

## Of Interest to Women.

### Arrangement of Flowers for the Table.

I have seen great bunches of the most charming blossoms made almost hideous by the vases they were placed in. Many people feel this, but do not know just what to do. When they buy a vase they choose a pretty one, and in nine cases out of ten, when they take it home and arrange flowers in it, disappointment is the result. In consequence of this I have heard the law laid down that flowers should be arranged only in plain glass vessels, and one who adheres to this rule would certainly be safe.

Nothing could be more becoming to some flowers than an old-fashioned Y-shaped champagne glass, flaring out at the rim. Two or three roses or a few sweet peas lightly arranged are perfect in this, and in a tall vase of this shape, that has of late years been so fashionable for long-stemmed roses, etc., tall garden lilies acquire a grace and dignity no other settings could give them. The little flare at the top allows the stalks to lean away from one another, and take natural poses. Flowers are lovely in this shape.

Every lover of flowers ought to possess a small fish globe; the shape is good for many things. Peonies fall away from each other, and leave room for their foliage between, and look lovely in this shape. So also do roses and ferns with sweet peas. For violets, pansies and other small flowers, a small round vase with a broad crinkly flare at the top is excellent. This flare supports the flowers well, and you need not crowd them together so much.

An iris needs a tall, straight vase, with a few sprays put into it with only its own leaves and set where one can see it in silhouette, and it is possible above the level of the eye. You do not want to look down into a bunch of iris; they lose half their characteristic grace and beauty.

There is some delicately tinted green glass that is most becoming to flowers, but most of it is too green, and there is one kind of glass that looks as if one were looking into water, and its decorations are little horizontal streaks of brown and bluish green, like ripples on the surface of water, and a few sprays of grass and water weeds, etc. It is quite expensive, but very lovely, and comes in nice shapes, and the flowers look so cool and comfortable, quite as if they belonged there.

One great advantage in a glass vase is that one can see the stems, and that makes the flowers seem more natural and as if they were still growing.—E. Otis Williams, in Chicago Record.

### Staircase Decoration.

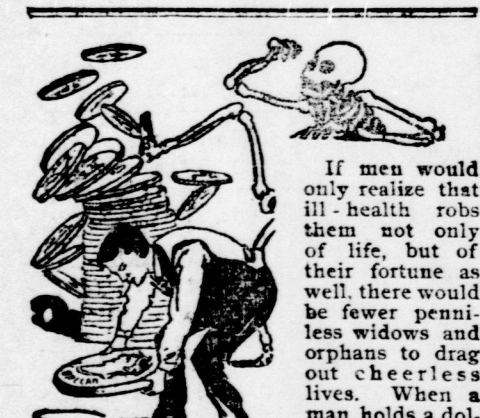
It is becoming more and more common to line the staircase with pictures. On consideration, the idea is a good one from other points of view than the artistic. The climb, particularly of a long, unbroken staircase, is to many persons an affair of minutes, and it is not at all unpleasant to be cheered by the length of some attractive pictures. In some houses there are series of photographs along the stair, those of celebrities being more often selected than the pictures of the friends of the family.

### A Cup O' Tea.

In the trying heat of midsummer a cup of hot tea is recommended as of value as a preventive against heat apoplexy. It is much better to take at luncheon on a hot day than the same drink later. It opens the pores quickly and thus relieves any tendency to congestion. In particular if the skin is seen suddenly to be growing dry, is this counteracting remedy of value. The old woman's notion that a cup of scalding tea was the coolest drink she knew has really a foundation in therapeutic fact. Travelers in India learn this by oft-repeated experience.

### Neckwear.

Geneva bands or lawyers' stocks are the newest neckties on the market. They even threaten to do to death the well-stuffed, ample chest protectors called by courtesy Lady Dr. Anderson have taken up a bold position in the feminine wardrobe. The Geneva band is a bit of chaste white muslin lovel-



If men would only realize that ill-health robs them of life, but of their fortune as well, there would be fewer penniless widows and orphans to drag down their lives. When a man holds a dollar close up to his eyes, it shuts out the light of good judgment, and looks bigger than life or death, or wife or child. The facts are that ill-health very soon puts a stop to a man's money-making powers and turns them into money-losing disabilities. When a man's digestion is out of order and his liver sluggish, his brain gets dull, his muscles sluggish, his blood impure, and every organ in the body—brain, lungs, heart, stomach, liver and kidneys—becomes crippled. A man with a crippled liver, liver, heart, brain or kidney is a worse cripple ten times over, than a man who is minus a leg or an arm. The man who is crippled outside may live a long life but the man who is crippled inside is taking a short cut to the grave. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery cures indigestion, makes the appetite keen, the liver active, the blood pure, and every organ healthy and vigorous. It makes blood and builds flesh up to the healthy standard. Honest dealers don't recommend substitutes.

