

WOMAN'S WORLD.

THE ART OF HOUSEKEEPING.

The Decadence Which Has Taken Place During Recent Years.

Some of the Methods Employed by Past Generations.

The following interesting and timely article is from the current number of The Speaker, on the subject of "House-makers As They Used To Be."

There is so little tender personality and individuality nowadays about the common things of daily life. Everything and everybody seems to be "turned out in lots."

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and tender arts of home life. They and their households live in habitual discomfort. If they give a dinner party, either half the dinner is "sent in" or a cook is hired for the occasion.

We are always hearing of the difficulty of getting cooks, except to those blessed few who can afford first rate ones; but no doubt the solving of the difficulty lies in our own hands.

THE FASHIONS.

Very beautiful black lace insertions varying from one to four inches in width are used with elegant effect on summer toilets of silk or diaphanous textiles.

Many of the hot weather gowns are made with surplice bodices most gracefully arranged. The skirts are garnished with ruches, frilling, flounces, ribbon in rows of fancy devices, accordéon pleatings, and lace edgings and insertions put on in every manner that modern taste and ingenuity can devise.

The bolero, the Eton, and all the trim and natty little jacket effects continue to be very much in evidence among the season's latest importations, and mid-summer will find them as omnipresent as the birds and butterflies.

Princess dresses and princess effects prevail among fashionable summer toilets, but the new models are so changed by their bolero fronts, surplice draperies, odd revers, and large picturesque collars, as to be hardly recognizable.

White kid embroidered with colored beads is used for revers, cuffs and belts on cloth gowns.

A pretty chemisette vest for foulard and barège gowns is made of white mousseline de soie, striped across with little frills of narrow cream lace headed by one row of narrow black velvet ribbon.

Black china crape is very popular for summer mourning costumes, and while the real is very expensive, the imitation is reasonable in price and looks almost as well.

The special feature of the summer slouider cape is the short full effect which gives it the appearance of an extended neck ruff. Transparent materials, such as grenadine, mousseline de soie,

batiste, and net, accordion plaited very full, flourish in these garments, and jet and bifter-colored lace figures largely in the trimming.

THE HOUSEHOLD.

The shops of the decorators show a decided return to gay effects in wall-papers and seem to indicate that the reign of negative backgrounds for rooms is seriously interfered with if not finished.

A medical journal inveighs against rocking, warning its adherents that the soothing feeling which it superinduces is really a mild congestion of the brain.

Englishwomen complain when they come over here that they never get a cup of hot tea. This will not seem strange to any American who has partaken of that beverage in an English home, where it is served - and drunk by the natives - at the boiling point.

Instead of butter a few tablespoonsful of cream is a delicious addition to vegetables. If young, tender peas are boiled in a very little water - cold water, mind - till this has all evaporated, it salt, pepper, and a dash of cream are put to them, and the whole just boiled up once, the result will be a revelation to those who have eaten them cooked according to any printed recipe.

A very fine cream salad dressing is made with the yolks of three hard-boiled eggs, rubbed smooth with one tablespoonful of olive-oil.

A cooking-school teacher directs her class in cooking not to stuff a fowl for roasting according to any of the ordinary recipes which call for warm water with the crumbs, and which make a sort of poultice, most objectionable to many tastes.

Perhaps the most difficult of all vegetables to cook is cabbage with cream sauce. If the water boils rapidly during the cooking the cabbage is unwholesome and unpalatable, and moreover, the house is filled with an unpleasant odor.

While one pound of oatmeal gives a food value equal to six pounds of potatoes, the latter, however, are most necessary and useful in this country, where large quantities of beef are used.

SERVING CARROTS.

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MRS. MCKINLEY ON MARRIAGE.

WASHINGTON, May 24.—At an informal reception at the White House yesterday the question turned upon the subject of matrimony. Mrs. McKinley talked so brightly and so enthusiastically upon the subject that Miss Gary, daughter of the Postmaster General, who is soon to enter the wedded state, laughingly remarked that Mrs. McKinley might open a select school for the instruction of future husbands.

There is one topic more than another upon which Mrs. McKinley waxes eloquent, it is marriage. Above everything she extols the devotion of her husband as an example to young men.

Harry Fenn, the artist, has written a paper, entitled "Silk and Cedars," for St. Nicholas, describing his visit to the famous mountains of Lebanon. Concerning the silk industry, which plays such an important part in the lives of the natives, Mr. Fenn says:

A Sea Above the Clouds.

The curious superstition that there is an ocean above the clouds is illustrated by the following strange story by an old English writer: "One Sunday the people of a certain village were coming out of church on a thick, cloudy day, when they saw the anchor of a ship hooked to one of the tombstones—the cable, which was tightly stretched, hanging down from the air. The people were astonished, and while they were consulting about it suddenly they saw the rope move as though some one labored to pull up the anchor. The anchor, however, still held fast by the stone, and a great noise was heard in the air, like the shouting of sailors. Presently a sailor was seen sliding down the cable for the purpose of unfixing the anchor.

There is another queer tale about this aerial ocean. "A merchant of Bristol," it is said, "set sail with his cargo for Ireland. Some time after, while his family were at supper, a knife suddenly fell in through a window on the table. When the merchant returned and saw the knife, he declared it to be his own and said that on such a day, at such an hour, while sailing in an unknown part of the sea, he dropped the knife overboard, and the day and the hour were found to be exactly the time when it fell through the window."

How many young men and young women are cut off just as the future seems brightest and fullest of promise! They are taken away by the disease which causes over one sixth of all the deaths in the world—the disease which doctors call consumption.

The Australian Bear.

The Australian native bear is probably the oldest brute in existence. There are thousands of these bears to be found in the great island continent and they are the toughest skinned of their species known. You can shoot at them with a shot gun all day at reasonable range without visible results.

Until Prof. Garner discovered his monkey-bear in Africa the only known member of the bear species which lived upon a tree. He is still the only bear that has such a habitation. The queer little beast climbs aloft like a cat, and sleeps high on the limbs of the biggest tree he can find.

While this bear is not vicious, and is rarely known to attack even a child, he is pugnacious and stubborn if assailed. He is about two feet long, and relatively large around the body.

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The flesh of the Australian bear is eaten only by the natives of the bush. Every other living creature gives his carcass a wide berth as the meat is

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Another curious use Mr. Silkworm is put to is to soak him in vinegar for some hours, after which he is drawn out into so called "catgut" to make snells or leaders for fishhooks.

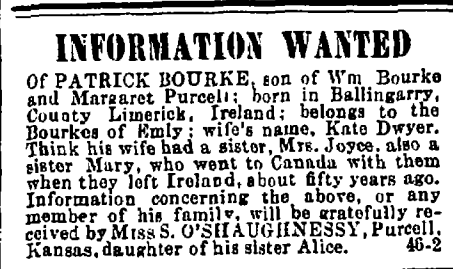
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