

What Women Like to Know

Natty Spring Suit

This stylish spring suit is of navy gaberdine, cut with a corselet effect.



Photo by American Press Association.

for the coat and with plaited skirt. Steel buckles and hand embroidered collar give the fresh, new touch.

Effective Methods of

Caring For Furniture

The commercial furniture polishes are no more effective than some of the simple and inexpensive preparations for keeping furniture in good condition, according to P. J. Newman, assistant professor of chemistry in the Kansas Agricultural college.

When the polish on furniture becomes dull take a soft sponge and wash it with clean, cold water and wash the article. Then wipe it clean with a soft, damp chamois skin. Dry the skin as well as possible by wringing in the hands and wipe the water off the furniture, being careful to wipe only one way. Never use a chamois on varnished work.

If the varnish is defaced and shows white marks, take boiled linseed oil and turpentine in equal parts and apply a very small quantity with a soft rag until the color is restored. Then with a clean soft rag wipe the mixture entirely off, being careful to remove all of the linseed oil and turpentine.

In deeply carved work use a stiff haired palm brush instead of a sponge to remove the dirt from the grooves. The bluish white coating which collects on furniture, especially pianos and other highly polished surfaces, may easily be removed as previously directed.

Making Soap at Home.

Place a large kettle over the fire and pour in four gallons of soft water. Add this empty two cans of concentrated lye and stir occasionally until the mixture is hot. Then put in eight pounds of grease and boil until all the grease disappears and the soap is thick and smooth. It may be necessary to add just a little more water if there appears to be grease on top of the mixture at the last. Any kind of grease, as rinds, scraps or cracklings, may be used. When the soap is done empty it into a tight box or tub, and when cold cut into squares and lay on a clean board to mature.

Oatmeal Gruel.

One pint. Cook slowly three hours in a double boiler, adding water as it evaporates so as to make a pint when done. Salt slightly. Strain through a cheesecloth. Oatmeal water or gruel comes quickly in warm weather and should always be made fresh daily. For young babies use two tablespoonfuls of oatmeal or even less to the pint of water.

Stains on Black Silk.

To reduce mud stains from black silk or woolen dresses, first let the material become perfectly dry and then brush off the mud. Any stain that remains should be washed with a piece of flannel dipped in hot coffee to which a little ammonia has been added.

Washing Colored Gingham.

When washing colored gingham, muslins, etc., soak in cold salt water, then wash in strong suds made by dissolving white soap in warm water. Wash quickly, rinse in cold water and dry in the shade. In this way the color will not fade.

Inspiration Miscellany

Golden Moments.

Which do you consider the golden moments in your life? Some one has said that the wasted moments are the golden ones, and it would seem that the person who claims that he or she hasn't the time to do worth while things is the very one who wastes many precious moments every day.

Reading is something which a majority cast aside because they haven't time. Yet these same persons can be found in the railway stations, the department stores or in the theater lobbies walking back and forth like caged animals or stamping their feet in double quick time waiting for a friend to arrive.

They are not only wasting their energies, they are most likely piling wrinkles in their faces and are working themselves up into such a condition that they will never be able to enjoy properly the entertainment to which they intend going. Instead of so much fussing and fuming it would be far more advantageous to spend the time reading.

It is possible to get the authors in small editions. These little books can be slipped into the pocket before one goes out and can be brought to the rescue when it is necessary for one to wait for five or ten minutes.—Pittsburgh Press.

Life's Struggle.

What shall we do with this life of ours—bear it patiently and bravely? Yes; bear it patiently and bear it bravely, and more. Take it up gladly as a heritage; enjoy it rationally; trust God, not fearing to use what he gives, and go forward with all courage. If we live truly we shall count no duty small and no sacrifice great. We shall love strongly, aspire unceasingly and find life's highest end in being.—Charles A. Murdock.

A COLLEGE EDUCATION.