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ness. It passes twice around the neck and then, by a twist of the wrist, its crisp, clear, starched, wedge-shaped ends are drawn through the folds and down in flat meekness on the chest. The lawyers' stocks are only different in detail. No frilleries of lace or embroidery must mar the severe beauty of the Geneva bands, the like of which Presbyterian clergymen wear in the pulpit, and English, French and German lawyers wear daily in the courts.

### For Lawn Parties.

For a lawn illumination that must be more or less extemporized nothing is better and easier than a pan of ashes and kerosene. A wide shallow tin dish is fastened to a short upright (the stump of a tree or a fence-post is a good standard), and filled with ashes. The latter are saturated with kerosene and lighted, the oil burning with a strong and lasting flame.

### An Old Fashion Revived.

A dear little mode, that ten years ago every woman wisely adopted, is now, after a period of neglect, coming back to us. That is the pretty practice of tying a bit of black velvet about the neck. Throats never look so round and white as when clasped by the dense black band that must never be more than an inch wide, and that simply laps over the pins at the back. No pearls or white light of diamonds give half the ornamental effect of this quaint device, and a number of young girls wear, as did their mothers, wear heart-shaped lockets strung on the velvet band.

## The Poets.

### Salem.

The ancient old city of Salem, it never was builded by men, But just as you see it at present It always and always has been.

The houses the people now live in Were made when the world was first made, And when the great darkness was lifted They stood as they stand, in the shade.

The streets, they were laid out and graded The very first day of the six, And long before nine in the morning The mortar was made and the bricks.

And when he was only an infant, An hour or two old, as I think, Young Adam walked down to the market And purchased his first morning drink.

And Eve, after eating the apple, She went into Peabody's store, And bought the first pattern of fig-leaf.

Whichever the good woman wore, And Cain, after taking off Abel, He walked right away on his feet, And married his first wife in Salem, And lived upon Washington street.

And Methuselah read the old Gazette, And wrote for it once in a while, And the faintest hint of wit would cause That ancient old fellow to smile.

And though he lived to a green old age, And never was counted a dunce, In all of the weary years he lived The poor man he smiled only once.

The Salem folk were a quiet folk; Their ways were peculiar and odd, And, being a sort of drowsy place, It was known as the land of Nod.

'Tis pleasant, it must be, to live in A place that is finished and still; No sound of the axe or the hammer, Or vulgar dull hum of the mill.

The beautiful city of Salem, It grows as the trees grow, you see; And that it has always existed Is proof that always will be.

—Salem Gazette.

### If We Had the Time.

If I had the time to find a place And sit me down full face to face With my better self, that cannot show.

In my daily life that rushes so, It might be then I would see my soul Was stumbling still toward the shining goal.

I might be moved by the thought, sublime— If I had the time!

If I had the time to let my heart Speak out and take in my life a part, To look about and to stretch a hand To a comrade quartered in no-luck land;

Ah, God! If I might but just sit still, And hear the note of the whip-poor-will, I think that my wish with God's will would rhyme.

If I had the time! If I had the time to learn from you How much for comfort my word would do;

And I told you then of my sudden will To kiss your feet when I did you ill; If the tears aback of the coldness I might feel, and the wrong be quite explained,

Brothers, the souls of all would be chime— If we had the time!

—Richard Burton.

### A Farewell to Yesterday.

Where is the road to yesterday? Oh, tell in prose or rhyme; For I would trace my backward way To that enchanting clime.

Life was so fresh and good and true, And friendly so kind and fair, Why should a day so bright and new All fade away in air?

Who knows the road to yesterday? Is every seeker blind? Say, does it cast no single ray To pilot those behind?

Oh, there's a road that leads our feet To hours more glad and bright; A road so short, a joy complete, A journey of a night!

Come, bid farewell to Yesterday! For in tomorrow's face The happiest days now flown away Shine with a sweeter grace.

—Charles E. Grandall.

## Boys and Girls.

### The Cat's Tea Party.

Five little pussy-cats, invited out to tea, Cried: "Mother, let us go—oh, do! for good we'll surely be. We've been over the hold our things as you have shown us how— Spoons in right paws, cups in left— and make a pretty bow!"

