

WOMAN'S WORLD.

BY OUR OWN REPORTER.

April Fashions.

MARCH was in a quiet, contemplative mood this year, altogether unlike its usual bluster and blow, and it slid away very meekly, without giving us its accustomed rough but hearty caresses...

April is fickle, but always welcome, for it is the harbinger of birds, and grass and flowers, and its warmer suns permit us to lay aside our burden of heavy wraps...

THE FASHIONABLE SKIRT.

Draped and trimmed skirts are being developed in every possible style, though very many fashionable women still elect for the plain gored skirt, which is still in high favor...

SPRING CAPES.

The richest and most expensive capes are in a combination of black chiffon and costly black lace, with garnitures of the finest cut jet and satin ribbon...

DAINTY DECORATIONS.

The New York Evening Post gives the following information regarding the ornamentation of fashionable costumes: Bow and buckle trimmings will prevail very largely on spring and summer gowns...

White evening gowns will have long graceful loops and ends of creamy satin ribbon on the shoulders—the loops alone, or mingled with airy fairy frills of silk...

Very charming sashes, girdles deep and narrow, chatelaines and mouchoir muffs, boleros, vest fronts, brooches, panel trimmings, puffs for slashed sleeves, large Empire bows for peleries and flous, are made of ribbons of every description, black, white and tinted, plain, plaided, flowered, striped, watered and dotted...

BOUSE EFFORTS.

Loose silk and chiffon waist fronts are trimmed with rows of gathered or pleated ruffles to simulate a bolero or jacket bodice effect. The same garniture is used on the neck, sleeve-tops, and at the wrists of the close coat-sleeves.

ribbon under the crossing bands, leaving the white blouse itself with no background of color.

THE NEW MILLINERY.

Milliners promise that throughout the summer ostrich plumes, and shaded ones at that, will be much in evidence; that only a very few saffron and true alpine shades are on their shelves; that the wide-brimmed hats maintain but a small place in their patrons' affections...

Carnations, geraniums, gladioli, tulips, lobelia blooms, roses, canna and wild quince blossoms are among the brilliant red flowers that are used upon spring hats and bonnets.

Scores of lovely little travelling hats are shown in brown, brightened with nothing but scarlet straw rosettes, bows, and cockades of fancy rice plait and Hungarian weaves.

Tulle and shot taffeta silk arranged in loose folds crushed side pullings, or the peculiar new bows, will be used largely in place of ribbon for hat trimmings.

PRETTY SUNSHADES.

The newest and most attractive shape, according to the Toronto Empire, is the sunburst, which has much the air of a Chinese parasol at a little distance, but on closer acquaintance shows very straight ribs covered with a prettily tinted taffeta, while over this falls a cover of figured silk, lawn, batiste, foulard, or even gingham, closely accordion plaited, with the plaits all radiating from the centre.

Jade handles, as green as the sea waters, and carved by the gifted Chinese artists, are screwed in the place of china ones. Spheres of the green stone, set in crown prisms of gold, are among the val ed forms, but a woman's head in Chinese court coiffure, a cluster of lotus blossoms and little Japanese jade owls, with jewelled eyes, are among the most approved patterns.

From Paris come parasol butt ends in the form of crystal balls, encased in the gold and jewelled frame of a sovereign's crown, long, wedge-shaped handles encrusted with imitation pearls and diamonds and long discs of jet, handles of rarely lovely cloisonne enamel, and then rough wood sticks with the brown bark adhering, and sprouts of green leaves along the surface. There is really nothing more daintily modish than a stick of birch, willow, peach or plum, that looks as if a strong hand and keen knife had but just hacked it from the blossoming tree.

FASHION'S FRILLS.

Tulle will be a favorite hat trimming, and will be lavishly used. The sailor hat will not be as much in evidence as in former seasons.

The newest parasol is the "Sunburst," and "Sunburst" skirts are part of the fashionable woman's attire.

The new three-piece skirt has a very wide front breadth.