In regard to the general business criticism of the value of college men's writer in the American Magazine says:

"When you come to analyze a college it is hard to discover anything in it that should help a man in modern business. What has 'Cyrus marched forty parasangs' to do with the price of cotton today? How should a knowledge of the philosophy of Plato help a man to get his salary raised? I cannot answer these questions, but this I know: My first boss took into his organization an office boy named Art Morgan. Art was a lovable chap. The boss had a real fondness for him and pushed him ahead as fast as he possibly could. He confided to me one day that he had hoped to make Art general manager. But he got Art up to \$40 a week, and, try as he would, he could not push Art a single notch further. The boss told me about it one night at dinner.

"It's taught me a lesson," he said. "I am never going to take another young man into my organization unless he has a college education or its equivalent."

Train the Mind.

If we work upon marble it will perish, if we work upon brass time will efface it, if we rear temples they will crumble into dust, but if we work upon immortal minds, if we imbue them with principles, with the just fear of God and love of our fellow men, we engrave on those tablets something which will brighten to all eternity.—Daniel Webster.

Scandal.

Be slow to believe bad reports of any person. Hear not evil readily. Remember he who bears the scandal of another to thee will some time take another evil word concerning thee, and perhaps more justly, for hath he not seen thee open thy mind to evil instead of shutting thy heart against it and barring it with generous thought?

WHICH ARE YOU?

There are two kinds of people on earth today. Just two kinds of people, no more, I say. Not the sinner and saint, for 'tis well understood that the good are half bad and the bad are half good. Not the rich and the poor, for to count a man's wealth you must know the state of his conscience and health; Not the humble and proud, for in life's little span Who puts on vain airs is not counted a man; Not the happy and sad, for the swift flying years Bring each man his laughter and each man his tears. No; the two kinds of people on earth that I mean Are the people who lift and the people who lean. Wherever you go you will find the world's masses— Are always divided in just these two classes. And, oddly enough, you will find, too, I ween, There is only one lifter to twenty who lean. In which class are you? Are you easing the load Of overtaxed lifters who toll down the road, Or are you a leaner who lets others bear Your portion of labor and worry and care?—Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

In the Arena of Sports

One of Connie Mack's Standbys

Amos Strunk, who for eight years has played ball on Connie Mack's Athletics, has sometimes been called the speed boy. When Mack broke up his famous team he retained a few of his seasoned players around whom to construct another flag winner.



Photo by American Press Association. AMOS STRUNK.

Among these was Strunk, who played a sterling game during the 1916 season. Last year Amos batted a percentage of .310 and stands sixth on the list. He really is fourth, as two of those who preceded him—Rumler of St. Louis and Spencer of Detroit—played in but twenty-seven and nineteen games, respectively. Strunk has played on the Athletics since 1900 and is twenty-eight years old.

Larry Doyle Out.

Larry Doyle may not be able to play second base for the Chicago Cubs until July. Doyle, it will be recalled, broke his leg shortly after the Giants had traded him to the Cubs. He reported to Manager Mitchell in Pasadena, Cal., several weeks ago and said that he was ready for hard work. But after taking part in several practice games Doyle pulled up lame. A bone setter in Los Angeles examined his leg and told him to remain idle for at least four months if he wished to avoid a permanent injury. The loss of Doyle will be a severe handicap, inasmuch as Manager Mitchell must supply him at the middle bag with the ancient Steve Yerkes. Doyle also will be missed because he is the captain of the team.

McGraw's Big Salary.

The terms of John McGraw's new contract have not been made public, but the fact that the little manager has signed for five years would seem to indicate that his employers at least have equaled the offer of \$50,000 made by Charles A. Comiskey, owner of the Chicago Americans. It is said that McGraw's new contract calls for a straight salary of \$30,000, the same as he has received during the past three years; that he will receive a certain percentage of the profits or stock in the club and that if the Giants win the pennant this season he will get a bonus of \$10,000.

Proper Way of Caring For the Sitting Hen

When it is noted that a hen sits on the nest from two to three nights in succession and that most of the feathers are gone from her breast, which should feel hot to the hand, she is ready to be transferred to a nest which has been prepared for her beforehand according to the poultry specialists of the United States department of agriculture.

Dust the hen thoroughly with insect powder, and in applying the powder hold the hen by the feet, the head down, working the powder well into the feathers. The powder should also be sprinkled in the nest.

