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On Christmas Cards.

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************************** BY RUTH CAMERON.



member all those friends toward rupting youreslf, soul and body

and pocketbook? Or are you letting the Christmas card habit impose an additional burden upon you?

The other day I was standing in lessed solution of our annual strug-

fternoon in there picking out postards. As if it wasn't enough that last six months on my Christmas work and spent twice as much money as I can afford, now I've got to put out a lot more money and time on Christmas cards. I've got a list of thirtytwo that I suppose I've got to send to. really think this Christmas card isiness is the last straw.'

Now wasn't she a foolish woman? And yet I don't doubt that there are great many like her, who, instead of

What use are substitting a word of greeting on a you making of pretty Christmas card for gifts that Christmas cards? they cannot afford to make, will sim-Are you letting ply send as many gifts as before, and them help you in addition build up a long list of solve the prob- friends with whom they feel in duty

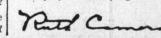
lem of how to re- bound to exchange Christmas cards. Christmas gift giving has become a ridiculously abnormal growth. It whom your heart | needs to be reduced, not enlarged. And | s war m at the pretty Christmas cards, with their Christmas time, appropriate and beautiful sentiments, without bank- which fill our shops offer us an op-

Are you going to accept it or not? A young woman who has been out of school about five years was going hired girl from a safe perch on the over her Christmas list. "I actually haven't seen Mildred for two years,' she said, naming one of her old all of which are so crooked that they ent of one of those shops whose schoolmates, "and I haven't heard vindows blaze with a thousand vari- from her except when she thanked me hand. A piece of stove pipe may look clored Christmas cards, reflecting for my last year's Christmas gift or straight down at the hardware store, what she sent me. It really seems anything to do with each other be- tang at a round-up. ween times, doesn't it?"

> "It certainly does." I responded with ervor. "Why don't you send her a

"I think I will." she said. Undoubtedly there are some people n your Christmas list with whom our exchange of presents has become in absurd and burdensome a formalty. Why don't you simply send them

I hope you are saving "I will."



HAPPY THO' MARRIED?

There are unhappy married lives, but a large percentage of these unhappy homes are due to the illness of the wife, mother or daughter. The feelings of nervousness, the befogged mind, the ill-temper, the pale and wrinkled face, hollow and circled eyes, result most often from those disorders peculiar to women. For the woman to be happy and good-looking she must naturally have good health. Dragging-down feelings, hysteria, hot-flashes or constantly returning pains and aches—are too great a drain upon a woman's vitality and strength. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription restores weak and sick women to sound health by regulating and correcting the local disorders which are generally responsible for the above distressing symptoms.



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The Medical Adviser by R. V. Pierce, M. D., Buffalo, N. Y., answers hosts of delicate questions about which every woman, single or married ought to know. Sent free on receipt of 50 stamps to pay for wrapping and mailing only.

Fashions and Fads.

The one-sided effect is almost as such liked as ever on evening gowns. ess-the result of rolling collar and w shoulder.

Skunk leads as a trimming fur mehow it combines most delightfulwith delicate tissues and either ark or delicate colors.

g made in such bright colors as red, green and orange, with shawl revers nd self-buttons.

Beautiful sets of natural red fox, in fur collars. with their dangling legs and tails, ook as if their fair wearers had just eturned from the chase.

The Turkish blouse seen on afteroon gowns is made of a darker cusseline dress, and edged with fur. Some of the new Russian tunics are calloped around the bottom and bor-

lered with fur. The full sleeves are gathered in at the wrists. A charming Russian tunic coat is of green and gold brocaded tissue with I

sable fur border. The skirt to this is of black satin with a train. Broadtail is being used by the wealthy for long wraps, for hats, for handbags and for entire suits. The

suits are necessarily very simple. The all-white skating costumes abroad are charmingly finished by a There is a strong trend toward the

even prophesy that by spring the plain suit will be a thing of the past. The long Mouiik blouse is a captivating fashion when worn by a woman who is tall and extremely slender Sometimes it is made of brocaded

Some enchanting new slippers are brocades and tissues stamped with old-fashioned chintz patterns - even ropical birds and gay-colored fruits. Transparent sleeyes and corsage of tulle or lace and kimono draped

sleeves remain popular on many hand-

some and brocaded and velvet robes de The short dolman mantles of fur seem to be gaining. Usually they are factened with a single large button or buckle, or tortoise shell or strass

crepe de chine has a laydown collar which can be laced high at the throat r turned low, whichever the wearier

Millinery now being prepared for the All the most fashionable blouses of sunny south shows a great many flowand bright velvets are used in these flowers. The most charming mules to be

yorn in my lady's boudoir are of pale colored satin, embroidered in French ibbon work, or of some precious bit of Chinese embroidery.

