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# Miss Billie Burke Says That Men, Not Women, Are the Inconsistent Ones. WHAT EVERY WOMAN WANTS TO KNOW

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# HOMEBURY HANDS AND THE HOMEKEEPER.

One of the ing that pots and pans are of more imgreatest trials portance than herself. The care of the hands is not a toilful business, and the woman who has her the woman who thinks it a "bother" very much, I remain. own house-work to do, is should it be a bother to glove the hands the effect of in those loose washable chamois gloves ide of lime to a gallon of water. Soak that come at 25 cents a pair for doing the goods in this for two hours, then

dishwashing, sweeping and dusting upon her hands. Doubtless work with the hands is beautifying to the character, but equally doubtless is its effect far from good upon these members and upon the nails. The woman who cares for her personal appearance and its effect upon others, must ever feel keen—where the nails perfectly. Then when the hands are thoroughly washed in borax the outside of the nails ground. effect upon others, must ever feel keenwater, the cuticle of the nails gently ly that the hand that toils is the hand pushed back with the towel, glycerine that spoils. So far as the mere fleshly and witch hazel rubbed in frequently, and the nails regularly manicured, the material hand is concerned, the woman who does no housework always scores. hands of the homekeeper will be very the rarely keen observer and the presentable. student of expression are able to see



# IT IS NOT WOMEN, BUT MEN THAT ARE INCONSISTENT—

-Says Billie Burke.

A letter in my mail today interested me greatly, one from a man (I wager is over 40) who tells me he has refrained from marrying for fear he will not lave his wife when there are "silver threads among the gold." He says, "I and stint your allowance of candy and can see no beauty in a woman after she is 30 and few women have any fas- other sweets. Take plenty of outdoor

beautiful girls whose youthful spirits, coloring and outlook on life has enchanted me, but when I contrasted them with their older sisters, from whom these charms had fled, I found myself in a panic, or fear I would tie myself up in marriage with ome dear little girl, and then spend my wedded watching her beauty fade year after year. Every wrinkle as it came would hurt me more than t would her, and as her mind matured and she ost all the illusions of youth, one by one, I know I

From what this man writes one would think he had dipped into the fountain of youth himself, nowadays men grow older in looks faster than women, and I am quite sure that women keep their illusions much longer.

The beauty of youth is at best but a promise, and a woman should go on growing better looking until she is at least 60.

By the way, isn't it strange that most of us nsist upon certain people being young or things I can. Avoid cake and pie, candy benew, while age adds inordinatelly to the value and esteem in which we hold other human beings or objects. Women must always be young to be at- Eat vegetables, such as potatoes tractive, to most of the men who balk at wine when various forms, peas, beans, lentils, to-It is not old. And it is a well-known fact that mere age gives a fictitious value to pictures, and other pieces of art that are by no means masterpieces. A play is practically dead after it has had its "run" and the life of the "best beef, with fish cooked in a number of seller" is about six weeks. The public demands that its amusements shall be ways, should form your meat diet, and

ministers to be elderly. A woman's hat and her gloves must be absolutely Scandal, too, is only given a piquancy when it is new. In short, there is nothing that shows the inconsistency of man as his preferences for the young and the old, the old and the new.

It seems to me personally that if I were looking for a wife I should look for other charms than that of perpetual youth. I should want health, a temperament that was quickly moved to laughter, and one that found it easy to ferget the annoyances and disagreeable things of life. I should want a girl would not care for her to take life or herself too seriously, but still I would and this should be attended to by who had sympathy for sorrow, who was sincere in her love of children. wish her to understand that the word wife contains a very different meaning physician. Do not make the mistake from that of sweetheart. I should be very glad to think that we were going to grow old together and instead of worrying about the wrinkles when they came in her face, I should understand that some of them were made by her constant care of her husband and children and I should love her all the more. But then, you see, this is only what Billie Burke would want in a wife, ff she had been a boy instead of a girl, when her father named her Billie.

Don't Marry a Man Who Only Asks for Youth in His Wife, for You Can't Bamboozle Father Time, Warns Billie Burke.