The nest should be in some quiet out of the way place, where the sitting hen will not be disturbed. Move her from the regular laying nest at night and handle her carefully in doing so. Put a china egg or two in the nest where she is to sit, and place a board over the opening so that she cannot get off. Toward the evening of the second day quietly go in where she is sitting, leave some feed and water, remove the board from the front or top of the nest and let the hen come off when she is ready. Should she return to the nest after feeding remove the china egg or eggs and put under those that are to be incubated. If the nests are slightly darkened the hens are less likely to become restless. At hatching time they should be confined and not be disturbed until the hatch is completed unless they become restless, when it may be best to remove the chicks that are hatched first.

KNOW THE CAR'S LOAD.

Method by Which a Motorist Can Get the Best Tire Service.

"Perhaps the greatest and most important thing a motorist should know about a car is its weight with the average load carried," says an expert. "By knowing the weight of his car when loaded ready to run the motorist is in a position to regulate his tires so that they not only act as the best shock absorber obtainable, but are fit to offset any injuries which may come from over or under inflation.

"With the weight of the car known when preparing for a trip which includes passengers it is very easy for the motorist to regulate his air pressure in the tires so that they will run with the least injury to themselves. This foresight will also prevent a break in the side walls caused by an overload.

"With the weight of your car, plus the weight of gasoline, water and extra tires, with the weight of the passengers added, you have the total running weight of your car.

"For a quick way of determining what air pressure you will carry in your tires if you have no regular table of inflation the following table is suggested:

"For three-inch tires divide the weight of the load by thirty-two.

"For three and one-half-inch tires divide the weight by forty.

"For four-inch tires divide the weight of the load by forty-eight.

"For four and one-half-inch tires divide the weight of the load by fifty-six.

"For five-inch tires divide the weight of the load by sixty-four.

"For five and one-half-inch tires divide the weight of the load by seventy-two.

"To further illustrate the working out of the above table suppose your car weighed 2850 pounds and you are using four-inch tires. From the above we find that for four-inch tires the weight of the load should be divided by forty-eight. This will give you sixty pounds air pressure, which should be carried in your tires. The tire mileage will be greatly increased if the motorist will regulate his air pressure by the load he carries."—New York Sun.

CHARM OF FLOWERS.

Gardening is a Hobby That Becomes Akin to a Passion.

Barring the equally ancient and alluring pastime of going fishing, no hobby has a stronger grip on its devotees than gardening. At 4 o'clock of a summer morning Celia Thaxter could be found at work in her radiant little island plot, a sister in spirit to old Chaucer when on his knees in the grass at dawn to watch a daisy open. And these were not exceptional, nor extraordinary, cases of devotion. They were merely typical exponents of the true gardener's passion.

Not is this intense enthusiasm fleeting. Not in the least. It is not more transient than the bibliomaniac's passion, no more evanescent than the collector's zeal, which only death can quench. It is no sudden, youthful fervor. Indeed, it is rarely found in youth at the storm and stress period, while it may be observed to be strongest in those for whom the days of wild enthusiasm are over. The bachelor clergyman or the quietest of spinsters, for whom other passion is nonexistent, will yet lavish on their gardens enough devotion to have won the heart of the most obtuse of persons, enough tenacity to have suffered for the moth ering of a dozen little ones. A garden is the world of the recluse, the passion of the lone man or woman, the diversion of statesmen, the recreation of poets and artists of all ages, except perhaps musicians, who may be over-careful of their hands.—Frances Duncan in Scribner's.

Plan of the Ball Field.

In the Women's Home Companion C. H. Claudy says: "Whoever did the calculating for a baseball field made a fine job of it. It takes just so long to run from plate to first, and it takes just about that long, less a tiny fraction of a second, for the average ball to be fielded by the average shortstop and hurled down to the big mitt waiting for it. The least slip, hesitation, juggle or wail, and the umpire is going to spread his hands palm down for a 'safe.'"

Drained Soils.

