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THE FASHIONS.

A Variety of Jottings that Will Interest the Fair Sex.

The new Russia-leather gloves are highly perfumed; some of them are in the very bright reddish tan that is the natural tint and is highly popular this season. French kid is coming in again, though Suede is still more generally worn. The new mouse-color is very "gentle," and goes well with nearly every costume.

For "half" mourning, lavender Suede gloves with black points are prepared. Puce is one of the new colors for stockings, but it is by no means the aggressive tint that formerly went by that name. It is now a clear bright shade of heliotrope. It is found among the fine silk stockings, many of which are dyed in mouse color, tan, stem green, golden-brown, and violet to match the gloves, as it is fashionable to have these correspond in tone.

"Hammock" dresses, designed for elegant wear on sunny, lazy afternoons, are announced. They are made with long, flowing Greek lines; they are steeple, cushioned, half-fitting, but graceful without, having no look of utility to them, and are made of all the soft, pretty crepe-lines, chalis, carnuelites, and also of China silk, foulard and sarah.

The Spanish mantle is among the surprisingly lengthy list of light summer wraps. It is considered particularly stylish, and is to be worn with dressy toilets of every description. It consists of a fish-shaped shoulder cape of real lace in Spanish and Chantilly patterns combined, with long scarf ends that cross at the belt and fall low on the dress skirt. To many figures these are much more graceful than the all-round variety.

The handsome tweeds, English serge and fine French chevrons are made great use of in the formation of stylish and useful spring travelling-suits for journeys by land and sea. Many new and attractive shades have this season been added to the familiar dyes; there are also novel effects in stripes, bars, plaids in refined color combinations, and Venetian-patterned borderings.

A very old fashion has been revived in the cording of each seam of the bodice, and also the closely gored skirt. A heavy cord goes round the bottom of the skirt and up each seam. Silk generally covers the cord. When the gown is of figured or striped fabric the cording corresponds with the flower or stripe in shade.

Among all the draped, pleated, and crossed bodices, the glove fitting corsege laced up the back is finding its way among the favorites. The fronts are fitted as closely as possible by a deep seam down the centre, which is covered by a narrow but deep plastron, the point of which reaches below the waist line. This plastron is always handsomely decorated. Similar effects appear upon the bodice portion of long clinging princess dresses.

Pretty striped silk-georgette blouse waists are shown which are designed to wear with skirts made of muslin organdy, crepe-line, and batiste. These bodices will replace those of lighter, more perishable fabrics, that soon become soiled and limp looking, especially at the seaside. Dressy and lady-like silk waists that fit the figure nicely are intended to be worn over net skirts or those of fine French chalis and figured or hat-lined velvets and clarettes. These are particularly adapted to women who incline to stoutness, who do not like a waist made of white-grounded, large figured fabric. These bodices as a rule match in tint the line or device in the skirt-material.

The trimmings upon the new princess toilet for evening wear differ considerably, some being made up with Grecian drapery, others being caught up on the skirt and left shoulder with costly buckles of gold or silver. Others have short sleeves, with Corday folds over the breast, of superb real lace or pearl dotted silk tulle. "Art" models are decorated with fraises, puffed sleeves, and slashed skirts, or garnished with vest-shoulder-pieces, and chatainets that are formed of a rich network of silk and beads.

The very name of lingerie will soon be forgotten, it would appear, seeing that collars, cuffs, dressing-squares, undergarments, night-ropes, petticoats, handkerchiefs and neckwear, which were called lingerie because they were invariably made of linen, or of cambric, or of cotton instead, are now made of such Surah and foiled petticoats of all colors, including old rose, flesh pink, ciel, ceru, red changeable surah and black, the light tints to be worn with delicate summer dresses. A light and sensible petticoat, suitable for almost all dresses, is one of crepe pongee. Another is of good strong American surah in gray. That they are not weighty, and that they take up but little room in packing them in trunks, compared with, for instance, a dozen starched ones, is one of their great merits. Some of the skirts are finished with a simple deep hem brier-stitched; others have a row or rows of pinked ruffles, but this trimming is inclined to ravel after a little wear.

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HOUSEHOLD HINTS.

Recipes.

Economy Cake.—One cup of sugar, one cup of buttermilk, one egg, butter size of an egg, two cups of flour, one teaspoonful of soda.

Mother Hubbard Cookies.—Three eggs, three cups of white sugar, one cup of butter, four cups of flour, half a teaspoonful of baking powder. Roll thin and bake in hot oven.

