

Woman's Page

Household Hints, Well-tried Recipes and Useful
Helps to Homekeepers

We try to make this page very interesting to our women readers. We invite contributions on all subjects pertinent to woman's realm, as well as tested recipes, household time and worry savers, anything that will make life happier and brighter for our women folks and the little ones in the home. All contributions should be of a short nature. A particular invitation is extended to school teachers to contribute.

MOTHER'S HAIRPIN

The doorbell broke the other day,
Pop couldn't make it ring.
Said he: "I'll have to get a man
To fix the blamed old thing."
My mother said: "Oh don't do that,
Think what you'd have to pay."
And then she took a hairpin out
And fixed it right away.

We lost the back door key last week,
'Twas when the door was locked;
Pop fumed around and said things till
The neighbors were all shocked;
Then Mom she got a hairpin out
An' poked an' pretty quick
She had the bolt turned in the lock;
The hairpin did the trick.

There's nothin' much that Mom can't
do
With hairpins, seems as like.
One day she'll fix Pop's busted watch;
An' next 'twill be my bike;
If we was poor I'll bet that she
Could make hard luck take wings
By goin' round the city with
A hairpin, fixin' things.

—Denver Post.

HATS

(By the Editress in Montreal.)

A lady I have the pleasure of knowing, who is most interested in hats, and head gear of all kinds for ladies, has recently returned from Paris, that Mecca of all would-be fashionables.

She informed me the large hats are worn by many, hats so large as to be veritable umbrellas, but that women of the most exclusive circles are nearly all wearing toques. These toques are made of fur and are considered very swell.

Here in Montreal, fur toques are in high favor. One sees many of them on the street and very sweet some of them look. Any girl who is clever with her needle can make one herself and this saves a good deal of expense for the ones on sale in the millinery and department stores are almost prohibitive in price.

I saw a small fur toque, the other day in one of the large stores, its only trimming being a choux of lace, with a small aigrette. It took my fancy, and I thought perhaps it might cost \$10.00, so I enquired the price, wishing to purchase it. I was informed that the price was \$45.00. Needless to say, I did not buy it, for I know that I could model one myself to look just as well, for far less than a quarter of that amount.

WINTER FURS

The furs this season, are unusually pretty. They are being combined with velvet, lace and shifon, and with one another. One sees the most charming neck wear in furs, in a great variety of

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designs. One very pretty neck piece, which was worn with a 'hugh flat muff of the same fur, with a fur toque to match, was of grey squirrel. It was a small strip of the fur edged with pale pink ruching, a rosette of the same colored ribbon with two short ends. The toque was trimmed with a single, large, silk rose of the same shade. This fur set was worn with a grey directoire gown, and was charming.

The muffs this year are large, soft and almost flat. They are not muffs in the usual meaning of the word. They are simply flat pieces of fur lined with satin, folded double; the two edges are got even tacked together, inside there is a little muff of silk to match the lining. It is to this, that the fur is attached, and into which the hands are inserted. Those muffs, when not in use are so large and flat, that without exaggeration they might be used for small rugs on the floor.

Seal skin is most fashionable this winter, as is also Persian Lamb. Alaska Sable is also among the best and most worn furs. Alaska Sable and Persian Lamb are perhaps the most serviceable of this season's furs. They are handsome and can be worn on all occasion, the weather does not effect them, and they look well until they are worn out.

Alaska Sable is perhaps the most becoming and the softest fur near one's face, but on the other hand, Persian has a quiet dignity about it, and does not have the disagreeable odor which Alaska Sable gives forth when it is wet.

It seems to me that there never was a season when the clever woman could do so much for her own wardrobe. This season's flat muffs are easy to make. The neck pieces need only a little originality of thought, for they are no harder to make than a fancy stock collar and as for the toque, the main point to observe is to get a becoming shape; the covering of it with the fur is not difficult. It should be trimmed very simple, with a simple large rose or with a large bunch of soft satin ribbon, or with a single quill or aigrette, held in place with a choux of lace.

Simplicity and distinction are the key notes of this season's toques.

The Husband

Who weds because we are so dear—
And then forgets when it is here,
The anniversary, every year?

The husband.

