

What Housewives Wish to Know

Black Velvet Coat
This jaunty model from Paris makes a fetching matinee garment to wear over thin gowns. It may also be used



For evening wear. Cut with a marked flare. It is trimmed with bands of beaver.

Menus Suggested For School Lunch Baskets

- The following suggested menus for the school lunch basket give the child as nearly as possible the same as a meal, the proper proportion of the different classes of foods.
First—Sandwiches with sliced tender meat for filling, baked apples, cookies or a few nuts or nuts.

To Sew on Buttons

This is the way a button should be sewed on: 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 thread out from the material and wind the thread around each thread between the button and each several times to form a shank. Pass the needle through to the wrong side and fasten the thread with several small stitches.

- GOOD NIGHT.
Good night, dear love—the busy day is o'er.
Its cares, its troubles ne'er shall vex thee more.
As garments worn and old they pass from sight.
Behind the curtain of the infolding night.

Home Cookery

Boiled Salad Dressing.
Two eggs, one teaspoonful mustard, one teaspoonful salt, one tablespoonful sugar, one-half cupful rich sweet milk, one-half cupful vinegar, one-fourth cupful butter. Beat eggs light. Mix mustard, salt and sugar all measured level—thoroughly and beat into eggs. Add milk, then vinegar. Cook in double boiler or in a small saucepan set in a basin of boiling water, stirring constantly until spoon is coated. If cooked longer than is necessary to coat spoon it will curdle. Remove from stove, add butter and when it is melted a little more beating will improve it.

Apple Charlotte.
Take slices of stale bread about a quarter of an inch thick and from them cut small rounds with a cake or biscuit cutter. Fry the rounds in hot butter to a light brown color, then line a plain buttered mold with them. Peel and core a pound and a half of apples, stew them with a half cupful of sugar, half a teaspoonful of cinnamon and two cloves. Remove from the fire when soft and add the beaten yolks of two eggs. Pour into the prepared mold and cover with a round of bread just the size of the top of the mold. Bake in a moderate oven for forty minutes.

Deviled Ox Tongue.
Cut into slices a good sized boiled tongue, says the Country Gentleman, put a layer of the tongue on a platter, sprinkle over with dry mustard, red pepper to taste and a tablespoonful of salad oil. Place over this another layer of tongue and season as before. Repeat this until a sufficient quantity of the tongue has been treated. Let it remain in a cool place for three or four hours. Put two tablespoonfuls of butter into a chafin dish or saucepan and when very hot add slices of tongue and brown quickly. Add more butter as it is required.

Savory Omelet.
Three eggs, one half cupful of milk, one cupful of breadcrumbs, one tablespoonful of butter, one tablespoonful of chopped parsley. Beat the milk and put the breadcrumbs and butter into a mixing bowl and beat the milk into it. Pour it over them. Mix well, add pepper, salt, chopped parsley and the yolks of the eggs well beaten. Whisk the whites of the eggs to a stiff froth, stir lightly in and pour into an omelet pan which has a little fat of melted butter in it. Bake until it has set and is browned.

Coconut Ice Cream.
Put one pint of milk into a double boiler with one and one-half cupsful of sugar. Add the grated rind of half a lemon, the pulp of three bananas and one heaping cupful of coconut. Set away to cool, and when cool add one quart of cream, and freeze.

Smartly Said
A luxury is something that we think we need, but do not.
Ridicule is often more blighting than knocks of the hammer.
We can always see where the other spendthrift might practice economy.
When you keep in the middle of the road it is better to spread too much than to be too narrow.

He Wasn't Handicapped



Inspiration Miscellany

It Pays to Be Accurate.
Accuracy is not a faculty. It is a habit. A man schools himself to look at things with a sharp, clear eye and to remember what he sees without anything being omitted or added. He becomes habitually accurate, and without any special effort.

On the other hand, men of loose perceptions and careless habits find it almost impossible to be accurate, no matter how hard they try. An idea of the value and method of accuracy may be gained from the following advice given by Ruskin on the simple matter of reading a book.

You must get in the habit of looking in vessels at words and assure yourself of the spelling, syllable by syllable—say, letter by letter. You might read all the books in the British Museum if you could live long enough and remain an utterly uneducated person, but if you read ten pages of a good book letter by letter that is to say, with real accuracy, you are forevermore in some measure an educated person.

Kind Words.
Kind words and judicious praise, particularly in the home circle, kill many a heartache. Never wait for postmortem praise. Speak the kind words which love prompts, and remember that words of loving kindness are the best possible tonic which can be given.

