Conducted by HELENE.

If women dress to please men, they will always be gowned simply, appropriately, more quietly and conequently more becomingly than if they wear their clothes for the benefit of women. Men always like simple, neat costumes, free from flying ends, frills, ribbons and laces Of course there are men who never notice what kind of clothes their wives and daughters wear. They only know when these look well when the general effect is good, but are never able to particularize, but men are becoming better educated in the matter of clothes for women, and the average man to-day travel ing about among women is capable discriminating and knows the value of a woman's clothing as well as its becomingness. Many wives would appear to better advantage in their clothes if they would take their husband's advice in the selection of them instead of the advice of their dressmakers. The latter are apt to burden their customers down with costly and unbecoming furbelows regardless of taste.



Pieces of furniture that are unde sirable in design, finish or covering and yet cannot be discarded motives of economy may be entire hidden and rendered quite tractive by slip covers of pretty Cretonne of good color and design is good, printed in a tapestry pattern and coloring a very pleasing cover and li nen taffeta, while higher priced that either of the two, in flowered de signs or self toned stripes or figure is so attractive for either sum winter that it well repays additional cost.



Don't make home irksome. If vo would not have your children, lost to you in after life make home hap py to them when they are young Don't force the children to look else where than at home for pleasure.

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AN HOUR WITH MOTHER.

"One of the happiest memories of my little girlhood," said a mature voman, "is of that hour between the dusk and the daylight, when the night was beginning to lower, when we all sat around my mether in the sitting room waiting for lamplight time, and telling stories. Some times mother told them to us ; cf ten we children took turns and told them to each other. Sometimes we had contests in making original con nundrums and little verses. This was lots of fun. But the nicest hours were when mother told us the tales of her girlhood. "We looked forward to that duely

hour before our supper when school was ever and lessons, too, for those days we knew our lessons with out having to spend half the night over them. Ah; then a mother could get close to her children. Neither school, nor social duties, nor fashionable dinners came between them I think the youngsters of this generation who have no children's hou withmother are to be vastly pitied."

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IN FASHION'S MIRROR.

Parasols of leaf green taffeta are both pretty and restful.

A decided liking is shown for the new shade of gray called mole. smartest lingerie blouse at least two kinds of lace appear, if of vegetable and fruit salads.

used at all lavishly.

All things tending towards a prinsess suggestion are popular in con- count of its medicinal value, nection with the fine lingerie frock.

ed for long skirts, and in pointed and constitutes one of the tricks of styles falls to the hem of the dress.

The full top puff is the leading feaOther salads on the list are made

separate coats.

Separate bodices of pongee unusually smart this season

There will be many plain worn with plaid or checked during the early spring

All sorts of zouave effects will in favor this spring and as they give the figure a very youthful appearthey will be generally adopt-

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CULTURE OF FERNS.

How to Water, Fertilize and Pot Them.

Few need to be told of the infinite variety and beauty of form and ex quisite shades and tints which are be found in the fern class plants. One cannot here go into details as to the management each species, but fortunately chief points in fern culture do not differ materially, says the Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

One of the essentials is a supply of water, and to enable the soil to withstand the effects of fre quent watering without being turn ed sour all pots or other receptacles should be exceptionally well drained and the soil itself made extremely

A frequent cause of disaster ferns of delicate root action is over potting and using too deep a body of soil in the pots. A good dept! of soil may be suitable for some of the strong growing pterises, but fo delicate adiantums and all fern that spread themselves by creeping as rhizomes, it is especially to pot or plant in a big body of soil, for with these the soil is merly a medium through which the ne cessary moisture is conducted the plants, and if too much is used it is soon rendered unfit to perform its work, and the roots die out.

'All potting should be carried out in spring just as the new fronds of the year are about to appear. In splitting plants be careful that eac division is well provided with roots and crown, so that they will make a good and shapely plant.

The soil used in potting may be half fibrous loam, broken up roughly as can be used, with leaf mold, earth and sand in equal proportions. The whole should be with finely broken brick or charcoal.

Ferns may be raised from spore the operation being a somewhat deone. Shallow pans should be filled with rocks, and on these should be placed a few thin layers of lumpy soil. Press the soil flat, watering well, and then place over the surface a few fronds which are well supplied with ripe brown spores The pan should be placed in damp and shady corner and covere with a sheet of glass. This may be watered by partly immersing pan, taking care not to let the wa ter rise to the level of the surface. Rhizomatous ferns may be increase by securing a lump of soil to the this portion when the root is form

In spring fertilize ferns at least once a week with bone meal; the washings of a bird cage is also good for them. They should be bathed occasionally in tepid water. They require but little sunlight. Treated in this way the ferns will grow ma jestically.