Who when he's donning evening clothes
Would like an angel come to blows
And let the whole house hear his woes?

The husband.

Who sometimes makes us quail and quake
With tales about the bread and cake
His mother used to make and bake?

The husband.

Who calls the landlord with a frown
And then slips out and goes uptown
While wifely talks that landlord down?

The husband.

But when the skies are dark and gray
And ruin seems not far away,
Who takes the helm and saves the day?

The husband.

WELL TRIED RECIPES

Angel Food

Materials:—1 cup of egg whites, unbeaten, 1½ cups of sugar, pinch of salt, 1 cup of flour, 1 teaspoon cream of tartar, ½ teaspoon soda.

Preparations:—Put a pinch of salt in egg whites, and beat until frothy, put in sugar and cream of tartar, and beat again. Add the flour and fold in the flour lightly. Bake in an ungreased pan with a tube in a moderate oven for thirty-five minutes. Sift the sugar once, the flour five times and have the eggs very cold.

Nut Cake

Materials:—One cup of sugar, ½ cupful of milk, 2 cups of pastry flour, 2 eggs, 1 coffee cupful of chopped raisins, 1 coffee cupful of chopped English walnuts, 1 teaspoon cream tartar, ½ teaspoon soda.

Preparations:—Beat the butter to a cream, add the sugar, gradually, and when light, the eggs well beaten, then the milk and the flour, in which the soda and the cream tartar have been thoroughly mixed. Mix quickly and add the raisins and nuts. Bake in

rather deep pans, in a moderate oven for thirty-five minutes.

Frost if you please. The quantities given, are for one large, or for two small pans. If you use baking powder, in place of soda and cream of tartar, use one teaspoonful and a half.

Broiling of Steak

In the olden days, when our grandmothers cooked over an open fire, they had in spite of the disadvantages it caused, by extra labor, many advantages over us, and our modern up-to-date stoves.

Their cooking, tho' perhaps not as elaborate as ours, was in many cases more wholesome—for instance, they broiled their meats. Nothing is so delicious and at the same time and nourishing, as a good steak broiled in the old-fashioned way, on gridirons before an open fire. One resourceful woman I know, uses an ordinary wire toaster in which to broil her steak. She removes a griddle from her kitchen stove and, holding the steak firmly between the two sides of the toaster, turns it rapidly from side to side. In this way she saves the juice of the meat, cooks it to a turn, and, from experience, I can say, that her steaks are something to dream of, for I never ate better ones.

After the steak is broiled, it should be sprinkled with pepper and salt, slices of butter should be placed on top, and pressed in with a knife. Then the steak should be served on a very hot platter.

The Passing of the Underskirt

With the advent of the directoire gown, the ultra fashionable woman has discarded the underskirt and in place uses the new french knickerbockers entirely.

Petticoats give a fullness to the hang of the skirt and this is just my lady does not wish. She wants her gowns to hang in soft clinging folds around her, which will, when she walks show the indistinct outlines of her figure.

The new knickers are made of double faced satin, they are modeled on the same lines as the ordinary knickers, worn by boys. They extend below the knee, where they are gathered into a band, from which falls a deep frill of the satin. These knickerbockers, of course, fit very snugly about the hips.

HOME MUSIC

Every young girl who is spending her father's money for music lessons should make it her first object to play for him music that he will understand. She ought to cultivate a musical memory.

She ought as well to learn sight reading so that if, indeed, she becomes an artist she can run over new music unless it be too intricate, without making more fuss than we do when we open a new book. Such a girl should not fall into the habit of saying "I am out of practice," or of excusing herself from giving any one pleasure by the explanation, "I have left my music at home."

The piano ought to be a centre for the family in the long evenings. If there be informal music, young people will come together and have a good time, and the best break-water most of us can set up against the wiles of the tempter is epitomized in the phrase, "Good times at home." Boys and young men do not want to stray off to street corners and saloons when their sisters and their sisters' friends are merry and jolly in the home parlor.

When Polly played for dancing.

Her slender fingers flew

Across the flashing ivory keys

As if they winked at you.

The music bubbled under

The magic of her hand

As if the very notes were mad

To join the festive band.