Brain and Brawn.
Do you gain your living by your intellect? Then do not atrophy your arms and legs to grow stiff. Do you earn your bread by your brawn? Do not forget to cultivate your mind and to enlarge your thought.

Don't Be a Mental Sloth

I believe it is the natural thing for a young man to have a love of knowledge for its own sake and that where this does not exist it is a symptom of mental enervation and anaemic state of mind. The need of the world today is for men of mental vitality, men who know and who because they know are able to act.

Peace of Conscience

Are you not surprised to find how independent of money peace of conscience is and how much happiness can be condensed in the humblest home? A cottage will not hold the bulky furniture and sumptuous accommodations of a mansion. But if God be there a cottage will hold as much happiness as will stock the most pretentious palace. James Ham- ilton.

Habit of Being Happy

Keeping yourself reasonably happy is a duty that ought not to be shirked. Science is telling us these days that to get out of the habit of enjoyment is to get depressed in vitality and vigor, to weaken in efficiency and grow old before one's time. There is nothing like laughter—not empty headed laughter, but the intelligent, wholesome, kindly hearted kind—to keep people young and fresh and fit for business and the obligation of living. Of course this is a prescription not easy to live up to always, but there is no reasonable excuse for not trying to do it. Sometimes it is just about as easy to be happy as to be miserable if one makes up his mind to it, and there is no doubt at all as to which pays the better. Onward.

Infirmities.
Endeavor to be patient in bearing with the defects and infirmities of others, of what sort soever they be, for that thyself art last many fallings which must be borne with by others.—Thomas a Kempis.

HOW TO BUILD AND FURNISH A HOME—EVERY HOME SHOULD BE BUILT AROUND THE NEEDS OF THE INDIVIDUAL FAMILY.

Every home should be built around the needs of the individual family. Furnishing should not be done hastily, but rather should be a matter of development, asserts Miss Araminta Holman, instructor in home art in the Kansas State Agricultural college.
Some important features should be observed in the construction of every modest and simple domestic dwelling," says Miss Holman. "The homes that are nearly square are the most economical where expense must be considered. The porch should be at back or on the side of the building to allow for the quiet and privacy in recreation that cannot be obtained on the front porch where every one is on exhibition. Having the porch on the rear will also help to improve the appearance of the backyard. The simple and rather small front entrance is being used more and more—an adaptation of the colonial door entrance.

The windows should be grouped to allow for a flood of light and to offer better opportunity for the satisfactory arrangement of furniture. A generous amount of wall space should be devoted to these windows. Grouped windows show good design from the outside and do not look like porches in the side of the house.

The reception hall in the modest home need not be large, but should be of sufficient size to contain a half and cent rack and should be well lighted. It should be large enough for the removal of wraps and to transact business of a brief nature and for this reason a large opening between the hall and living room is not desirable.

The living room should be the largest and best room in the house. It should be on the west side if possible, because that room is most used in the afternoon. By having sliding doors between the living and dining rooms they can easily be made into one large room for entertaining and festive occasions.

SOLDIERS' TOGS.

How Khaki Came to Be Standardized For the Army.
With so many articles of the world donning khaki it is curious to remember the accident which gave that olive drab material its being, for an accident it was pure and simple.

British troops in India formerly wore a cotton cloth of brownish green. It always faded when put to the test of soap. An English business man, discovering the defect with some army officers, remarked that a large fortune was waiting for the man who could discover a process for making a cotton cloth that would not fade.

One of the youngest officers became interested. Together with a skilful dyer he began a systematic search for an unfading olive dye, something that would shed no shade of color when the cotton dye was subjected to soap or soda. But many years did the two spend in useless experiment.

One day at the bottom of a laundry similar little scraps they happened upon one which somehow retained its color under the most severe tests. The puzzling part of it was that this scrap had been taken from a piece of cloth that had been subjected to the same process, yet was faded. For a long while the two attempted to solve the mystery in vain. This one little bit of cloth was the only one which withstood all attacks.

Finally by the merest chance they came upon the explanation. The dye in which this scrap had been dipped had remained for a long time in a metal dish of a peculiar kind. The metal of the dish had furnished what the chemists lacked. They made the experiment again in this particular dish. The dye held, and the fortune was made.

How to Wash Shawls So They Look Like New Ones.
To wash knitted or crocheted shawls fold them as that is possible and lay carefully in a pillow case run through at intervals with basting thread to keep flat. Then they should be handled like other knitted or crocheted goods. If washed separately observe the usual precautions for woolen goods, gently squeezing through the hands and keeping the suds and rinsing water of the same lukewarm temperature. Take out of pillowcase, but do not hang knitted goods up to dry. Put in the oven on a big platter, shaking and turning occasionally, or lay on a clean cloth in the sunshine.