Heat is the chief essential for plant growth, and one of the principal factors in making soil warm is good drainage. The surface soils of well drained lands are almost invariably several degrees warmer than those of poorly drained lands. Drained soils also warm up faster after cold spells and much earlier in spring. It is certain that dynamiting heavy soils will pay.

Moos Bread.

A kind of bread is made along the Columbia river by the Indians from a moss that grows on the spruce fir tree. This moss is prepared by placing it in heaps; sprinkling it with water and permitting it to ferment. Then it is rolled into balls as big as a man's head, and these are baked in pits.

Doesn't He, Though?

Back—Confess, now, Henry, you don't pay 'as much attention to your wife as you did before you were married? H. Peck—Lord, yes! I mind twice as quick now.

Not Necessarily.

"The face is the index of the mind it is said." "Oh, I don't know. Because a woman's face is made up is no sign that her mind is."

Around the House

To whiten piano keys that have yellowed with age rub with a cloth wet with grain alcohol.

A cold boiled potato cut in two makes a good substitute for ordinary paste for pasting your newspaper clippings.

Roll croquettes in breadcrumbs moistened with fat, then bake in a quick oven instead of frying them.

A cloth wet with vinegar and then dipped in salt will clean tarnished copper quickly and well.

When the tin tips come off your shoestrings dip them in melted wax and shape to a point while warm. They will be as good as new.

Rub a rusty hinge with a lead pencil. It will often do it more good than oiling it.

When making a garment after cutting it out roll up the pattern and tie it with a strip of the goods the garment is made of, then you can easily pick out any pattern you may be looking for without having to open all the rolls.

Aluminum paint is fine for refinishing rusty nickel or iron work. It will stand any ordinary heat without discoloring or burning off.

Baking powder is excellent to use for washing dishes. It will not chafe the hands and it will soften the hard water.

Color Combinations In House Decorations

That color is a force—a language—and has a psychological effect upon people is the opinion of Miss Araminta Holman, instructor in home art in the Kansas Agricultural college.

As color varies in value, hue and intensity, it excites different thoughts and feelings. Different colors suggest definite feelings. Blue is cold, formal and distant; green, cool and restful; yellow, cheerful, brilliant and unifying; red, warm, rich and aggressive; orange, hot, striking and decorative; violet, mournful, mystic and darkening.

The color combinations used in homes reflect personality and character, and the occupants or visitors unconsciously respond to the effect color has upon them. Colors in their full intensity are strong, loud, and vital. Colors that have been neutralized express refinement and charm. Light tones express youth, gaiety and informality. Dark color tones express strength, dignity, repose and seriousness.

There seems to be prevalent a general idea, points out Miss Holman, that in order to have a well decorated home a variety of color schemes must be used. As soon as one opens the front door of some houses he receives a crazy quilt impression. There are a variety of colors throughout the house as well as in each room. The carpet or rug is one color, the wall paper another and the furniture another. One receives a distracting feeling, and the whole is utter confusion. In other homes there is at once a feeling of quietness and rest of unity and whole ness.

THE BALLOT.

A weapon that comes down as still As snowflakes fall upon the sod, But executes a freeman's will As lightning does the will of God. John Pierpont.

Light as Chaff

Told the Truth. "Did you notice any suspicious characters in that locality?" queried the court.

"Sure, yer honor," returned the newly appointed officer. "I saw but the one man, an' I asked him what he was doing there at that time of night."

"See he, I have no business here just now, but I expect to open a jewelry store in this vicinity later on." At that I see, "I wish you success, sor."

"Yes," said the magistrate, plainly disgusted. "He did open a jewelry store in the vicinity later on and stole a tray of rings and nine gold watches."

"Well, begorra," answered the policeman, after a reflective pause, "the man may have been a thafe, but he was no liar."

Proof Enough.

A "Jack Johnson" had exploded with a deafening roar, and Murphy, wiping his eyes clear of mud with his respirator, looked round to see Clancy, his chum, lying very still.

"Spoke to me, Terrence!" he whispered. "Are ye alive or dead?" "Dead!" faintly murmured Clancy. "What a liar the man is!" roared Murphy, much relieved.

Then Clancy sat up. "Ye know I must be dead, Murphy," he said, "or it isn't the likes of you would be calling me a liar!"

