

Correspondence Column Helps for Home-Keepers Recipes and Style Notes

A PAGE FOR WOMEN

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Women's Interests and
Activities Here and There

"The Blouse Net Softens and Beautifies" Says Billie Burke in a "Waist Talk"



I wonder if you had added one of the dainty net blouses to your summer wardrobe. If you have not I would advise you to do so. There is nothing prettier than just plain net over one's flesh—it softens and beautifies any skin.

The French women have all known this for ages. The American girl will buy heavy laces or delicate chiffons, but she has hitherto seemed to think that net was "cheap." It can be bought in a very fine quality, but that you buy for one dollar a yard is beautiful.

The simplest clothes a girl can wear are the most becoming. Youth needs no embellishment, for then the eyes are bright with enthusiasm; the mouth curls up with laughter, and the skin is tinted with the real joy of being alive.

Let the woman who has grown sallow and worn brighter her complexion with color both on and beside her face; youth needs only to be healthy and well groomed to show this fairer than can be made by man.

Let the middle-aged woman soften her skin by the sheen of expensive lace. Youth needs only a veil of net about her throat through which the pink and white of flesh as beautiful as the petals of a flower can be seen.

The girl who soon learns this fact is the girl who will be spoken of as beautiful.

Perhaps I have wandered from the net blouse, but it's all a part of the subject, after all. We must realize

that dress was not first worn as a covering for our bodies, but as an ornamentation, and when we clothe ourselves in just "covering" we are not making the most of the beautiful and artistic things for the ornamentation of women.

The thing for each one of us to learn is: What is the most appropriate for me to wear and what will enhance my good looks most?

I think nothing this spring will do more for the girl with a fine skin than a dainty net blouse. Make it simple, add a little lace to it, if you wish, but it is quite as pretty if made with only tucks and gathers.

The one I have on in the picture is just a plain little beige waist, buttoned up in the back with reverses and collar edged with Valenciennes.

It is cut "round neck"—no girl should wear a collar unless she is painfully thin.

I am wearing these little net blouses altogether whenever I must wear a separate waist of any kind this spring, and I like them better than bodies of any other material.

Many girls are making them with a lining of the same, cutting the lining low and trimming it with lace and making the blouse over it with only tucks and ruffles of the same goods.

You can make your net blouse in almost any style, but you must have at least one if you would be in fashion this summer.

Arnold Bennett's Dream House

When Mr. Arnold Bennett, the distinguished author, takes up a permanent residence in his native England—he has grown tired of Paris and the Parisians—he will live in a house that might be called "The Housewife's Paradise."

Two years ago Mr. Bennett imagined such a house in his novel, "The Card." Now, as nearly as they can be, his dreams will be realized.

The hero of "The Card" is a self-made man who cannot help feeling ashamed of the humble cottage in which his mother insists on remaining, refusing to move into a large house because she could not bear to have servants about her.

So the Card uses his ingenuity and builds a house, a charmingly fashioned that the work of keeping it clean can be done in a quarter of the usual time, and then, by strategy, makes his old mother move into it.

Now The Card's ingenious labor-saving appliances most of which have never gone past the author's imagination, are to be tested, and those of them that prove practicable will be installed in the house in which Mr. Bennett will live.

First the author bought a house at Thorpe, near Colchester, and then he persuaded Mr. Richards, the artist, who illustrated his book on restaurants, to get out plans for its reconstruction and improvement. "And put in all the labor-saving appliances you can," said Mr. Bennett.

A Marble Doorstep.

So ever since Mr. Richards has been reading "The Card," especially such passages as the following, which describe how the hero, shows old Mrs. Machin, his mother, over what is to be her new home.

"That is a funny doorstep," she remarked to kill time.

"It's of marble," said Denry.

"What's that for?" asked his mother.

"So much easier to keep clean," said Denry.

"Well," said Mrs. Machin, "it's pretty dirty now, anyway."