A charming note on a white hat is bunch of red satin berries comoleing a band of skunk fur trimming. Such bunches are pretty, too, nestling

A pretty dancing frock for a young girl is of white satin, with a draped white lace tunic. The bodice has draperies of fine white lace and trimmings of torquoise satin ribbons.

In Paris the most strikingly dress. XV. coats of bright colored velvet or rich oddly hued brocade. Emerald green or mulberry red are favorites.

An Ode To Cook.

The world is always praising all the great folks of the time; orators sublime

But to earth's greatest heroine they seldom cast a look. worn by the best dressed children I'll tell you who she is at once—the

blessed household cook! coloured wool rose on muff and scarf. We hear a lot of lauding for the man who goes to war.'

rimmed tailored suit-some people For the doctor and the lawyer and the prophets' wondrous lore. Engineers and decorator and the au

> thor's famous book. But we seldom hear a word about the blessed household cook!

> praise that I would give. But without her ccaseless kindnesses pray, how long would you live

ne'er partook. I raise my hat in honor of blessed household cook

We would soon expire if of food w

saves the lives of thousands by Though she does it in a simple and her duties every day

And when I am an author I hall surely write a book ** About the queen of womankind-th worthy household cook!

Stove Pipes. BY H. L. RANN. The stove pipe



is a sheet-iron specimen of man's inhuman ity to man which is used to test the sang froid of husbands with a religious bent. Some husbands have more sang hardened tinner

to revivify the kitchen range. The tinner is accompanied by a blow-pipe and an assortment of quick-detachable profanity, which he breakes into the ear of the

Stove pipes come in different lengths won't fit anything but the human written her except to thank her for but the minute you pick it up and try to groove it into another section it wil absurd for us to keep on exchanging throw off humps, curves and hand gifts at Christmas and not having springs faster than a mountain mus

For some reason or other, the man of the house is always called upon to wrestle with the stove pipe. While he is doing this the wife of his boson will stand around and criticise his centour and unroll several yards of free sarcasm. It is a wonder tha more divorces are not caused by this vindicitive practice.

There are numerous drawbacks to the stove pipe. It is continually rust ing out just prior to a cold spell, for one thing, and causing a melancholy postponement of the weekly bath Then it is liable to spread in two or hree joints without any warning whatever and flood the home with soft coal smoke. Just as sure as it gets 23 below zero, the stove pipe will choke up and refuse o draw in any direction except backward, when it has to be dismembered with frozen fingers and cleaned out with a new \$1

A sure test of a man's religion is he ability to put up a stiff-necked, ump-backed stove pipe without give ng the members of his family a close mitation of Mount Popocatepetl hav ng convulsions. The man who can do this will never be sued n the region of his marriage contract on the grounds of incompatibility.

A Bashful Swain.

At a Circuit Court in a Highlan ountry town, a young woman wa

ider examination "Now, my good girl," said the ad ocate, "you say you were near th spot when the prisoner at the bar committed the act. Was anyone with you at the time?'

To which she replied: "Yes sir, my sweetheart was with

commented. "Is he here? We want prroborative evidence."

"Yes, sir; just outside." "We had better to call him into court," remarked the judge.

"No, no, my lord," cried the witness goodness, no. I can hardly get him to court me when we're alone, and I'm sure he won't court in front of a lot of other men

Obsequies of Bank Note

There is a certain ceremony attends the death and burial of a Bank of England note. It is only three days after its cancelling that it is carried ed women are wearing the short Louis to its last home in the bank note library. Its first dark day of nothingness is spent in the inspector's office where severe judges sit in judgment on its virtue. During the second day it and its thirty or forty thousand fellows, done up into parcels, are counted and sorted; that is to say, each parcel is dealt out like a pack of cards, according to dates and denominations of value. The third day they are posted in ledgers, which are ken as indices to the paid notes; and then, on the evening of their last day in the upper regions of light and air they are carried down with scant ceremony in huge bags to the bank



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