Soda Scones.—Two pounds of flour add one ounce of butter, half ounce soda bicarbonate, quarter ounce tartaric acid, and one quart of milk or butter-milk; mix and bake as scones.

To Gloss Linen.—Make good cold water starch with a little turpentine in it. Iron it as usual, and when done rub it lightly over with a damp rag, and apply a polishing iron to it. It glazes it immediately.

The Value of Fruits.

Oh, I tell you these fruitgrowers live like princes. They don't have to eat about ten of bread to one of berry, as I did when I was a boy in the city. There is another side to this matter. When we have berries by the bushel, good bread and butter and milk and cream, with little meat and potato, the wife and daughters get quite a rest from cooking and baking. Pie, cake and fancy dishes are not wanted.—Ohio Farmer.

Effects of Vegetarianism.

The first effect of a vegetarian diet is aversion to stimulants; second, health; third, love of peace, with recognition of the Buddhist maxim "all men are brethren," that is, a recognition of the brotherhood of man.—The Buddhist Key.

Influential Fragments.

If you take notice you will be surprised at the amount you waste. It is the little that count. A little four-wheeler here, a piece of meat there, and hundreds of other small articles are what count up in the course of a year. I remember, when a young girl, reading a short article in which a woman told of the time when she was learning to make bread. She finished it ready for the last rising, her aunt was to bake it, and she had started off for a pleasant walk when she was called back by her aunt, who held up to view the bread-pan. "See there," she said, "that will never do. I heard once of a young man who wanted a saving wife. He was told to ask for the scrapings from the bread pan to feed his horse. The girls were very anxious to please him and got all they could, until finally he came to one who said, 'Why, I never have any; I always take the dough out clean.' And that was the girl he married." I suppose, said the writer, "I was not very wasteful, for I said, 'Well, I should have told him that if he was too poor to feed his horses out I should not help him any.' I suppose Aunt Rachel thought the lesson lost on me, but I never mix bread or cake but I think of her story." I, too, have thought of it often when making "char-Of course it is a silly thing, but we of-entimes remember a simple story much longer than a more sensible one.—Col-man's Rural World.

Treatment of the Hair.

No woman need expect to have her hair look beautiful who goes to bed without taking it down and giving it its night dressing. A woman who has wonderfully beautiful hair says—"I take out all the pins, brush my hair well, and then plait it carefully but loosely, so that in the morning it is not in a snarl. I usually try to brush it ten minutes, but when I can get somebody else to do it for me the sensation is so delicious that I almost wish they could keep on forever. Of course, I sit down to brush it, because standing taxes the strength too much. I am one of the people who believe in learning the easiest way to do everything, for really the same ends may be gained with less exertion. The foolish woman is the one who rushes about her room in dressing, paces the floor while buttoning her gloves, stands while she is arranging her hair, and the result of her folly shows itself in her weariness when the time for recreation arrives." Think over all this, you nervous women. Try to recognize the wastefulness of misapplied endeavor, and while you strive in every legitimate way to make yourself look as pretty as possible, save your strength for something for which it will absolutely be required.

The Cooking of Vegetables.

The cooking of vegetables is an art, and one worth cultivating. A little heart as well as art must needs go into the oven or the kettle, or a delicate taste will discern the lack of it. Contrary to the old opinion, it is now believed by many of the best scientists of the present day that vegetables and cereals furnish all substances needed for the nourishment and maintenance of the body. However that may be, fruits, grains and vegetables largely predominate over meat in the dietary, and we cannot over-estimate the necessity of preparing them so as to be at the same time appetizing and strengthening.

In boiling vegetables it is much better to use soft water than hard. This is no fancy, but has been and may be demonstrated. The Housewife is authority for this statement:—Lettuce, spinach and cauliflower need to be washed in several waters and then left in ice-cold water a few minutes before draining. The use of these vegetables is very apparent to those who studies the chemistry of food. By them slight indispositions are often removed, and very likely grave disorders obviated. Almost every kind of vegetable has its specific effect. Celery, it is well known, is a nervous sedative, and acts favorably upon rheumatism and neuralgia; lettuce and cucumbers, with the acid which is used in dressing them, are cooling; asparagus is an admirable blood purifier; tomatoes stimulate the action of the stomach and liver; onions are a remedy for sleeplessness, and are so wholesome that it is a pity they are not eaten more frequently; beets and turneps furnish waste material, while peas and beans are nutritious and strengthening to a high degree. But from the first of the list to the last much depends on the way they are served.

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FARM AND GARDEN.

Economy of Hatching.