Red blossoms of every form, and little blue violets, continue to be the early favorites in Spring millinery, but the marisette or dahlia has won, by its deference to art, a high place in the popular fancy.

Jewellery is again in vogue, and fine gold necklaces, bracelets and earrings are again prominent features of feminine decoration.

Neck bands are furnished with tall, upstanding frills.

For evening wear Medici collars retain their popularity.

THE RAINBOW PARTY.

The latest fad is the rainbow party which derives its name from the fact that the girls wear pretty aprons of every shade and hue which their good or bad taste may suggest, all of which are left unhemmed. Every girl has a number, and two of them take charge of a box containing duplicates, which is placed near the cloakroom and from which the men, having previously bought tickets, draw a number, armed with which they set forth on a voyage of discovery to find the young lady wearing the corresponding one on her apron.

When all have found their partners, the master of the ceremonies proclaims the conditions—namely, that the young men are to set about hemming the aprons, the one acquiring the most the best gaining the prize. The girls supply the cavaliers with needles and thread, and at the call of "Time!" the fun begins with the efforts of the poor fellows to thread their needles. At the second call of "Time!" the work is handed in to the committee, which passes judgment upon it and awards the prizes, which sometimes are of great value, to the victors, after which the aprons are raffled for, and the party winds up with a dainty little supper.

LONDON STYLES.

Follies repeat themselves. It was Edward IV. who decreed that a shoe maker making peaked toes more than two inches long should be fined 20 shillings, says the St. James Gazette. Now, untrammelled by such laws, one of our most fashionable bootmakers has introduced long pointed toes, which have to

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be filled with cork at the tips and are mostly carried out in the finest patent leather with small buckles on the instep, illustrating the utmost perfection of workmanship. Being so, it would be wiser to relegate them to our cabinets of curiosities. In the Tudor and Stuart time women desirous of rising in the world borrowed inordinately high heels from Italy and these went by the name of "choppines"—Evelyn in his "Diary" calls them "scaffolds"—and the ladies who wore them to walk abroad had to have a servant on either side for support. This impractical fashion is not likely to have any great following, but some beautifully made shoes, with heels varying from three to seven inches in height, are to be seen at a modern shoemaker's rendered in the most costly stuffs, such as floral brocade velvet or cream satin and gold and silver brocades introduced on the high heel as well as on the upper part of the shoes. It seems almost impossible that the wearers could walk in them, but they do. The preposterous heel gives height and considerably reduces the apparent size of the foot; but the wearer must be treading on the very points of the toes.

A FARMER'S WIFE

TELLS A STORY OF YEARS OF PAIN AND SUFFERING.

DOCTORS UTTERLY FAILED TO HELP HER AND MORPHINE WAS CONTINUALLY RESORTED TO—BECAME SO WEAK SHE COULD SCARCELY PERFORM HER HOUSEHOLD DUTIES.

From the Beaver, Napanee.

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Stone have been residents of the township of Ernestown, about ten miles east of Napanee, for a period of about three years, and in that time have gained the esteem of all their neighbors. For six years previous to this time they had lived in Glenwood Springs, Colorado, and it was during their residence there that Mrs. Stone was attacked with an illness that made her life miserable for years. To a reporter who recently interviewed her she told the following story: "During the early part of our residence in Colorado, my illness first came on. At the outset every two or three weeks I would be attacked with a pain in my stomach. Later on it greatly increased in severity, and at times was so bad that I would scream aloud with the pain. A doctor was called in, but the only benefit I ever received from his treatment was



