

HOME CIRCLE COLUMN

Pleasant Evening Reveries dedicated to tired Mothers as they Join the Home Circle at Evening Tide.

WHY SOME WOMEN GROW OLD

One reason why the average woman wears out, grows old and plain before her husband, is that, through a mistaken idea of duty, she lays out for herself at the beginning of her married life a scheme or plan of duty and employment for time, every hour filled with work, with rare and short periods of relaxation. This she follows religiously for years, feeling that she has done her duty, because every household event occurs regularly and on time, while she soon becomes merely a machine, a thing without life of itself or volition. She settles into her rut and goes around and around on the same track everlastingly.

Can any woman keep brightness, originality of thought and speech, or even mere prettiness with such a life, and without those things how can she keep her husband and growing children full of loving admiration, which is the strongest chain by which she can bind them to her? How bright and jolly the neighbor's wife seems when she calls. In nine cases out of ten it is because the surroundings and talk of your home are variety to her and rouse her to originality and brightness of speech. In her own rut she may be as dull as dishwater.

"Where shall I draw the line?" says the anxious parent, who is solicitous for his boy's future. Give the young man the sympathetic companionship which he will find elsewhere if not at home; encourage him to seek elevating and refining associations; impress upon him the fact that many amusements are bad only in connection with the associations and the atmosphere of temptation which leads to greater evil; demonstrate to him that the principle of "getting something for nothing" is bad, wholly bad, and if followed will lead to his moral and physical ruin; make home such a bright, congenial place, that he will find more pleasure there than in the haunts of wickedness; more than all else, let him have in you an example of uprightness and moral health. Be sincere, for he can penetrate your disguises and despise you if a hypocrite.

True happiness lies not in doing for ourselves alone, but in the performance of every duty that will ameliorate the condition of mankind in general. It seems to have been part of the Divine plan to put man into the world in such a condition that from his birth to his grave he is dependent on some one else. When we look around us and see our every interest interlocked and lives and hearts overlap each other to such an extent that we possess some degree of benevolence, and were it not for this Divine plan the pathway of many would be cheerless indeed. When we consider the frailty of human life and the common lot of all, we often wonder at the indifference of some to attain that greater happiness and nobler life, which can only be found in the golden text. "Do unto others as you wish to be done by."

It is very hard to convince young persons of eighteen or twenty years of age that their tastes are not as fully matured and judgment as ripe as is one of forty.

Be content to do the duty that lies nearest you, and look not to man for praise and approval. "Tis not so much what we do as what we are, and as to what we are," we speak most forcibly through our actions; but we cannot act unless there is something within that impels us to action. We are touching our fellow beings on all sides. They are affected for good or evil by what we are, by what we say and do, even by what we think and feel.

To be a mother, to be some man's inspiration, to live in the heart of the children, to be the center about which cluster life's holiest associations, surely this is the greatest blessing heaven can give, the greatest honor earthen bestow. When the sorrows and sacrifices, the joys and joys, dreams, hopes, ambitions,

of prerogatives of motherhood are thine; woman, thou hast come to thy kingdom. It is very important for the comfort of a home that harassing and depressing subjects of conversation should be excluded, except when it is absolutely necessary to talk about them; and that a habit should be formed of talking cheerfully and good humoredly, and of refraining from what jars on other people, such as rudeness, impatience and fault finding.

The person who wantonly puts a thorn in the loving heart of a little child will feel the rankling of that thorn in his or her own heart some day, in a wound of later repentance.

Only as each man or each woman performs his or her personal duty in his or her own heart some day, in a wound of later repentance.

Bread and cheese and kisses are better than sumptuously laden tables with no expression of love.

Honesty and good manners always bring good returns.

Are you an "if" or a "can I?"