I have a small garden in which I grow some dainties which we all enjoy, and which benefit and confirm our health instead of assailing it, as boughten dainties are so apt to do. The bodily exercise and the mental interest which the care of my garden proteges excite add as much more to the healthfulness of the possession. Some little economies of management have gradually evolved themselves. On one side of a path is an asparagus bed; on the other side strawberry-berries. Near this is a bed annually dug for peas, beans, tomatoes, etc. All asparagus tops that seed are pulled out, for the young plants of asparagus, when out of place, are troublesome weeds, and especially so among the low strawberry-berries. There is no elsewhere there is a tolerance for weeds in this garden. Strawberry plants, besides requiring protection from all sorts of weeds, must also have protection from alterations of freezing and thawing.

I have used sawdust very satisfactorily as mulch, but cannot say this year. So I cut the asparagus tops off close and spread the haul, cleared of seeds, as it is, over the strawberry beds, and use the beanpods to hold it in place against wind. A calm, frosty December morning is the time to do this well. Tomato and pea haulm and cornstalks serve to shade part of the surface in the same way. A heap of leaves, carried in from street trees, is divided between perennial flowers and the strawberries, and prunings of some evergreens planted as a screen help to complete the useful service. Any other prunings are used in the same way, and in the winter buried in a trench dug during winter to receive them, and over this trench when filed in with soil well mellowed by frost and become warm and dry, some of the vines will be grown that yield us tomatoes, cucumbers, etc., of a quality that all admire.—Sheila.

Individuality in Cows.

The likes and dislikes of cows are almost as various as their color markings. The dainty feeder may, and generally will, prefer rich and concentrated food, while the voracious feeder is comparatively indifferent as to the quality, provided there is plenty of it. The feeder must study his cows and cater to the individualities.—Jersey Bulletin.

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Helpful Harrowing.

I never failed to receive pay for all the extra harrowing done. My neighbors thought of it when I was told "that harrowing on the brain," but I notice they are using the harrow more than formerly. I have so often seen winter wheat, where the ground was thoroughly harrowed in the fall before sowing, in time of drouth make an excellent crop, while that sown in the ordinary way nearly or quite a failure, that now I would not think of risking a wheat crop without the most continued and complete use of the harrow at every opportunity between the time of ploughing the ground and sowing the wheat. If the ground is in a proper state for cultivation you cannot harrow too much for any crop. No one harrow is best under all circumstances, so I use the Acme, disk and smoothing harrows as the end to be accomplished seems to require.—Pennsylvania Farmer.

Hard Food Makes Hard Firm Teeth.

The law of deterioration from disease, says a writer in Good Housekeeping, obtains with the teeth, as well as with other things. The constant and regular use of them in masticating hard food tends to make them continually grow harder and stronger, and better able to resist the influences that make for decay, while on the other hand living on soft food and neglect of mastication makes them tender, softens the enamel and renders them easily susceptible to corroding effects. This is sometimes especially shown in the case of people after a long illness, who find their teeth tender and sore when they begin to return to a diet of solid, hard food. A dentist, speaking on this subject, says—"Some men have healthy teeth all their lives because they were given good, hard food during infancy. That is the period to begin to save the teeth."

It Cleans Speedily.

Mother and nurses give children soft food, utterly ignorant in many cases of the result. Crusts and hard stuffs should be given to children as soon as they can eat them. In this way the teeth begin to grow healthy, and gradually harden with time and use. The chewing-gum girl gives her molar plenty of wholesome and wholesome exercise. But chewing gum is not especially healthy, because only part of the teeth are used. It is jaw exercise more than anything else. All in eating hard, wholesome food, but the teeth come in contact with the substance. Tobacco chewing is not healthy for the teeth, because the tobacco is generally placed in one location, like chewing gum, and there remains, until thrown out. The Southern negroes have better teeth than most any race, because they use them from childhood up in masticating hard food.

An Easy Solution.

A small boy of four summers was riding on a rocking horse with a companion. He was seated rather uncomfortably on the horse's neck. After a reflective pause he said—"I think if one of us gets off I could ride much better."—San Francisco Call.

A Bible Worth \$100,000.

A Bible has just been re-discovered in the Vatican library which is in Hebrew. It is supposed to be the oldest in the world, and is valued at \$100,000. It is so weighty that it requires two men to lift it, the binding being of heavy metal. In the year 1512 the Jews of Venice offered Pope Julius II. its weight in gold for it, but though he was financially hard up just then he refused the offer.—London Daily News.

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