through the injection of morphine into my arm, as a result of which the pain would gradually pass away. The medicine which was given me, however, had not the slightest effect, and the doctor appeared to be greatly perplexed, and thereafter continually resorted to injections of morphine whenever the attacks came on. These attacks continued at intervals until our return to Canada, when they increased in frequency and intensity. The result was that I grew very weak, and my whole system appeared to be giving out. My complexion turned a yellowish hue, and I had little or no appetite. Latterly I would be attacked with fainting spells, preceded by attacks of dizziness. I became utterly unable to stand fatigue, and could with the greatest difficulty perform my household duties. A doctor was called in who treated me for some time without benefiting me any. Then he gave me what I now know to be Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and after I had used two boxes I felt somewhat better. I then purchased the pills myself and continued the treatment. I found that the pain was gradually decreasing. I could get rest and sleep at night, which had hitherto been almost impossible. I continued using Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for several months, and the result is that they have effected a complete cure, and I am now enjoying the best of health. I can assure you it is a great relief to be free from the trouble that made my life miserable for so many years, and I have to thank Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for succeeding when doctors had failed.

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Recipes. COFFEE SAUCE. Pour half a pint of cream, which must be boiling hot, over two tablespoonfuls of ground coffee. Cover closely and let stand for perhaps fifteen minutes, then strain into a saucepan, sweeten, and stir in the yolk of an egg and a scant teaspoonful of cornstarch, and let come to a boil over a medium fire. When cold add the beaten whites of two eggs and set on ice till ready to serve.

SPICED APPLES. Spiced apples are appetizing and excellent to have with meats at this season, when the supply of homemade pickles and relishes has disappeared. Make a syrup of equal parts of vinegar, water and sugar, add a little cayenne pepper, a few whole cloves, and some pieces of stick cinnamon. Peel the apples and cut them into quarters or eighths, put them in the liquid syrup, and cook until tender. Remove the apples with a skimmer and boil the syrup until thick and turn over the cooked fruit.

HONEY CAKES. They will keep indefinitely, and are particularly relished by the children. Cream together a quarter of a pound each of butter and sugar, add three-quarters of a pound of strained honey, one teaspoonful of ginger, a quarter of a nutmeg, half a teaspoonful of soda, an egg, and three-quarters pound of flour. Roll thin, cut in small rounds, and bake quickly.

Home. A prize which was offered by a London paper for the best definition of a home brought about five thousand answers. Some of the best were the following: A world of strife shut out, a world of love shut in. Home is the blossom of which Heaven is the fruit. The only spot on earth where the faults and failings of fallen humanity are hidden under the mantle of charity. The father's kingdom, the children's paradise, the mother's world. Where you are treated best and grumbled most. A little hollow scooped out of the windy hill of the world, where we can be shielded from its cares and annoyances.

Household Hints. According to Miss Parloa, soaking prunes over night destroys their flavor. They should be washed twice in tepid water, and then put in a saucepan with cold water—one and one-half cups of water to one cup of prunes—and allowed to simmer slowly for at least two hours. Prunes when properly cooked require no sugar, their own sweetness being sufficient.

Roasts of beef, rib and sirloin, for carving, should have the backbone at the right of the platter. Cooking teachers advise the removal of the cores of eggs, the tough milk-white bit that becomes hard and indigestible when cooked.

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PROVINCE OF QUEBEC, DISTRICT OF MONTREAL, SUPERIOR COURT. No. 280. IN THE SUPERIOR COURT. Dame Flavie Raymond dit Lajeunesse, of the parish of St. Vincent de Paul, in the district of Montreal, wife, common as to property, of Louis Prevost, of the same place, and duly authorized by a Judge, has taken, this day, an action before this court, in separation as to property from her said husband. Montreal, 12th February, 1897. BEAUDIN, CARDINAL, LORANGER & ST. GERMAIN, 85-5 Attorneys for Plaintiff.

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC, DISTRICT OF MONTREAL, SUPERIOR COURT. No. 281. Dame Charlotte Campbell, of the City and District of Montreal, wife of Michael McGrail, of the same place, Gentleman, duly authorized as aforesaid, Plaintiff, vs. Michael McGrail aforesaid, Defendant. An action in separation as to property has been this day instituted in this cause. Montreal, 18th March, 1897. D. R. MURPHY, 37-5 Attorney for Plaintiff.