BABY'S OWN TABLETS OF GREAT HELP

Mothers, if your baby or growing child is sickly; if he does not sleep well at night; if he cries a great deal; is constipated and his little bowels and stomach are not working right, give him Baby's Own Tablets—they have proved of great help to thousands of mothers. Concerning the Tablets Mrs. W. H. Deater, Corson's Siding, Ont., says:—"I have used Baby's Own Tablets and have found them an excellent for the little ones and would not be without them." The Tablets are a mild but thorough laxative and are guaranteed to contain no harmful drug—that is why they always do good and never harm. They are sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 25 cents a box from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

War Diseases Ended Board of Education by Science

Dr. Alexander Lambest, of New York, reviewing the work of the Medical Corps in the war, told delegates to the American Medical Association's seventh annual convention at Atlantic City, that modern medical and surgical methods have brought war to an actual contest of fighting ability by eliminating disease, the greatest cause of death in former conflicts. "Except for the influenza, preventive medicine drove off all the great plagues and scourges that follow armies, destroying their vitality and decreasing their fighting power." Influenza with pneumonia, occurring as an epidemic, sweeping over the Eastern and Western Hemispheres, has been the epidemic that has baffled medical science. It stands out with startling distinctness as the one uncontrolled epidemic.

Changed Times

She fills her fireless cooker with seven kinds of grub, turns on the gas and puts her duds into the scrubless tub. She starts the dustless sweeper on gear keyed down to low; powders her nose and gayly goes to see a picture show.

Wm. Ramsay, a former wholesale merchant and financier, who made a half-million dollar gift to Toronto charities a year ago, died in Scotland, aged 84.

Hon. Dr. John D. Reid, Minister of Railways and Canals has offered to grant a lease of land behind the block house at Merrickville for the erection of a monument to residents of that vicinity who fell in the great war.

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COLORS HAVE CALL

Saffron or Marigold Yellow and Blue, Popular Shades.

Children's Garments Full of Life; Bloomers to Match Necessary for the Small Girls

Vivid colors are predominant in the development of spring and summer dresses for children. A very bright saffron or marigold yellow and an equally bright blue are the two colors that are notably popular, and these are quite often combined in one dress. The sketch shows a dress made of a heavy serviceable cotton material in yellow, with gumples of blue cotton voile or handkerchief linen. Velvet ribbon in a shade to match the gumples is run through openings made for the purpose on either side of the front panel of the dress and tied in a smart bow at the back. A little embroidered motif in blue on the yellow dress gives an additional trimming touch.

These two striking colors are used for children of all ages, rompers for a two-year-old being very effectively shown in both blue and yellow, and tiny little first trousers are made of yellow cotton and buttoned securely to frilled blouse of blue handkerchief linen or chambray.

In making summer clothes for the girl of four to eight years, the sensible mother will see to it that every little dress has at least one, preferably two or three, pairs of bloomers to match. Bloomers are preferable to petticoats for the small girl.

Cotton voile, both in all white and in printed patterns, is a material very much in use for children's dresses for the coming summer, and pongee, a



Bright Colors for Children's Clothes.

fabric that wears splendidly and launders equally well, is also being very much used. The pongee sleeveless frock, with bloomers accompanying it, of course, may be worn with cotton or linen gumples, in white or colors. Such an outfit will be found not only serviceable but smart as well.

CARE OF VELVET IMPORTANT

Soft Brush Should Be Used in Cleaning; Olive Oil When Renovating by Steam.

Velvet has been in high fashion. And velvet shows the dust. Two facts that somehow have to be reconciled to each other.

The only way to keep velvet looking well is to give it careful and continuous attention. To begin with, buy velvet of good quality, and whenever possible get the sort that water will not spot. Even if it is to be used for a house gown, where it will never run the risks of raindrops, it may easily be spotted with a drop of water from a glass, or with a drop that drips from the fingers when they emerge from a finger bowl or a wash basin.

Velvet never should be brushed with a stiff, coarse brush. The pile is easily injured; in fact, the short, soft threads that make it up often can easily be pulled from their foundations with the finger nails, and a coarse brush is almost sure to loosen them. A soft velvet brush is the sort to use. Even better than a brush is a piece of crepe or crinoline. The rough fabric seems to get all the dust from the velvet and clean its inmost fibers.

Use a few drops of olive oil rubbed by means of a piece of soft flannel over the surface of the steaming cloth. Continue this movement until the cloth is quite dry and the velvet too is dry. The wrinkles will by this time have disappeared and the velvet will be smooth and fresh.