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TEMPTING THE APPETITE.

With spring one longs for so thing to give zest to the appetite. To supply this craving the hom cook is taking lessons in the making

One of the most popular on the list, especially advocated on acmade from grape fruit with a French Handkerchief linen of very good dressing in which there is the least quality is the most durable and satisfactory material for any sheer the dish with this pungent tasting bulb, and you have that indefinable The graceful over-drapery is favor- something which tickles the palate

The full top puff is the leading feature in many of the dressy designs for sleeves.

The sailor suit in all its modifications is seen among the new spring modes for children.

Black taffeta is as popular as ever and is used for whole costumes and the Waldorf salad.

Other salada on the list are made from celery, the stalks being sliced thin and laid on lettuce; string beans cooked and cold; spinach, oysters and grape fruit; banana and orange and the apple and English walnuts, commonly known as the Waldorf salad. Other salads on the list are me

HIS WIFE'S LUNGS BOTH AFFECTED

But the Great Consumptive Preven-tative brought Health and Happiness to his Home

"Our doctor said there was no cure for my wife as both her lungs were affected," says Mr. L. H. Walter, of Pearl Street, Brockville, Ont. "It was a sad disappointment to us both, just starting out in life, only married a short time. But before she had finished the first bottle of Psychine the pain in her lungs quickly went away, and after taking six bottles Mrs. Walter was a new creature and perfectly well.

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TIMELY HINTS

When cleaning a looking glass, first rub the surface with a little methy ated spirit, then sprinkle it with polish well with a silk duster.

To clean old oak, whether furniture or paneling, dust it thoroughly and then wash it with warm beer using a soft brush for carvings Meanwhile boil together two quarts of beer; one ounce of beeswax and one ounce of moist brown sugar un til the wax and sugar are perfectly dissolved. Then apply this with large, soft brush. and when quite iry, rub it until bright and clean, with soft cloths. Some people, afte washing with the beer, when dry polish it with a cloth slightly sprinkled with paraffin oil.

Common seashore sand will great ly improve the appearance of and remove all the dust. Sprinkle the velvet well with fine sand and then brush until none re mains, always brushing the pile the wrong way.

To clean sponges when very soiled wash them in diluted tartaric acid, rinsing them afterwards in water t will make them very soft white.

Cologne dropped on a handkerchief and held under the eyes will remove the dark lines that come from fa

It is an excellent plan to use de licately-scented soaps as sachet One can purchase soaps of albags. most any perfume, and two or thre of these in a drawer of lingerie will be much more lasting than sache powder.

Books will keep better if expose to the air than when shut in a book

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RECIPES.

Mustard-Delicious mustard nade by first slicing an onion in bowl and covering it with vinegar Let this stand forty-eight hours, when pour off the vinegar into an other bowl, add a little red pepper, salt, sugar and enough dry mustar to thicken to a cream. The propon tions should be a teaspoonful the pepper and salt and twice that of sugar, but tastes differ somewhat as to the quantity of sweet used.

Spaghefti Timbals -- Roil unces of spaghetti in plenty salted, boiling water for thirty min utes or until tender. Drain. Make a cream sauce and mix with one pint of finely-chopped and well-seas meat. Grease the timbal molds line with the spaghetti, and with the meat and sauce. Stand in a pan filled with hot water to the height of one-half the molds bake in a moderate oven for twentyfive minutes. Serve with suace.

Stuffed Prunes.-Wash half a pound fine, large prunes. Put in saucepan, cover with cold water and soak two hours or more; then cook in the same water until soft. nearly cooked, add sugar to sweet-and a spoonful of lemon juice. When done, remove the seeds and a blanched almond. Chill thoroughly.

Curried Apples .- Cho ing apples and cut in half the round way, removing the core. Make cream by beating together one cup ul of dark brown sugar, half a cur ful of dark brown sugar, half a cup of butter, and a teaspoonful of cur-ry powder. Spread cut side by side of the apples with this mixture, fil-ling in the hollows left by the re-moval of the cores. Bake in a quick oven, observing the usual cur-rections for baking apples.

FUNNY SAYINGS ...

"My sisters sing 'Il Trovatore'

'Mine sang it in six flats, they made her move out of one of them."