### An Ever-Ready Book For "Scraps"

Billie Burke

Scrapbooks for children are best made of brown holland. The holland should be of the right width, that folded lengthways with the selvages each will make two leaves. For a book take six yards of doubleif liked, with a contrasting color. Fold before fastening together, and either embroider the initials of the child or else work the word "Scraps."

These books are practically untearable, and if made in a dark color, will not show the dirt very quickly. Paste in anything likely to interest the child, or else teach her to make the pictures for herself. The making of pictures out of other pictures is a most fascinating game for the little

Big brown books made of paper are practical and useful for the housewife. How often we hear people complain that there are so many de-lightful recipes published in the

papers, but that it is a bother to cut them out, as they always disappear when wanted. A medium-sized brown paper scrapbook should be at hand with tiny red candy, and write your the clipping cut out, and pasted in name in chocolate across the top. right away. It will only take a few minutes to do, but the recipe is captured for all time.

TO WHITEN FLANNEL. for a while, become yellow. If they one end a basket of oranges might are soaked for two or three hours in a width brown holland, and cut into lather made of a half cake of white piled up with Christmas crackers, half-yard lengths. Buttonholes over soap, two tablespoonfuls of borax and with little dishes of home-made candy the edges with flourishing thread, or, the same amount of carbonate of ammonia, they will get white again. These all together and sew with stout cot-ton down the centre, tying a piece of gallons of soft water. Boil the soap tea which you are to have. I wonder ribbon through to hide the stitches. In the water until thoroughly dissolved, Stretch the front page in a frame then add the remainder of the mix-

#### Daily Healthogram

A FOUR-YEAR-OLD child may share the general table diet if it is plain and varied. It should not have fried or highly-seasoned foods, however. A healthy child may be allowed to satisfy its appetite providing it eats slowly and masticates well.

### 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.]

Bleaching, Cotton.

Dear Miss Grey-Will you kindly publish the recipe for taking all the color out of faded cotton goods? You published this some weeks ago, but I Thanking you very much, I remain, yours truly,

A .- Allow one tablespoonful of chlor-

Needs a Tonic.

Dear Miss Grey-I will be very much bliged if you will answer a few quesions for me. A recipe for vegetable turkey?

2. How to get rid of a red nose or imples on the face?

3. Darken one's eyebrows? A lotion for bad breath?

Can you give me a diet or menu of plain food, so as I can get a clear complexion?

6. A good blood purifier?

And oblige, yours truly, FRANKNESS. A.-1. There are, I believe, several recipes for "vegetable turkey," but this s the only one I can locate at present, and hope you may find it satisfactory: German lentils 1 cup, walnut meats chopped) half cup, milk 1 cup, salt, elery salt, breadcrumbs, onion elery salt, minced),, quarter cup celery (chopped) 1 cup, eggs 2, sage, bread (sliced).
(a) Thoroughly wash the lentils, boil slowly until tender, and run through a colander. Add the walnut meats, 1 egg and the minced onion browned with the hopped celery in a little oil or butter. Add salt and sage to taste. Thicken with bread crumbs. (b) Dip thin slices of bread in a mixture of 1 egg and a up of milk beaten together, Dressing: Stale bread half loaf, cold milk 2 cups, eggs 1 or 2, 1 tablespoon of butter Crumble the bread and soak in the milk; if the bread does not take up most of the milk pour off some of Stir in beaten egg and season with salt, sage, butter and onions.

Now press your three preparations into a baking dish, taking care to arrange them in layers with the dressing between. Bake in a moderate oven for an hour, or until nicely browned. Serve with cranberry sauce and gravy.

2. If the condition is chronic you may a blood purifier prescribed by your cination left after 25. I have known hundreds of exercise, drink water freely, and sleep in a well-ventilated room. In addition apply a little of this lotion outward ly several times a day: Precipitate o sulphur 1 dram, tincture of camphor dram, rosewater 4 ounces. For the red lose, eau de cologne 15 grams, powdered borax 11 grams, water 5 grams, moisten cotton with this and place on the red spots several times daily. 3. Rubbing a very little olive oil into the eyebrows every night will in

ime darken them considerably. 4. I do not advise you to resort to ostrums for the curing of this complaint. See that your teeth are in proper order, and that your digestive organs do their work well. Then you should have no further trouble.