Light-Topped Shoes Passe.

Light-topped shoes are almost out of date now. Little by little they have given place to the single-toned shoes and all black is very much in favor again.

DUKE OF WESTMINSTER DIVORCED BY WIFE

London, June 18.—The Duchess of Westminster yesterday was granted a divorce from the Duke of Westminster, on charges of desertion and infidelity.

The biggest society crush in years crowded the King's Bench Court to hear the testimony. The Duke was not represented by counsel. He entered a denial.

Lord Coleridge, judge of the divorce division, presided. There was no jury. The duchess took the witness stand and occupied a quarter of an hour in presenting her story. She said their early married life was happy, but that in 1909 they became estranged.

"After that the duke paid no attention to me," she said. "He stayed out at night. I begged him to come back for the sake of the children and keep up appearances, but he refused."

"At 11:30 every night a motor would call and take him away. He would return about seven o'clock in the morning. He agreed to allow me £11,000 a year and free use of his yacht."

The duchess said that in 1915 the duke tried to have her evicted from her house. Her statement contained no mention of the two children, provision for whom was made in 1913, when they became wards of the court.

The duke is one of the wealthiest men in Great Britain, his income being estimated at \$5 a minute. He was an officer during the war and the duchess a nurse.

No More Mal-De-Mer

According to the New York correspondent of the Times, Major Lemon, an American army doctor who has just returned home from France, after a very rough passage across the Atlantic, claims to have discovered an infallible preventive against sea-sickness. This is simply to pack the ears with sterilized gauze. Major Lemon starts from the well-known fact that the organ of equilibrium is situated in the ear, and he argues that the sickness produced by the movements of a ship in a rough sea is caused by the sensation of irregular levitation in the ear. Major Lemon (who has asked to be allowed to remain in the American army for a short time to enable him to continue his research) induced a number of other persons to try his method on the voyage from France, and he affirms that the cure is positive. If that is really the case, Major Lemon must be accounted a public benefactor. Presumably his method could be used against air sickness also. It is a curious fact that some of the "preventives" already in use are said to affect the ears. But Major Lemon does not, apparently, explain how it is that many people assert that they have been seized with sea sickness while asleep in their bunks. So much has been done in recent years to make travelling comfortable that it seems to be high time that the problem of sea-sickness (which deters many people from travelling) should cease to be a monopoly of the comic papers.

The City of Versailles

Versailles is a large city of 50,000, 12 miles from Paris. Three hundred years ago it was a sandy waste. Its palace, with the surrounding beautiful park, originally cost Louis XIV., "the Magnificent," \$100,000,000, the bills for which he destroyed to prevent his people's learning of his extravagance. There, on September 3, 1783, the victorious American Colonies and great Britain signed the treaty of peace wrung from the latter country by the war of the Revolution. And there, on January 18, 1871, the victorious Prussians wrested from France the treaty of peace which cost Alsace-Lorraine and \$1,000,000,000. The exultant Germans had crowned Wilhelm I, King of Prussia as Emperor of Germany in the same hall just twelve days before. In that same palace the great Peace Conference is being held.

Harold Gilloghly of Kingston, sixteen years of age, was drowned at Yonker, where he had gone to attend a camp meeting.

Major-General Mewburn, Minister of Militia introduced a bill to provide for a permanent force not exceeding 10,000, instead of 5,000, as at present.

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The nitrogen plant at Trenton, formerly operated by the Imperial Munitions Board, was destroyed by fire. "What would become of the country if we worked only forty-four hours a week?" enquires a farmer. He adds: "I don't see why a man, except in real heavy work, should not work ten hours a day. Work was intended by God to keep us straight. If a lot had more work, there would not be so much devilment in your cities."

George Ade was inveighing bitterly at the Chicago Athletic Club against the proposed bachelor tax. "By the way, George," said a broker. "I hear that Blane eloped last month." "Yes," said the humorist. "So he did. With a rich widow." "How is he taking marriage?" asked the broker. Mr. Ade smiled. "According to directions," he answered.

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