

### Healthy Hobbies

Scarcely a girl who doesn't get bored, occasionally, over the "everydayness" of things. Life seems to be one tiresome round of getting the same things done over and over, or of wondering just what to do, and how to do it.

There's surely one subject that interests you above others. Cultivate that interest—ripen it into a healthy hobby, and give it a few minutes' agitation every day. Fads and hobbies differ in that a fad is something transient, while a hobby lasts.

If you care for plants, get one or two (but not enough to be an extra charge) hardy plants, and look up the care and cultivation of plants.

Perhaps you've a passion for books. Choose a subject—or read books on varying subjects, good novels, fine poetry, biography, history—what you like best—and make a club of one member of yourself, devoting at least half an hour a day to it.

Perhaps you love music, or languages, but your scanty crumbs of time don't seem worth the picking up. Yet history records instance after instance of men who have learned languages, written books, done all the plannings for great deeds (which were afterward accomplished) in the odd minutes that don't ordinarily count. Gladstone, it is said, carried a book always in his pocket to study whenever he had a few minutes.

### Interesting Facts

Malta is only seventeen miles in length and nine in breadth.

A pigeon postal service has recently been organized in the French Congo.

Plants with white blossoms have a larger proportion of fragrant species than any other.

The Laplanders are the shortest people in Europe, the average height being under five feet.

The roadside fruit trees of Belgium make an annual profit of about \$65,000 for that country.

No fewer than sixty different languages may be heard used by the inhabitants of Freetown, Sierra Leone.

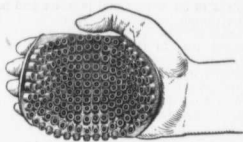
An elephant can carry from 1,800 pounds to 2,500 pounds, a horse only from 200 pounds to 250 pounds.

The longest railway bridge in the world—two miles in length—has just been completed across the Columbia River at Vancouver, Washington.

According to the Liverpool public librarian, the people who make the most use of the libraries are ladies who have no occupation, students, scholars, book-keepers, clerks, and school teachers.

In the town of Burlington, N.J., been recently built an immense hive in the steeple of the First Baptist Church. Over a thousand pounds of fine honey were extracted, bringing into the treasury of the church hundreds of dollars. So profitable was the hive that the trustees have decided to change their plans of remodeling to those of rebuilding anew. This was a society of "Busy Bees" that was worth while. The old proverb could be changed with propriety at this point to "Go to the bee, thou sluggard."

With regard to the use of shall and will, many people beside yourself are shaky. As a rule well-bred people favor "shall" and the other folks "will." Did you never hear of the precocious youngster who in saying the Lord's Prayer at his mother's knee surprised her by the phrase, "Thy shall be done." Being corrected, he defended his version in the words, "No, only servants say 'will'; papa always says 'shall.'"



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