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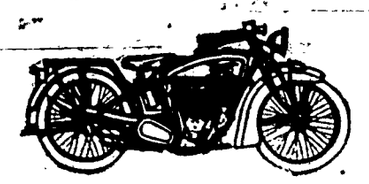

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The lingerie frock here pictured is of white and dainty French batiste. The hand embroidered yoke which lends a

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LINGERIE FROCK.

princess effect at the waist line is an attractive feature. Long sleeves and a broad revere collar are interesting details.

Methods to Observe In Laundering Colored Silks

For silks, which are now a part of the everyday washing, clean lukewarm water in which good white soap has been dissolved should be used, and there is no need of soda or any of the washing powders, says the Ladies' World. Make a good suds, wash the silk garments, such as crepe de chine, washable satin, pussy willow silk, with as little rubbing as possible, remembering that two soapy waters are far better than one which has been overused. Rinse in several lukewarm waters, and if a white silk a few drops of bluing may be added to the last water.

Much of the new underwear is flesh colored or delicate pink. This color is likely to remain with the method just described; but, to retint, pink coloring may be put into the last water. This may be done by soaking a little colored tissue paper in water or using water color dyes.

The method that has been suggested for white silks will be successful for colored silks and wools as well. All three are composed of delicate fibers and should be washed without rubbing with water no warmer than the temperature of the hand and good quality white soap in the form of a suds. All waters that are used for these fabrics should be of the same temperature, the work should be done as rapidly as is consistent with good results, and the drying should be out of the sun. It is well to press the colored silks in a towel before hanging, as this will absorb surplus moisture and avoid streaks.

Simplicity the Keynote Of House Furnishing

What kind of curtains shall I have for the living room?

What shall be the color of the new wall paper for the dining room?

These are questions that continually confront the housewife and that require care in answering in order that the home may be a harmonious whole. A knowledge of the principles of simplicity, neatness and sincerity as applied to house furnishings is necessary, according to Miss Grace Averill, assistant in home art in the Kansas State Agricultural college.

"Many persons have the idea that it costs a great deal to furnish a home tastefully, but this is not true," says Miss Averill. "A few simple furnishings, moderate in price, that go well together are in better taste than a profusion of costly articles that are unrelated. Having only a few necessary pieces of furniture in a room helps to give an air of spaciousness. This is a valuable principle to follow in furnishing the small house.

"The floor and walls should be finished in neutral tones in order to form a background for the furnishings and also for the persons who will occupy the room."

Care of the Hair

Use an egg in washing the hair. Break the egg into a basin. Beat the egg until white and yellow are well mixed; then with the fingers rub the egg into the roots of the hair. Rubbing it well into the scalp is most beneficial, and at least a half hour should be used in this gentle rubbing; then wash the hair with good white soap and warm water until all the egg is removed. Rinse in several warm waters, and lastly in cold. Instead of using soap one may use one part of aqua ammonia to ten parts of water.

Inspiration Miscellany

Telling It In Confidence

"If you have information that you don't want people to spread around, keep it to yourself," says a writer in the American Magazine.

"The trouble with a human being who hears a thing in confidence is often this—he can't remember that he heard it in confidence. He remembers the item of news, provided it is juicy enough, but the fact that he heard it in confidence drops out of mind, and then he begins to tell it around. Telling a thing in confidence is a little like handing a man a jewel in an envelope and at the same time warning him to take as good care of the envelope as he takes of the jewel. Everything goes all right for awhile. But by and by the envelope wears out. It is a flimsy sort of thing anyway. And so there comes a time when the envelope, having grown thin and weak and frayed at the edges, slips off or is cast off and nothing remains but the jewel.

"How did I acquire all this wisdom on the subject of confidential communications? I will tell you. I acquired it recently in the school of experience. About three months ago I told something in strict confidence to a friend—a man of the highest character—one who would not injure me intentionally for the world. But—and this is what gave me a jar—he went and lost the green envelope, for yesterday he called at my office, carefully closed the door, drew his chair near to mine and in a low voice told me in 'strictest confidence' exactly the same thing that I told him."

Kindness.

Don't quarrel. There is no good in it. It is impossible to extract truth from it. Its philosophy reflects a hostility to truth, because it is always one sided and therefore an effort to make your side appear the better, which is itself a false attitude. It is quite difficult to get at the truth even in a serene and philosophical discussion simply because the truth is inaccessible to argument. Where is the road to truth? It is the road called Kindness. One will never reach truth by any other route. We have seen men get very mad at each other in argument, who finally extricated themselves from their mad spell, spoke gently, shook hands and saw the truth. Try it and see.—Columbus State Journal

Marriage as a Job

I heard a girl in an elevator the other day discussing with a sympathizing friend her differences with a floorwalker.

"Aw," she said, "I don't have to take any more suss off'n that gink. I'm goin' to quit here anyhow. I'm goin' to be married. No more work and no more bossing for me."

Any girl of her mental caliber who enters the married state is walking right into the hardest job she can ever hold down in her life and totally unequipped for her position. Inside of a year, if she is as poor a wife as she has been a shopgirl, there will be another man hanging around the corner saloon trying to forget in a glass of cheap beer the confusion and the bad food in the flat at home. When she gleefully announced that she was going to stop work the thought of the meals, the cleaning and the laundry had evidently not occurred to her. And the floorwalker doesn't live who can hand out orders like a husband. You have to take them from a husband, too, for you cannot quit your job of matrimony as easily as you can in a shop.—Elizabeth Sears in Harper's Magazine

The Love That Counts.