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There is a public library in Balti fore that has a regulation by which any member wanting a particula book which is not "in" can, b turn, and upon the book's coming fication

In this connection an attache the library tells of an amusing incident. A member desired a copy of a novel entitled "The Girl He Left The book, not bein Behind Him." in, he made the customary deposit and in due course received a notification. This the member's wife re ceived-to her alarm at first-for it read as follows : 'Mr. Blank is informed that 'The

Girl He Left Behind Him' is now in Remember me! The Voids of Hell the library and will be kept for him till Friday morning next."—Success

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Teacher-Johnny, can you tell me anything you have to be thankful for the past year? Johnny (without hesitation)-Ye

Teacher-Well, Johnny, what is it Johnny-Why, when you broke your arm you couldn't eane us for

two months

Aunt-Now, Charles, you must be a very good boy. You have a nice Aren't you pleased? Charles-Oh, I don't know. It's al ways the . way; just as I'm getting on in the world competition begins

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Old Gent (proposing health of happy pair at wedding breakfast).-And as for the bridegroom, I can speak with still more for I was present at his christening was present at the banquet given in honor of his coming of age, am present here to-day, and I trust I may be spared to be present at his funeral.



FATHER'S FORGOTTEN CLAS-

John was home from college for the Christmas holidays, and one of the things that struck the impres sionable young man was that Dors Mason, the daughter of a near neigh bor, had during his absence changed from a tomboyish schoolgirl into a very beautiful young woman. His father had also noticed it.

"Have ye noticed how old Jos Mason's daughter's shot up, John?' he asked his son. "Seem's to me she's getting quite a handsome young critter !

'Father." said John enthusiastically, "she is as beautiful as Hebe!" "She's a jolly sight purtier than he be!" objected the old man 'Where's your eyes, boy? Joe's got a face like an old barn door! mother she gets her looks from !"-Answers.

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KIPLING TABOOED.

Mother-"Don't you dare language! I'm ashamed o' you!" Bright Boy-"Why, ma, Kipling uses it. and he's-" "He does? Then don't you ever play with him again."

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They gently unlook the secretions, clear away all effets and waste matter. They gently unlock the secretions, clear away all effets and waste matter from the system, and give tone and vitality to the whole intestinal tract, curing Constipation, Sick Headache, Billousness, Dyepopula, Costed Tengue, Foul Breath, Jamdice, Heartbura, and Water Brash. Mrs. B. S. Ogden, Woodsteck, N.B., writess "My husband and myself have used fill-bura's Laxa-Liver Fills for a number of years. We think we cannot do without them. They are the only life, we ever take."



THE PROPHET LOST IN THE HILLS AT EVENING.

Strong God which made the topm

To circulate and keep their cours Remember me; whom all the bars Of sense and dreadful fate enforce

Impassable the summits freeze, Below the haunted waters call Impassable beyond the tr

hunger and I have no bread,

My gourd is empty of the wine. the footsteps of the dead Are shuffling thickly close to mi It darkens. I have lost the ford

There is a change on all things The rocks have evil faces, Lord, And I am awfully afraid.

Expand enormous all around. Strong friend of souls, Emmanuel

Protect me out of cursed ground. The long descent of wasted days. To these at last have led me down Remembér that I filled with praise The meaningless and doubtful ways That lead to an eternal town.

challenged and I kept the Faith. The secret path alone I trod; It darkens, Stand about my wraith And harbor me-Almighty God. -Hilaire Belloc, in The Speaker.

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WHAT IS THAT IN THINE HAND? My hands were filled with many

things, That I did precious hold, As any treasure of a king's. Silver, or gems, or gold.

The Master came, and touched hands-The scars were in His own; And at His feet my treasures Fell shattered one by one.

'I must have empty hands," saith He. "Wherewith to work My works through thee."

My hands were stained with mark of toil

Defiled with dust of earth; And I my work did ofttimes soil, And render little worth. The Master came and touched

hands, And crimson were His own; And when, amazed, on mine I gazed Lo, every stain was gone. "I must have cleansed hands," said He.

"Wherewith to work My works through thee."

My hands were growing feverish, And cumbered with much care: Trembling with haste and eagernes Nor folded oft in prayer.

The Master came and touched my hands. With healing in His own, and calm and still to do His will

They grew-the fever gone 'I must have quiet hands," He. "Wherewith to work My works

through thee.' My hands were strong with fancied strength,

But not in power divine; And bold to take up tasks at length That were not His, but mine. The Master came and touched my

And mighty were His own: But mine since then have powerless been, -Frederick George Scott.

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TO-DAY.

When is the golden time? you ask-The golden time of love, The time when earth is green 'And skies are blue above, The time for sturdy health

strength The time for happy play-When is the golden hour? you ask-I answer you. "To-day."

To-day, that from the Maker's hand Slips on the great world sea, As staunch as ever ship that launch

To sail eternally; To-day, that wafts to you and me A breath of Eden's prime That greets us, glad, and large and It is the golden time.