"Quite simple to clean," said Denry bending down. "You just turn this tap at the side. You see, it's so arranged that it sends a flat jet along the step. Stand off a second."

He turned the tap, and the step was washed pure in a moment.

"How is it that water steams?" Mrs. Machin demanded.

"Because it's hot," said Denry. "Did you ever know water steam for any other reason?"

"Hot water outside?"

"Just as easy to have hot water out-

to be polished with three cloths and many odors in a day and a half."

And then, after it all, came the woman's comment.

"Why," she said, "I could run this house without a servant and have myself tidy by 10 o'clock in the morning!"

Mr. Bennett does not intend to do his own house work at Thorpe. His aim is to save needless labor by his servants.

Clean the Cellar.

People who live in houses should clean the cellar out very thoroughly in the spring, as it is almost impossible to keep out bits of decayed fruit and vegetables during the dark winter months.

If you have been able to "lay down" vegetables for the winter, those remainings, if any, should be carefully looked over and all those that are the least bit defective should be disposed of.

The bins and shelves and receptacles should be thoroughly swept and washed out with a disinfectant. Change all the places of the boxes and barrels; look over your preserved and canned fruit and see that it is all in good shape on your hanging shelf.

Don't use chloride of lime to disinfect your cellar, as it will spoil the flavor of all foods.

Use a strong solution of copperas water and common salt and sprinkle it over the floors and shelves from a sprinkling can.

Open the cellar windows and let it dry out, then whitewash every bit of the wall and underposts and shelves, the outside of the bin barrels and boxes.

GERANIUM BORDERS

Those who have wintered plants of Madam Sallier geranium in the house can make excellent use of them for edging beds in summer.

This variety of geranium, unlike all other members of the family, sends up a great many slender stalks from the base of the plant. The other words, it seems to have a sort of "crown" from which centre most of its branches are produced.

One often finds 40, 50 or more of them on each plant. Every one of these can be used as cuttings, from which to grow plants for summer use.

Break off each stalk, cut it into two-inch pieces, and insert each piece an inch deep in the ground where it is to grow.

Not one in fifty will fail to take root, and by the middle of summer the cuttings will have grown to plants eight inches across, with many leaves. The habit of this plant is very compact and symmetrical, so pruning ever being needed to bring it into good shape.

If the "slips" are set eight inches apart, you will get a row of solid foliage from them by the time they are two months old. The leaves of this geranium are of a light pea-green, bordered with creamy white, and are almost as attractive as flowers.

I consider this one of the very best edging plants.

A bed of pink-flowered geraniums edged with the variety described is always a "thing of beauty," provided the old flowers are clipped off as soon as they begin to fade. Border a bed of rose-colored phlox with it and the effect will be found extremely pleasing.

The Poets' Corner

GOOD-BYE.

Sounds of the seas grow fainter,
Sounds of the sands have sped;
The sweep of gales
The far white sails,
Are silent, spent and dead.

Sounds of the days of summer
Murmur and die away,
And distance hides
The long, low tides,
As night shuts out the day.

—E. Pauline Johnston.

THE BEE'S MARKET BASKET.

The bee carries its market basket round its hind legs. The "basket" is a fringe of stiff hairs, approaching each other at the tips and forming a sort of cage, into which the bee crams enough pollen to last two or three days.

KATHERINE LESLIE'S HOME RECIPE BOOK



THE FLOWER AND THE GIRL.

There is no doubt that the florist will have a very little approval for the fashion of wearing artificial flowers for the corsage bouquet. But a fashion that is less to the florist is gain to the woman, for the natural flower though unquestionably sweeter and lovelier, has the disadvantage of freezing in a few moments in winter, and of marking the coat and dress with its moisture whatever the season of the year. The rose and the violet are the two worn so long, but the tiny nosegay such as a child would gather and make into a posy has for the moment outdone them. And now who does not rejoice to see the pansy returned to favor both for corsage and millinery purposes. It appeared modestly and sweetly about mid-winter for the small corsage bouquet, and since, it has been steadily gaining in favor, taking the place of the bold American Beauty rose, and giving a delicious note of color in my lady's out-of-door costume. In all the lovely shades of purple it comes, and in yellows of such velvety softness that those who

Daily Menu

THURSDAY.