When Polly struck the measure

Of two-step or of waltz,

The oldest there grew young again,

And laughed at Time's assaults;

While lovely Sweet and Twenty

And happy Sweet Sixteen

Went floating light as thistledown

The merry staves between.

When Polly played the lancers

You should of seen us bow,

And weave the figures out and in;

Would we were dancing now,

With Polly playing bravely

And all the old set there,

Till who'd believe 'twas midnight by

The clock upon the stair?

The pompadour style of dressing the hair will never go out of style while there are middle-aged women to wear it.

If sometimes happens that a man doesn't ask his wife to sing because he is fond of music.

When is the doctor most annoyed? When he is out of patients.

"THE NIGGER IN THE WOOD-PILE"

Thousands of people go through life feeling more or less miserable without ever knowing the reason. They suffer from headaches, indigestion, pains in the back, and at the slightest chill get rheumatism or neuralgia.

They try to cure these separate outbreaks, never suspecting that the root of the whole trouble is the failure of the bowels to move regularly, and in many cases the sluggish action of kidneys and skin. The result, of course, is that the whole system gets clogged with impurities, which soon turn to poison, and show their presence in various ways.

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HOUSEHOLD HINTS

Uses for Blotting Paper

White blotting paper placed under a center-piece upon which a vase of flowers is standing will absorb any water or moisture that may run down the vase, and will thus prevent staining or clouding the beautiful polished surface of the table.

A Good Idea

When the silk thread on the sewing-machine runs off the spool too fast, and causes it to tighten around the spindle, cut a piece of blotting paper or thick cloth, make a hole in the centre and slip on the spindle before the spool, and you will have no more trouble.

To Wash Varnish

Steep some tea leaves in water for half an hour; strain, and use the liquid to wash the paint. This decoction will make the woodwork look cleaner and fresher than if only soap and water are used.

Lacquered Goods

No polish should ever be used for lacquered articles; if once applied, the metal polish will spoil the surface of the lacquer. Lacquered goods should be rubbed up with leather, and, if dirty, washed with a little warm water and soap.

Easy Way to Lift Stove

I have found the following an easy way to lift a stove, so that a carpet or oilcloth can be removed or replaced from under it without the trouble and inconvenience of having to carry the stove from the room. Place a square block nearly as high as the base of the stove behind the stove to be raised, and place a board about five feet long and six inches wide through under the stove, with the end on a block. Then, by simply raising the front end of the board, the stove is lifted free from the floor, and the carpet or oilcloth may be taken out or put under easily.

Olive Oil For Children

No home should be without olive oil, for it is an invaluable medicine in certain cases for a weak or rickety child, or for one who is recovering from typhoid fever. A little olive oil will sometimes work wonders. The plan is to rub in the oil over the whole of the child's body especially about the upper part, taking a few drops into the palm of the hand at a time. The nourishment thus absorbed through the skin will be of immense service in building up the child's strength.

When a child is suffering from a severe cold it is a good plan to omit the daily bath and to rub the back and chest with olive oil. To insure no further cold being caught the child should be wrapped in a blanket and carefully screened from the draughts while the rubbing is being done.

A threatening of croup often will end in a threatening only if olive oil and camphor is applied to the child's chest. The method is to saturate a piece of flannel, sprinkle it with a little powdered camphor, and apply it to the chest and throat as warm as can be borne; cover with a piece of dry flannel, and change as soon as it gets cold.

BLANKET BATHROBES

If you have a friend who is going to be married and you want to make her some dainty personal thing, build her a bathrobe out of a silk blanket.

The blankets are sold in the shops at reasonable prices. They are widely striped in pink and blue, violet and buff, blue and white.

One of these can be easily arranged for a loose kimono robe. Large arm-holes are cut, and square sleeves are arranged in with the back and fronts. The stripes must go across in order to

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Keep the windows open in sleeping rooms during the cool weather and fewer colds will result. Fresh air is the best preventive of pneumonia.

The woman who bolts her food forgetting that her teeth were given her for a purpose, need not wonder that her complexion is ruined.

Dilated pores may be contracted by a vegetarian diet, careful cleansing of the skin and the use of astringents, such as toilet waters or benzoin dropped in the washbowl.