"Then go, my darling children," said the happy mother cat. The five little pussy-cats went out that night for tea. Their heads were smooth and glossy, their tails were swinging free; They held their things as they had learned, and tried to be polite— With snowy bibs beneath their chins they were a pretty sight.

But, as for manners beautiful, and coats as soft as silk! The moment that the little kits were asked to take some milk, They dropped their spoons, forgot to bow—and—oh, what do you think? They put their noses in the cups and all began to drink!

Yes, every little kit set up a moult for more, Then knocked the tea-cups over, and scampered through the door.

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### The Accomplished Chickens.

A small boy living in the country away from neighbors has for his playmates chickens, a dog and a cat. This year minks have been stealing his chickens, to his great sorrow. He decided that if his chickens could fly they would be safe from these enemies.

He began carrying them one by one to a second-story piazza, and, pushing them from the rail, compelled them to use their wings. In a month every chicken could fly, and seemed to enjoy it. The minks appear to be discouraged, for the chickens apply their accomplishment at just the right time.

### Cats in a Palace.

In the May St. Nicholas there is an account of a fine Angora cat named Fussinella, owned by a little Italian girl. The article says:

The parents of Fussinella had been brought from Bagdad by the Prince of Naples to his mother, the good and beautiful Queen Marguerite of Italy. And a most original gift it was; for these two cats, though very beautiful, were as wild and ferocious as young tigers, and not at all disposed to take kindly to captivity, though their prison was a royal palace, and their keeper the gentlest and loveliest of women.

When the cage in which they had traveled so far was opened they were not thing daunted at finding themselves at court, and right in the presence of royalty. They began to scratch the backs, and showed their displeasure in the most decided way. The king and queen and many of the ladies even got down on their knees and begged all sorts of overtures of peace; but it was of no use; the strangers were not to be calmed by kindness, and the queen, who was a very good woman, called suddenly to Russia. She had not time to lay in a provision of her perfume before she was surrounded by a mob of Russian soldiers, and she was called suddenly to Russia.

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## THE MECHANIC AND ARTISAN

The Trades and Labor Council held a short business meeting Tuesday evening, President Donnelly presiding. There was a large attendance of delegates.

Delegates Morrison, Graham, Marks, McLean and Plant were added to the organization committee at the request of Chairman Wm. McGeary.

The chairman of the Labor Day committee reported that everything was well in hand for the demonstration on Monday. The attractions were the best that could be procured. All the committees had worked hard to make the favorite success, and all that was required was fine weather. The various unions were requested to be on hand early, so that no delay would be caused in starting the procession promptly on time.

The question of organizing unions of the electrical workers and teamsters was referred to the organization committee.

A letter from the Ontario minister of agriculture was filed, as was also one from Cleveland in reference to a Labor Day paper.

It was reported that foreign laborers had been brought in under contract to work on the new bridge over the river at York street. The secretary was instructed to write to the proper officials and inquire if this was not a breach of the Dominion alien labor law.

The Trades and Labor Council was again considered, and after a little discussion it was decided to hold a special meeting of the council on Wednesday night next to decide the question. If the council determines to send a delegate the election will take place the same evening.

A large number of members of organized labor in Hamilton are expected to be here Monday and take part in the day's festivities.

Mr. John Flett, an energetic worker in the Hamilton Trades and Labor Council, has been chosen as representative to the Trades and Labor Congress meeting at Winnipeg.

The bricklayers' laborers of Hamilton have organized a union, with a membership of sixty. The following are the officers: President, John Asbury; Vice-president, M. Clarke; secretary, C. Quinton; treasurer, T. Patterson.

The Blue Label League of Canada will assemble in this city on Monday. Delegates will be present from all parts of the Dominion. Messrs. James Donnelly, Joseph Kelly and F. McGeary are the London representatives.

### PERFUME AND PREPARATION.

[From London Truth.]

Would you like to give out a perfume like the body of one who died in the odor of sanctity? Nothing is so sensible as to use a perfume that is a subtle and subtle perfume. You can vary your perfume as you please. The perfume is scarcely noticeable unless one gets warm. This mode of scenting one's person is a very delicate and subtle perfume. A morphomaniac was called suddenly to Russia. She had not time to lay in a provision of her perfume before she was surrounded by a mob of Russian soldiers, and she was called suddenly to Russia.

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