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And who is she, you ask? What, did I forget to tell you? Why, she is the lady of the indefinite invitations.

She is the person who always wants her friends to visit her some day, but never invites them Monday or Tuesday or Wednesday, or any of the rest of the seven days.

She is so glad to see you, she was talking about this very morning, and she does wish you would come out and see her some day. It's so lovely out where she lives and she knows you would enjoy the view from her verandah. You certainly must come some day, she says, and then she squeezes your hand and bids you good-bye and flutters away, evidently very delighted with herself and the impression of cordiality and hospitality that she thinks she has given.

But if you are acquainted with her type, she hasn't left it.

You know that her vague invitations mean just about as much as her pro-

testations of affection, and you would as soon think of acting on one as the other.

Probably the next time she sees you she will tell you again how glad she is to see you and how she was thinking of you that very morning, and you will ask plaintively, "Why haven't you ever come out to see me? I'm always asking and you never come."

And probably, being a coward, you will murmur some vague excuse, instead of calling her bluff by saying, "You never really asked me."

"Now, do use my automobile any time you like," is the favorite remark of a friend of mine. It sounds good, but being armed with the knowledge that any time is usually no time, I don't make the mistake of taking her at her word.

"I wish you would come in some day and help yourself to some of our grapes," was another kind friend's way of showing her generosity, but somehow she has never suggested that we do it to-day, or even to-morrow.

Indefinite, meaningless invitations and promises are the counterfeit coin of hospitality and generosity. Fortunately, however, they deceive few. The only great harm they do is to those who try to use them for the real thing.

No sensible person resents it when any of their acquaintances do not choose to invite them to dinner or loan them their automobiles, but any sensible person does dislike to have their acquaintances ply them with counterfeit cordiality and hospitality.

Ruth Cameron

WOMEN TAKE NOTICE!

A man cannot understand the torture and suffering many women endure uncomplainingly. If the majority of men suffered as much pain and endured with patience the weakening sicknesses that most women do, they would ask for immediate sympathy and look for a quick cure.

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Household Notes.

A very practical way to finish a floor is to paint it with linseed oil.

Coffee made with an egg has a rich flavor, which egg alone can give.

For the bathroom, cork mats which can be rolled up are among the sensible accessories.

Don't forget to close the refrigerator door each time you see the box, the ice will last much longer.

Rag rugs made of cotton wash well, are inexpensive and are often just the thing for the kitchen.

The bone should be left in a roast, it will help to keep the juice in and will add flavor and sweetness.

Damp salt is an excellent thing to remove stains on cups and saucers caused by tea and careless washing.

Paper bag cookery is peculiarly suitable for fish. They are much more delightful when cooked by this method.

Oysters chopped and served in the gravy of a particularly juicy porterhouse steak, are very delicious.

A boot tree is an excellent thing to use when darning a stocking. It helps in shaping the darts to the foot.

When boiling eggs, always have the water boiling when eggs are put in and then boil them for two minutes.

A chicken for broiling should be wrapped in a buttered paper bag. This will keep the flesh moist and retain flavor.

All rubbing and wringing by twisting is harmful when washing woollens; be sure to rinse out all the soap-suds.

Woolen fabrics such as flannel shirts, petticoats, trousers and blankets should be pulled into shape and hung straight to dry.

The color of green vegetables can be preserved if they are put on to cook in boiling water to which a pinch of salt has been added.

Put cauliflower in plain water to draw out any insects. After the insects have come out, put salt in the water—it will kill them.

Brass fenders and fire irons can be acquired with a special preparation which will prevent them from requiring constant polishing.

It is a good idea to rinse musty hangings, children's dresses and pinafores, in alum water. It will render them non-inflammable.

Wax candles which have become lustrous can be made perfectly white by rubbing them with a clean piece of flannel dipped in spirits of wine.

Before broiling ham, it should be soaked one hour in lukewarm water. Then drain, wipe and broil three minutes. The slices should be thin.

Tomatoes are delicious broiled. Cut them in thick slices, and broil them over a hot fire, when they are done, butter and sprinkle with salt and pepper.

Paint marks can be removed by soaking them for a short time in benzine or turpentine, then rubbing them with emery paper or a little pulverized pumice stone.

When frying fish, have the fat boiling hot before putting the fish in the pan. When the fat is in the proper condition, a blue smoke will be rising from it.

Fruit jars should be sweet and clean before they are put away. Put a pinch of soda in the jar when you give it its final rinsing. This will destroy all old flavors.

If dumplings are kept boiling steadily from the time they are in the pot until they are taken out, they will be much lighter. Do not take the lid off often, then necessary.

To remove rust from steel cover it with sweet oil and let it remain covered for a day; then rub it with a lump of fresh lime and it will then polish in the ordinary way.



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In some cases easily chapped hands will yield to the treatment of glycerine applied immediately after washing when the skin is moist. Do not apply to the dry skin.

A baked apple is the most easily digested of any way of serving apples. If a bit of butter is placed on top of each apple, before it is put in the oven, the flavor will be much improved.

Cinematograph in War

Lloyds Increases Operators' Rates More Than Sixfold.

With the outbreak of hostilities in the Balkans Lloyds' insurance rates on cinematograph operators proceeded to the front went up from eight guineas to fifty guineas per cent. There was considerable excitement over this practically new industry as a war risk, both at Lloyds and amongst the film service firms in Charing Cross Road and Long-acre that are sending operators out on the dangerous work of securing pictures of the fighting in the Near East.

Over fifty men have already left London for their perilous work, and these, added to the Continental operators already on the spot, are being covered by their employers against the risk of death by "accident." The period to be embraced by the premiums paid for this insurance is the next six months.

"The risk of operators," said the manager of one of the largest firms supplying pictures to London theatres to a representative of the press, "are very great. The boxes they carry have been specially designed for war work. They are fireproof as well as light-proof, and to come entent armoured. They weigh over a hundred pounds each, so you see it will be a difficult matter to manipulate them. A carrier makes a bulky outline for a Martin-Henry. Most of the men have gone via Constantinople to the theatre of war. Those who have tried to cross the continent by trains have had to slip down to Naples and sail from thence also to Constantinople. Hampered as the operators are, however, it is expected that the first films of actual fighting in the Balkans will be showing in London within a fortnight. Mobilization pictures, with all their warlike array from the Montenegrin hills are already on their way to England."

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