5. It is almost impossible to do this with satisfactory results, for you know 'what is one man's meat is another's poison." However, I shall do the best tween meals, and fried foods, heavy boiled puddings and sauces and gravies matoes and cream soups made from these. Tender beefsteak and rare roas eternally new, but it prefers its physicians, its judges, its politicians and its eggs should also be good for you, espeially when soft-boiled or poached. fruits, oranges and grapefruit taken with sugar, stewed prunes and other dried fruits, or home-canned fruit are allowable. If you drink coffee or tea to excess, it will be necessary to cease this habit. Substitute cocoa or ho

milk instead. 6. I think what you really need is to have your entire system toned up, will pay you to have the benefit of science in the matter.

Helen's Birthday Tea. Dear Miss Grey-I am 8 years old. would like to know how to set my table for my birthday tea. I am go-

ing to have six little children to it. HELEN. A .- Well, Helen, I am glad you are going to have a birthday party. course your mother is going to make you a cake, and I hope she will ice it with nice white icing, ornament it

Then you will want eight tiny candles set around the cake and one in the centre "to grow on." This will make a very pretty centre-piece for your table when the candles are all Ten years old wanted one year old Flannels, after they are laundered lit. In the centre of the table near So. stand, and at the opposite end a dish

> placed here and there on the table. Perhaps your mother would like me to make some suggestion about the if she would like this, A tiny meat pie, served hot, with a spoonful of escalloped potato for each one present, then brown and white bread and butter, with preserved peaches, small iced cakes or cookies, one kind of fastening in front with a large stee light cake, and the birthday cake, with buckle. In millinery, black and white hot cocoa or milk to drink. Now, don't you think that sounds good, Helen? Pass the candy and oranges around last, and the crackers the toques. very last of all. It is heaps of fun hearing them pop, and your little

ODAY, Feb. 28th, the firm of Gray & Parker, after 13 years in the service of the people of London and district, on its anniversary day officially passes out of existence, its place being taken by GRAY'S, LIMITED.

As far as the business life of this store is concerned, this change is a change in name only. It means no radical change in management, while it assures our patrons of an even better service than at present.

WHEN OUR NEW STORE IS READY for our occupation about next midsummer, we will have one of the most up-to-date stores in Canada, and though the qualities, assortments and prices of our merchandise are at present as satisfying to the shopping public as it is possible to make them, yet in our new store facilities for effectively displaying our goods will be as nearly perfect as it is possible to make them.

IN THE MEANTIME just remember this, we are a growing business. We want you as a regular customer. Our stocks are large, our assortments the best, and our styles the latest. Pay us a visit. You will not be disappointed.

# Silk Basella!

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"Gingham Day." A down east manufacturer has decided to go out of the business of making ladies' house dresses and children's dresses, and he had a large stock of Ginghams of the best qualities and the finest colorings on hand. Our buyer happened to be on hand and made an offer to take the entire stock There is a very large quantity of these, but as the qualities are so good, the patterns so much above the average, and the prices so very low, we expect to sell these in no time. These will be first placed on sale Saturday morning. Not a yard will be sold before 8:30 a.m. Be on hand prepared to buy.

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brown, gray and taupe. At yard. . 75¢ 44-inch All-Wool Diagonal. A stylish cloth in navy, cadet and tan. Yard. 75¢

# New Robespierre Collars

We have just received a shipment of Robespierre Collars, in red, paddy green, tan, black, purple and white, in 

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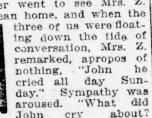
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# MOTHER and RABY and Doctor

XXV .- The Tears of the Ten-Year-Old (Copyright.)