How to Remove Rusty Screws Without Exploding Into Profanity.
Have you ever tussled in vain to withdraw a rusty screw? Just apply a very hot iron to the head of the screw and use the screwdriver while the head is still hot, and the screw will come out easily.

NAUTICAL NANTUCKET.

Its Common Use of Sea Terms and Master Mariner's Will.
Nantucket probably has a higher average to the inhabitant of funny yarns, queer sayings, odd views of life and also of local pride and assurance than any other place in America.
Nantucket speech is a museum of nautical expressions. When a Nantucketer has luck he is running before the wind. To scud is to hasten, and one who becomes involved in his state means is off his soundings. "Masthead" means any point high up. Any one who is quite flattened out in health is "keel out." "I've been keel out for a week with the grip." Whaling terms come in here, too, for when a man says he is "pretty nigh fin out" he means that he is "all in"—in reference to the fact that the dying whale rolls over on his side, showing a fin above water. "Tending the kettle halyards" means with women simply doing the housework. When a man gets excited in argument he is told to "ease off." When your guest departs you say "Well, a fair wind to you." Every figure is derived from the sea.

When Obed Gardner, master mariner, wrote his will in 1841 he worded it as follows, and it held fast:
Item, I have cruised with my wife, Hull dy, June, since 1811.—We signed articles, if I die, before the preacher on independent one day. I want her and my son, Joel, to be captain and mate in bringing to port whatever I leave and to see that every one of the crew gets the lay as written down on this paper. I put mother in command. I know she'll be captain anyway. For six months after we started on our life cruise I found out that I was mate and she was master. I don't mean that she ever piloted, but I know that when ever we did not agree she always managed to wind up.

Item, I want mother to have the house on Union street till she goes aboard. Then, I want it to go to the children in equal ways, etc.
As for whaling, a Nantucket boy tied one end of his mother's darning cotton to a steel fork and tried to harpoon the family cat. As the animal sought to escape mother entered the room and picked up the ball. "Pay out, mother pay out!" screamed the boy. "There she sounds through the window!" Boston Transcript.

WASHING FURNITURE.

Easy to Restore Tarnished Places to Original Freshness.
"Very few people know that furniture ought to be washed," said a salesman in the furniture section of a large department store. "Yet," he continued, "it is the best thing one can do to keep furniture looking as well as it should."

"One should take a basin of tepid rainwater and make a suds with a good pure soap. Then with a soft cloth of cheesecloth all the woodwork should be washed. It is astonishing how much dirt will come off. A second piece of cheesecloth should be wrung dry out of hot water—on this should be poured a tablespoonful of first class furniture polish. The heat will spread the polish through the cloth. Next the furniture should be gone over with the second cloth.

There will be no need of putting on more polish for that much will be all one needs. Too many persons make the mistake of using too much polish and leaving it thick on the furniture where it looks dauby and where it gathers more dirt.
There is furniture in homes today that is cast off because of its appearance when it might be brought back to its original freshness by this simple process of washing. Many persons do not know that a fine bit of mahogany is improved by a careful washing, and hundreds of pianos have never been more than dusted in years. A square of cheesecloth for the washing and another for the polishing will do the work, and the result will well repay the effort.—Indianapolis News.

His Point of View.

The examples of slum children's ignorance are as incredible as they are innumerable, said a social worker.
"A farmer's wife pointed out to a slum urchin a flock of birds winging their way across the evening sky.
"O, look at the pretty birds!" she said.
"Poor things," said the urchin. "Poor little things! They ain't got no cages, have they?" Washington Star.

Money Value of Discoveries.

If we count the wealth of North America and South America as it seems today, we find that the discovery of America by Christopher Columbus has been worth to the world \$3,000,000 a day from the time he sailed from Palos in August, 1492, down to the present time. Likewise, the man who discovered the way of drawing tungsten wire gave \$300,000,000 worth of light yearly.—Popular Science Monthly.

The Prize Ring.

The reason why the inclosure in which boxers have their fistic encounters is called a ring, when it is really square in shape, is because the spectators at the prizefights in the olden days, which took place in the open country, used to stand round in a ring to look on.—London Telegraph.

Clear Directions.

"You must take care of that cold Mrs. Green. Yer want to git a pen north of ukerrlptus from the chemist put it in a jug of boiling water, 'old yer lead over it and ignore it."—Toronto Saturday Night.

No Advantage.

"You say your husband is deaf?"
"Yes, but he can read lip language. I can't talk him mean things. Just have to think them, the same as any other wife."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

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