For yesterday hath veiled her face. And gone as far away
As sands that swept the pyramids In Egypt's ancient day. No man shall look on yesterday, Or tryst with her again, Forever gone, her toils, her prayers

Her conflicts and her pain,

To-morrow is not ours to hold. May never come to bless Or blight our lives with weal or ill, With gladness or distress man shall clasp to-morrow's hand.

Nor catch her on the way: For when we reach To-morrow's land She'll be, by then, To-day

You ask me for the golden time; I bid you "seize the hour," And fill it full of earnest work While yet you have the power. To-day the golden time for joy, Beneath the household eaves; To-day the royal time for work, For "bringing in the sheaves

To-day the golden time for peace, For righting olden feuds; For sending forth from every heart Whatever sin intrudes, To-day the time to concentrate Your life to God above; To-day the time to banish hate. The golden time for love. -Margaret E. Sangster.

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THE WAYSIDE CROSS.

A wayside cross at set of day Unto my spirit thus did say

"O soul, my branching arms you see Point four ways to infinity. "One points to infinity above,

To show the height of heavenly "Two points to infinite width, which

That heavenly love ao limit knows

"One points to infinite beneath. To show God's love is under death.

four arms join, an emble "The That in God's heart all loves will

I thanked the cross as I turned For such sweet thoughts in the twilight grey.

A Protestant's Protest.

The other day the inventory was Pau, the winter station in the Pyrenees so much frequented by the English. The church and presbytery Pau, the winter station in the Pyrenees so much frequented by the English. The church and presbytery lie on the side of a smiling little hill overlooking the English gold ground and the vast plane of the Gave. To protest against the odious and satisfactories. crilegious proceedings, the faithful were assembled in the church—the Cawere assembled in the church—the Catholic gentry, the peasantry, and the working people. The Government's agent pursued his task while the faithful were engaged in prayer. Suddenly a tall gentleman, of military appearance, in top-boots, riding-whip in hand, rose quietly and approached the agent. "Pardon ma, sir, but may I ask to what religion you belong?" "T." replied the police-agent confusedly "I am a Catholic." "And I," confinued the gentleman. "I am a Protestant but

moment is an act shameful for you and for those whe have ordered it." "But who are you that you ques-tion me thus?" "I am the Baron aken in the little village church of d'Este?" "I shall insert in the do I wish it, but I insist upon it! Thereupon the treasury-agent dictated to his secretary: "M. le Baron d'Este said: "The act you are committing is shameful." "Add 'and ignominious." said the Baron d'Este, and then, his protest made, he left the little church.

> They Are Not Violent in Action. They are Not Violent in Action.—Some persons, when they wish to cleanse the stomach, resort to Epsom and other purgative salts. These are speedy in their action, but serve no permanent good. Their use produces incipient chills, and if parsisted in they injure the stomach. Nor do they act upon the intestines.

week. I wish you could gine how delighted I wa

the small things do cou all out of the "True W ed. Already I am aski wonder will they keep is I will tell you the idea l mind for some time. I (and big folks, too,) couragement, so I thou he nice to give some kin to the one who writes t regularly. To the best or girl, who sends a week containing good st neatly written on one from date of next iss until Sept. 1, will be nice book. Remember. and neatness, after resending, will be, of cou taken into account. O the letters have been fai there were cases when t were very careless. Le ambitious you will all b letters not later than

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Dear Boys and Girls:

Your loving,

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each week.

Dear Aunt Becky.-I should have written fore but my dear man 15 of last March and w eighteenth. She was ju hed and we did not night before she died vas, when the doctor give us no hope which shock to us, The just as the clock was my poor mama died, her bedside. There one hundred carriages funeral to the church. lonely without her. I Winnifred or Harold D. would write to the corn they are cousins apart ner relationships and their people to know

have 5 sisters and bro than myself, the young she will be a year old May. I will now close is getting pretty lon love to all the cousins. Your affect

older than myself I a

girl, I was fifteen last

death. I ha

M. ED

date date

Kensington, Que.

Dear Aunt Becky: I read some letters w the paper and I thoug try and write one. I third book. I have a l in one day, and I hav miles to walk to school six come with me. We at Easter. I had a lot

lot of fun at school wolf and lamb. It wil until summer holidays, have to work at home. Your loving

it did not seem long to had to go to school. I

Lonsdale, April 25.

44 44 Dear Aunt Becky: I suppose you though

oing to write. I go the time, and have lot did not have much sne ter to sleigh-ride. We of holidays at Easter, away from home for a in the third book. name is Miss Annie W have not a very large went to church Easter have one sister, Nellie ing to you also. My is Harry. We have a dog and when there is we would put our hand we would put our ham
a bank, and he would of
the bank. After we con
school we all go out
and play cross tag in
then gather the eggs.
have told you all the a
Your loving nie

Lionsdate, April 25.