Gray Hairs Can't Make You Old.

People do not grow old so fast as they used to. Time was when the fathers and the mothers seldom left home.

They would not think of taking part in any sort of frivolous conversation. Grandfather and father, too, went around the house with a "dark as the tomb" sort of face, and if the young folk got too hilarious "Tut, tut," you would hear them say.

Now granddad enjoys a good play, a football game, and a baseball game makes him as young as the next one. Bravo! That is the right idea. Don't give up to the gray hairs.

Silver threads should not absorb all the golden hues from your life.

Keep abreast of the times. Read up so you can converse with your children on modern topics.

Interest yourself in their work and their play. Help them play and you will keep your heart young.—Los Angeles Herald.

Henry James' Adverbs.

Stevenson spotted the unconscionable repetition of certain adjectives in "Roderick Hudson," but probably the most marked characteristic of Henry James' style is his passion for adverbs and adverbial clauses. He is the most adverbial of English writers. You will find more adverbs to the page than even in Meredith. And he had a quaint habit of putting the adverb before the verb, when most writers would put it after. One of his ladies (for examples are taken at random) "thank fully felt," another "quite beautifully and tenderly smiled." And "after all" crops up all over the place. "But one would not have these things altered; they were part of the man. One does object to them, however, in his imitators, who have learned the trick, but missed the spirit behind it.—London Chronicle.

Chewing the Crude Rubber.

About the first process rubber goes through on the way to become a tire or tube is mastication. After the crude Para is washed it is broken up into lumps and tossed into the crackers. These are machines with heavy rollers, which take the rubber in between them and chew it. Entering the masticating room of a factory, the first impression is that there is a brush fire burning or else there is a den of snakes at hand. The rubber snags and crackles like burning branches, and then hisses shudderingly. The stuff is kept at until it comes up in regular sheets, very thin and looking like a sort of cake dotted with crumbs. Then after thorough drying in vacuums chambers it is ready to be put in with the chemicals and other things that make up the compound.—New York Sun.

A Hint For Young Ramees.

If the hero has no bad habits he should acquire some or at least lead her to believe that he has one or two. Courtship isn't complete unless the heroine can beg him to quit something that is destroying his sweet health or, worse still, something that makes him almost a bold, bad man: She used to beg and beg us to quit gambling, and a few years after the wedding she was cruel enough to tell us that she knew all the time that we were not a gambler. She was just humoring us.—Claude Callan in Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

An Irresistible Call.

Hulda, the Swedish maid, had served her mistress faithfully for a year when one day she announced her intention of leaving. "Why, Hulda, what is the matter? Is the work too hard? Or don't you like your wages?" "De work be all right, an' de wages be, too, but the boss-be most have me."—San Francisco Chronicle.

Warning.

"He says I am the only girl he has ever loved."

"I'd beware of him."

"Why?"

"I think it dangerous to tie up for life with a man who takes the first thing that comes along."—Detroit Free Press.

The Day After.

Jack—Who is that fine looking girl that just bowed to you? Tom (gloomily)—Oh, that is my sister. Jack—Why, old chap, I wasn't aware that you had a sister. Tom—Well, I wasn't aware of it myself until last night.—Indianapolis Star.

But They Are Not Veters.

Politician—Who's back of you? Office-seeker—Ten generations of glorious ancestors! Politician—Oh; I might get you a job classifying fossils in the Smithsonian Institution.—Puck.

- ♦ PRACTICAL HEALTH HINT. ♦
- ♦ Do You Know That—
- ♦ A little cough often ends in a large coffin?
- ♦ Bodily vigor protects against colds?
- ♦ Careless sneezing, coughing, spitting, spread colds?
- ♦ Open air exercise cures colds?
- ♦ Overheated, air tight rooms beget colds?
- ♦ Neglected colds often forerun pneumonia?
- ♦ Persistent, oft repeated colds indicate bodily weakness?
- ♦ Efficiency decreases as fatigue increases?
- ♦ A cold bath every morning is the best complexion remedy?
- ♦ United States Public Health Service.