melted. Then put your corn into it and hold it by the handle so that you can shake it. If you are careful you can pop it in a few minutes without burning. You can use butter, but the lard is best.

**Bill's Mishap.**

Our Jamie owned a brand new sled. He pulled it up the hill, then when he should snatch it from his hand. But selfish little Bill. He started down the hill keeping up. And then he stopped keeping up. For Jamie's sled would meet of him. And left him in the dump.