It was really a boy that settled the question of a home for Billy. When party. Arrange them in tin cans or the headworker went to see Mrs. Z. glass fruit jars. in her nice clean home, and when the



aroused. "What did John cry about? 'Cause I wouldn't take that baby, of course. And I says to 'im, I says, 'P'rhaps there'll be another baby.' 'No-o-o,' he says, 'if there is, it'll be a girl' sure-and I don't want no more girls-you got two now-and

Billy's a boy-and I want a boy-y-y!' Some how this was impressive. John really wanted Billy. He cried for him. BLACK AND WHITE, The fashion of black and white has

y no means disappeared, and it con-

tinues to characterize some of the smartest costumes. Materials in equal stripes of black and white are to be seen in all the best shops, and a costume in satin with these stripes looks very smart, made especially for afternoon wear, with a short coat and a draped skirt. The collar and revers of this coat differ from the ordinary in being of equal width all round, and fastening in front with a large steel Now, is as smart as ever, and the new gauze in black and white stripes are much used for trimming hats and making

THE CREAKING DOOR. and aprons which they find within. If your cake is large, each child might have a little piece to take home. I do hope you have a very nice birthday, Helen,

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#### A Poverty Party

Have you ever attended a poverty party? It's great fun, and has the added attraction of costing the hostess

Write the invitations on brown wrapping paper with a pencil and have them delivered by a boy dressed to represent a waif. This is supposed to save postage, and the spirit of poverty must be preserved in every small detail possible. When decorating the table and house

use paper flowers, for natural ones are far too expensive for a poverty Use paper or wooden dishes.

as are sold for picnicking, and tin ing down the tide of cups. Cover the table with a cloth conversation, Mrs. Z. of paper or white oilcloth, and inremarked, apropos of stead of silver use the knives, forks he and spoons which are inexpensive. The room must be cleared of all unnecessary furnishing, such as bric-abrac, crystals and silver. Use small store boxes for chairs to seat the guests at the table.

To furnish light have plain white sperm candles in tin candlesticks. Request the guests to costume accord-

# The Birthday Calendar



cause your judgment to waver, and some dilemma will soon confront you unless you take heed. Journeys or removals seem unpropitious

#### APPEARANCE Plus QUALITY

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very much patched, and the gentlemen blue jeans and fiannel shirt. the most "poverty-stricken" costume carry out the tailor-made effect. and have some one recite, "Over the Hills to the Poorhouse." Request each guest to relate a "hard luck" story and present to the narrator of two-toned effects, stripes and brothe worst one a book. "Poor Richard's Almanac," or any story dealing with slum life or poverty in any form, like Dickens' "The Old Curiosity Shop," would be appropriate. Have the old-fashioned stick candy or molasses taffy and apples for a

special treat to be given during storytelling. If you have a fireplace, by all means provide a glowing wood fire, about which the guests can huddle in true also serve to pop the corn, which popcorn balls can be made.

### Spring Skirt Styles

Since combination suits, consisting of two materials, will be much worn for spring, a great variety of styles in separate skirts are being shown. There are both draped and pleated skirts in large quantities. The more practical skirts have only a slight mother. frapery, which comes well below the knees, thereby preserving the flat hip appearance. A few draped skirts with the new Oriental draperies caught up the new Oriental draperies caught up gust.—Youth's Companion.

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Skirts, including cluster pleats, most of with the roast, it will be found a result together help in thickening and browning

ingly, the ladies to wear gingham or but in the majority calico dresses "tattered and torn," or pleats are introduced. Buttons with simulated buttonholes or loops are the favored trimmings Award a prize to the guest wearing on separate skirts, the idea being to

The materials used are serges, whip cords, mixtures, cheks and ratine weaves, the latter in plain colors in cades. Among the silk skirts are charmeuse, crepe meteor, crepe de thine and the new brocaded failies. Wash skirts are in the corded materials, such as piques, cordelines, reps, etc., and in linens of the ratine weaves and washable pongees.

#### MISPLACED PRECISION.

"Oh, I just love cake, and It's awfully nice!" cried little Dorothy, re-"cold and starved" fashion. It can garding her chocolate frosted dessert with high approval.

"You should not say you love cake," reproved her mother. "Say you like it," and don't say 'awfully,' say 'very,' Don't say 'nice,' but 'good.' And, by the way, the word 'just' should be omitted, and also the 'oh.' Now, my dear, repeat the sentence correctly.'

"I like cake; it is very good," repeated Dorothy. "That is much better," said her

But Dorothy was far from being satisfled. "It sounds as if I was speaking

How to Make Good Gravy. There are many types of new pleated if a since of bread is put in the pan skirts, including cluster pleats, most of with the roast, it will be found a real appearance and still give the desired drippings in the pan, the bread will offent width to make them practicable for be sufficient for thickening purposes