BREAKFAST.
Corn Flakes With Cream.
Soft Boiled Eggs.
Baked Apples. Toast. Coffee.

DINNER.
Hamburg Steak With Onions.
Mashed Potatoes.
Deep Rhubarb Pie.

SUPPER.
Sliced Tomatoes With Mayonnaise.
Boston Brown Bread.
Sliced Bananas and Oranges.
Cake. Tea.

Hamburg Steak—Even the piebald dish may be made palatable, nutritious and attractive in appearance with a little care. Buy a cut round steak one and three-quarters pounds and chop it yourself, carefully removing every bit of skin, tendon and bones, then run it through the meat grinder season with a teaspoonful of salt and a salt-spoonful of pepper. Mix thoroughly, then pack firmly in a wet kitchen basin of a size to leave the steak an inch thick and perfectly uniform. Let it stand half an hour or more; you can then turn it out and handle it as you would a whole steak. Place in a heated frying pan containing a tablespoonful of butter, and cook rather slowly, turning once with a pancake turner, covering when half done. Take it up on a hot platter, spread with fresh butter, squeeze over it a little lemon juice and if tomato sauce is liked pour it around, not over it. Have it carved like a porterhouse at table, not spooned out. It will have a close, firm texture and never be recognized for the hashish-like mixture sometimes served under the name of "hamburg steak."

GOOD THINGS TO KNOW.

Clean glass with ammonia.
Clean piano keys with alcohol.
Clean wall paper with state bread.
Paint can be removed by rubbing with spirits of turpentine.
Unvarnished furniture can be polished with beeswax and turpentine.
Scratches on furniture can be taken from varnish by rubbing with kerosene.
Remove white spots from furniture by rubbing with camphene.

PROBLEMS OF THE FAIR SEX SOLVED BY CYNTHIA GREY

[Correspondents are requested to make their inquiries as brief as possible, and to write on one side of the paper only. It is impossible to give replies within a stated time, as all letters have to be answered in "turn" as they are received. No letters can be answered privately.]

"Wants To Be an Actress."

My Dear Miss Grey: I have received valuable help from you before, and I take the opportunity now of expressing my thanks to you. Would you kindly answer me the following questions:

1. I am a girl, 17 years of age, and I want to be an actress. How can I become one? I will never be a chorus girl, so would like to know if one has to be a chorus girl when starting. I have good acting and talking ability, but not a good voice for singing. Would this hinder very much?

2. Sometime ago the meaning of what stamps meant when put on letters in a certain way was given in your paper. I intended to cut it out, but missed the paper. Would you mind publishing it again?

3. Do you know who wrote "Thais," and I would like to be procured from the Public Library. Is this writing a play, or an ordinary book?

Thanking you in advance, and hoping I have not troubled you very sincerely,
Yours truly,
A.—1. Generally musical comedy actresses begin their theatrical careers as chorus girls. As singing is one of the requisites, I believe it would be a drawback, if you cannot sing.

2. As the stamp language was printed some time ago, I am sorry I cannot publish it again for you.

3. "Thais" is a drama founded on a novel, written by Anatole France, and dramatized by Paul Willsbach. This book is on order at the Public Library.

More Wedding Queries.

Dear Miss Grey: Will you please answer the following questions?

1. Is it proper for a bride to wear her diamond ring on her wedding day? If so, on which finger?

2. Can you give me a good recipe for a groom's cake?

3. What is the meaning of "goops" on the advertisement page, that we see every day in The Advertiser?

A.—1. The engagement ring should be worn on the fourth finger of the left hand.