Whatever differences of opinion there may be about the practical value of the teachings of the great Russian, Leo Tolstoy, no one can question the noble common sense of these words, which M. Romain Rolland heard him say and has recorded in his life of Tolstoy:

"The greatest modern sin is the abstract love of humanity, impersonal love for those who are—somewhere out of sight.

"To love those we do not know, those whom we shall never meet, is so easy a thing. There is no need to sacrifice anything, and at the same time we are so pleased with ourselves. The conscience is fooled.

"No. We must love our neighbors—those we live with and who are in our way and embarrass us."

LOVE IT AWAY.

There's a look on the face you can love away,
There's a crease in the brow you can smooth today;
There's a gleam in the eye you can change to one
That is sweet as the ray of the morning sun—
It's the touch of our loving, the sweet of our will
That scatter the shadows of anger and ill

You can love it away, love the ache and the care,
Love the heart that is heavy with grief and despair
Till it lifts to the sunshine as flowers in the spring
And responds every time to the song that you sing—
Forgetting its wrinkles and creases and frown
At the touch of love's fingers like velvet of down

—Baltimore Sun.

Uncle Sam's Belt.

The total area of the canal zone, which includes all the land and water within five miles on either side of the center line of the canal, but does not include the area within the three mile limit on the Atlantic and Pacific ends of the canal, is 441½ square miles, of which the land area is 332.35 square miles. The area of Gatun lake within the five mile limit is 106.4 miles, the area of Miraflores lake 1.9 miles and the area of the canal channel itself .85 mile. The area was given in 1911 as 448 square miles, which was correct at that time, but by a treaty proclaimed Feb. 18, 1915, an area of six and one-half square miles adjoining Panama city was ceded to Panama in exchange for two small tracts, one of them in the city of Colon, on which one of the defense batteries of the canal is situated. The same treaty gave the Panama canal administration control of all the waters of Gatun lake outside of the five mile limit and all land adjoining the lake up to the hundred foot contour line, adding sixty-one square miles to the 441½ miles within the zone, making the area of the canal zone and controlled territory 502½ square miles.—Christian Herald.

By Post.

Maurice Maeterlinck, they say, one day found the little daughter of a friend very busily and conscientiously blackening a nice sheet of white paper. He asked to whom she was writing.

"To Prince Charming," said the child.

Naturally the reply delighted the author of "The Blue Bird." When the little girl had finished her letter she put the sheet of paper in an envelope, wrote on it "The Prince Charming" and said to Macterlinck:

"Please stick a stamp on it and put it in the post."

A man to whom the poet was telling the story interrupted him at this point.

"And what," said he, "did you do about it?"

"Well," said Maeterlinck dreamily, "I stuck a stamp on the envelope, and I put the letter to the Prince Charming in the letter box on the corner. You never can tell."—New York Post.

Why Japan Cannot Be Starved.

Two of the most interesting sights in Tokyo are the fish market at Nihombashi and the Mitsukoshi department store, very near the Billingsgate of Tokyo. Nihombashi is not only the geographical center of Tokyo, but of Japan, according to the Japanese, who ought to know. Here is situated what is probably the largest fish market in the world. There is every kind of fish a man could mention and a few thousand other varieties. Some big fellows cut up into great steaks, weighing ten pounds or so, and there are little ones which would make good minnow bait, if one could find a hook small enough not to mangle them. I think that in certain sections they must use a chamois skin for a fish net and save everything that does not pass through the pores. Until the sea dries up around Japan the islands will never starve.—Christian Herald.

Others Have Had the Same Desire.

Two high school girls came into the criminal courtroom a few days ago just after a case had been tried and the jury had been locked up in the jury room for deliberation.

"May we listen to this case?" one of the girls asked an officer of the court.

"They just finished the case," replied the official, "and the jury is now debating what its verdict should be."

"May we go and listen to the jury debate?" they asked.

And then the official enlightened them on one phase of the jury system.—Indianapolis News.

The Word Umbrella.

The English word umbrella is very like the Latin, coming through the Italian "ombbrella," or "little shade." The French, German, Spanish and others give it a distinctive name, such as "parapluie," "regenschirm" and "paraguas."

"Umbrella" and "parasol" are etymologically precisely the same thing, but custom has given them the distinctions that we understand today.

Poison Upon Their Cheeks.

Professor M. P. Philbrick of the University of Washington told the Washington State Philological society that women of the seventeenth century powdered their cheeks with corrosive sublimate (bichloride of mercury) and with white lead. And they perfumed their gloves with ambergris.

Good Likeness.

"Did Miss Sourgirl have her photographs taken yesterday?"

"Yes."

"Good likeness?"

"Yes; must have been, for she refused to have them and demanded another sitting."—Exchange.

A Shrub and a Tree.

Southern California boasts one native species af acacia, the cat's claw (a. greggii), which is but a shrub in that state, but becomes a tree in Arizona. It bears small pale yellow flowers and an abundance of very sharp thorns.—Argonaut.

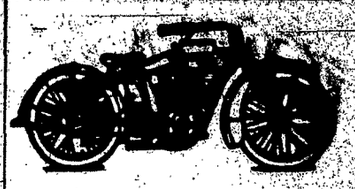
Early Paper.

When paper was first made in England, in 1588, it was only of a brown color, and it was not until about 1690 that white paper was produced, and even then it was of inferior quality.

Settled Him.

He—But you say yourself that your father is anxious to get you off his hands. She—Yes; that's why I don't think he'll listen to you.—Boston Transcript.

A man's task is always light if his heart is light.—Wallace.



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