

SILK BLOUSE EMBROIDERY

TWO sisters, daughters of a man in good circumstances, were about to be married, and to each of them the father handed a check for \$200.

"When I am dead all that I now have will be yours," he said, "but for the present thing, all I shall do for you. I offer no suggestions, spend it as you please, only remember it must meet every expense attendant to your wedding."

double wedding had been thought of, but this idea was discarded when a consultation revealed how widely apart were the two girls' relations. The first bride's parents had a big display. She had a church wedding, with some 500 invitations—"I will get so many presents," she naively remarked followed by a big reception. Her wedding gown was white satin, her trousseau and underclothes proportionately elaborate. She was marrying a man whose income did not exceed \$2500 a year, and every penny of her father's check was expended on the wedding and her personal outfit.

sonal count. When she went to housekeeping, as she did a few weeks later, she did not own a pillow case or a bed sheet, nor did she have a household linen, every bit of furniture had to be bought and she did not understand anything about small home economics and at the end of every month she had to be reassured by her husband that she was not being asked to pay for the debt and annoyed by the lack of a dozen small conveniences which she would have gladly have supplied.

The other sister planned her wedding with the same care and she decided upon an unostentatious home affair, with invitations to her friends, afterward sending announcement cards. Her sister's wedding ceremony had taken place in the same church and seldom be counted upon as a practical part of the wedding. Her sister's wedding was accordingly.

Her wedding dress was a simple one, a white crepe de chine, with a white crepe de chine and service after the ceremony. Her understanding of the type of dress she should wear was the type that could be replaced by the type

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It seems hardly necessary to add that when that girl and her husband celebrated their wooden wedding they were on the high road to prosperity.

Now this question of planning a trousseau is broad on, and there are, I know, people who contend that it is the husband's place and should be his delight to supply everything for the new home. They assert that if he is not in a position to do it, the nest he should not be allowed to seek his mate; that as the wife is the home-maker, he should supply the fabric out of which the home is made; and there is a deal of wisdom in their side.

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D ID you ever notice the superior air with which the persons who don't like pets treat those of their acquaintance whose choicest friends are clothed in feathers and fur?

"A" has her good points, of course, they remark in a tone of pity or contempt, "but she is such a fool, ever and always," and they go on their superior way, never dreaming that they themselves are in need of pity because they have missed a pretty good thing in life and are worthy of contempt because they are incapable of understanding the joy and enjoyment there is to be got from the companionship of a well-brought-up animal.

I read an editorial in a big daily paper not long since which, I am quite positive, the editor wrote with an effervescent sense of his own superior wisdom. He was banging away at the spinster who lavished endearments upon her cats and dogs, when there were plenty of babies in the world needing at-

"Why doesn't Miss B. adopt a child, if she wants something to pet?" was his clinching argument. "She would be much more worthy of her own and other people's respect and much happier."

Now, it is just possible that Miss E. has arrived at the sensible conclusion that if nature had considered her a suitable person to bring up babies, she would have provided her with them.

the natural way. It is quite probable that an income which is sufficient for a daily pint of milk, or a bone and a biscuit, would not procure shoes and stockings, school bills and jam; and it is almost certain that a child brought

An intelligent dog is one of the most sympathetic creatures in the world; a fluffy ball of a kitten is a very comfortable sort of atom to have around.

trained nurse, who used to go off duty so tired that the very sight of another human being was almost enough to reduce her to hysterical tears, said that her rest hours were made pleasant by the companionship of a tiny goldfish.

All people are not built alike. Personally I prefer a baby to a puppy, a puppy to a kitten and a kitten to a woman who gossips. There isn't a doubt that your preferences are along different lines.

Keep your house free from dirty brutes if it pleases you, but don't look down on the people who get happiness from them. It is just possible that some day you will discover that in the

from them. Every day you may discover that in the hearts they look down on you, and altogether without reason.

FROM the world of invention comes a simple little contrivance which is a veritable boon to the woman who hangs her curtains and pictures herself.

light, well-balanced pole with a bar on the end that divides into hooks, by means of which the picture wire may be firmly taken hold of, and moved around or lifted without undue strain upon the sensitive muscles of the back.

The same hooks take hold of curtain rings or hooks, and may be made to serve as a long arm.

A RAW potato makes the best sort of a penholder, though one that much be changed every little while, for obvious reasons.

In some mysterious way, it cleans the most scratchy, soiled pen, and makes it as near like new as the wearing down of the nib allows—far more than you'd dream possible.

TEACHING A CHILD TO SEW

MAY BE it does seem cruel to put a child down to a daily "stunt" of sewing, and to persevere with her until she is an accomplished needlewoman. If it does, it is one of the seeming cruelties that make you later only good.

No matter to what station of life you are called, it pays to know how to do things with a needle; and the easiest time of all to be grounded in such work is when you are very little.

And, besides, there's a certain discipline of work that is worth while and that helps with the later, more inevitable tasks of life.

Take a piece of thin wire, bend it into the shape of a hairpin and bend it into the shape of a hairpin and bend it into the shape of a hairpin. In the sharp bend you place one end of the wire firmly against the hook at the other rim.

Now take a darning needle, push the head of it into the smaller end of the well-formed cork, set the cork on a surface and then rest the coil of the needle.

On your letting go, it would, of course, fly.

seem that the wire, ring
would immediately fall over,
is where the surprise comes.
Instead of falling over, the
whole apparatus adjusts
the needle point and finds a
perfect equilibrium, and then
for an indefinite time.

Suppose you then give a
set that sets it into motion. It
will not fall over, but will
swing around on the needle
pivot, and you can keep it
long as you please.

Try this experiment. It will
your friends as much as you

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