2. There is a recipe for a groom's cake: Two cups of butter (cheap), 2 cups white sugar (cheap), 10 eggs, 4 cups flour, 2 cups raisins (seeded), 2 pounds almonds, blanched and chopped, 1/2 pound citron, shaved fine. Stir the almonds into the cake, flour the raisins, and citron, and put a layer in the cake pan, then put in a layer of cake, then fruit again, and so alternate, finishing with cake. Bake two hours in a moderate oven.

3. You will note the article of "Goops" ends with "Don't be a goop" and sets forth some foolish habit with the moral not to encourage them.

Should She Walk With Him?

Dear Miss Grey: You will much oblige me by answering the following as soon as possible.

1. Is it proper for a girl to allow a gentleman to accompany her home, whom she has never been personally acquainted with, but just met in some business office or park?

2. Is it possible dangerous to use in washing hair?

3. Can red silk be dyed a good black?

4. Is it proper for a girl to call on her intended mother-in-law first?

A.—1. If you are acquainted with the young man, to speak to him, and if he is respectable.

2. I would not advise the use of peroxide in washing the hair, as it will bleach it.

3. Why not ask at one of the local dye-stores?

4. The intended mother-in-law should call first.

"Any Rags, Any Bones?"

Dear Miss Grey: There are about ten members in our club, and most of them are nearly fourteen years of age. Would you please tell me some ways of earning money in the country for our club, and also a name.

Thanking you in advance,
BROWN EYES.

A.—1. If you have space in your garden why not raise table-flowers, such as sweet-peas, pansies, astors, or nasturtiums? The are always in demand on local markets. Collect old rubbers from the homes of your ten members, also old rags and bones, perhaps this latter method will not appeal to you, as the dainty task of raising flowers, but it all helps Brown Eyes.

2. You do not mention whether it is a sewing, or literary club. "Fleur-de-lis," "Girls Social Club," "The Happy Ten," or "The Good-Time Club."

A Hair Tonic.

Dear Miss Grey: I have been troubled lately with dandruff in my hair, and my hair has also been falling out. Could you please give me a recipe which would be efficacious in helping my hair and improve its condition. Something which will be in the form of a liquid when made up at the drugists. Thanking you in advance. Sincerely yours,
"SWEET SIXTEEN."

A.—This tonic has been found excellent. Castor oil, 12 grams; resorcin 1-5 gram; spirit of wine, 6 ounces; balsam of Peru, 8 grains. Shake well before applying to the scalp. Mas-

Dress Goods Clearing at 39c Yard

AS NEXT season we will be in our new store, and now that the spring dress goods season is almost over, we wish to reduce our stock to the lowest possible point without breaking our always complete range of shades in the important lines. To begin this we are offering you this week a number of pieces of dress goods, including Cashmeres, Whipcords, Striped Worsteds, Poplins, San Toys and Venetians, in brown, tan, gray, green, navy, mauve and wistaria. All regular 50c or 75c lines. This week, yard.... 39c

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particular city or place of interest after which she will add what she has learned about each place of interest.

Wash linoleum with warm soap water, then apply equal parts of linseed oil and vinegar mixed.

"Daughter and her beau must have had a terrible quarrel!" "Why so, ma?" "Five pounds of candy, a bunch of roses and two matinee tickets have just arrived." — Louisville Courier-Journal.

First Urchin—Say, Tommy, would you please rather be a zebra or a giraffe? Second Urchin—A giraffe, or course, I'd be a cinch for looking over the fence at de ball game.—Boston Transcript.

Tub skis are in the greatest demand for the late spring and summer costumes.

Daily Healthogram

It was Charles Dickens who said: "Cheerfulness and content are great beautifiers and are famous preservers of youthful looks." And it was Henry Van Dyke who said: "A cheerful comrade is better than a water-proof coat and a foot warmer."