

Correspondence Column
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Recipes and Style Notes

A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Bright Articles Daily on
Women's Interests and
Activities Here and There

KATHERINE LESLIE'S HOME CHAT



THE ARTIST IN NEEDLEWORK.

The woman who takes to art needlework in a country like ours must prepare herself for keenest disappointment in the monetary returns which her work will bring. If she has not a clientele which is cultivated enough to estimate her work artistically, and to pay for it accordingly, how is she to gain the wherewithal to live? In vain are her years of study at Kensington, or the schools of art and design abroad, if the people who order her work are not dowered with the gift of artistic perception and appreciation. To make a special design for table or altar cloths, to think out the design in all its detail of form and color, so that its suitability to the purpose is perfect, and then, with fingers quick to obey the idea of the brain, to carry the whole to lovely completion, is work that calls for imagination, knowledge of design and color, for time, patience, and skill, in one of the most ancient and most beautiful of the arts. Yet, it is the needle. But it seems that women, accustomed to the work of machines

bye, sweetheart." Same corner, upside down, "I love you." Same corner, crosswise, "My heart is another's." Same corner horizontally, "I hate you." At the bottom left hand corner, "I seek your acquaintance." Same corner, upside down, "I wish you joy." Same corner, horizontally, "Will you meet me?" In the middle at left side, "Accept my love." Same place, upside down, "I am engaged." Same place, horizontally, "I long to see you." In the middle at the top, "Yes." Same place, upside down, "On conditions." Same place, horizontally, "Are you jealous?" In the middle at bottom, "No." Same place upside down, "You are too loving." Same place horizontally, "My parents object."

Two Tried Recipes

By Caroline Coe.

Sugar Cookies.

Cream, two cups of sugar and one cup of butter or butter substitute, add three eggs one at a time, and beat thoroughly before adding another. Add one cup of sour milk, into which you have stirred one teaspoon of soda, a pinch of salt and a dash of cinnamon and half a teaspoon of vanilla. Stir in two cups of flour. Now take a cupful of the dough out of the moulding board and add as little flour as possible to keep from sticking to hands and board. Cut into shape, place in greased pan and sprinkle granulated sugar on top. These cookies may be dropped from a teaspoon instead of being rolled. Place them about three inches apart and press into cookie shape. They must be baked in what is termed a "quick oven."

Hickory Nut Jumbles.

One cup of butter, one cup of sugar, two eggs, two cups of flour, one-half cup of hickory nut meats, one teaspoon of baking powder. Cream, butter and sugar, add eggs one at a time, beating each into the sugar and butter mixture. Add flour into which baking powder has been sifted and nut meats at the same time. This will be a very stiff dough, and press into as regular shape as possible. I find dropped cookies, even if the shape is not regular nor the sizes even, just as effective in appeasing the small boy's appetite, and this method saves much time and labor. Try this next time.

On Adam's Peak, in Ceylon, at about 7,000 feet above sea level, there is a large flat stone, on which is the imprint of the human foot. Mohammedans believe this to be the place that Adam first stepped, on being expelled from the Garden of Eden. In close proximity to this are the tea gardens of the world-famous Nuwara Eliya district, where "Salada" Tea is grown.

Daily Healthogram

By a Physician.

Abscessing of tonsils is called quinsy. Such abscesses usually break into the throat. When a person has had three attacks of quinsy it is usually proof enough that the tonsils are of little further service. A physician's advice on removing them should be followed.

Missed Once Only In Three Years

Mrs. C. W. Belton, Secretary of the Women's Canadian Club Holds This Record.

Mrs. F. P. Betts, president of the Women's Canadian Club, occupied the chair at the meeting held in the Normal School on Friday afternoon last, this being the first meeting held since Mrs. Betts' return from the south a fortnight ago. In a few remarks before introducing the speaker of the occasion, Miss Grace Blackburn, Mrs. Betts expressed her pleasure at once more being back in London and able to attend the meetings of the club. She made mention of the absence through illness of Mrs. C. W. Belton, secretary, and stated that this was the first time in three years that Mrs. Belton had missed a meeting.

There was a large attendance of club members present.

ANCIENT GOWN IN STYLE.

A net gown with the characteristics of similar gown is 1890 is new. One of these frocks has a three-ruffled skirt, pointed satin bodice and a bow of ribbon with an end at the back. The skirt is scant and clears the floor by two inches to show the white stockings and black slippers.

WHEN THE DOWNY CHICK STEPS OUT OF THE SHELL

What To Do and How To Do It.

[By Mrs. Kate V. Saint Maur, Noted Poultry Expert.]

If you are going to hatch early chickens in an incubator to catch an early broiler market, a good brooder which is heated is indispensable. If, however, you are only going to start hatching in early spring to a fireless brooder may be resorted to. It is cheaper.

Until two years ago I always used

an outdoor brooder which was heated by a lamp. Then I tried a fireless brooder during April and May, when the weather was settled.

The outdoor brooders are weather-proof machines which need no shelter even in the severest weather. Most of them are made with two compartments, a chamber with a round cover which is heated by a lamp and an outer

compartment for exercise and feeding. These machines are supposed to hold 100 chickens, but I found 75 quite enough to care for. Even that number should be decreased to 50 the second week and 25 the fourth week if the chickens are to be confined entirely to the brooder.

Before you put your chicks into the compartment in which the hover is situated have it heated to 98 degrees. Be sure to keep it at this temperature for the first three days and nights. Also the door to the outer compartment must be kept shut for the same length of time.

On the fourth day the door may be opened and the chicks allowed to run in the outer compartment, but the room in which the brooder stands must be warm and the little downy ones should be watched towards bedtime, for they are apt to remain in the outer compartment and become chilled. They must be closely scrutinized until they learn the way in and out of their sleeping place.

After your chicks are three weeks old, the door of the outer compartment may be opened so that they can run on the floor of the room. Here they must have plenty of scratching material, and if the weather is fine and mild it will do them good to let them have a run outside for an hour or two in the middle of the day. Do not, however, be in a hurry to harden them before they are five weeks old, as it is a risky experiment.

The great aim with young birds is to develop them as quickly as possible, for to get the best price a broiler must grow quickly and be plump. It should not be thin and lank, as is often the case with spring chickens that run loose on the farm. As the natural tendency is to make growth and not flesh, the fattening of young birds is almost an art.

All newly-hatched birds should have nothing to eat for the first 36 hours. After that a mixture of small seeds and cracked grain may constitute their whole diet for ten days. Their food should be one quart, each, of finely cracked corn, bran and hulled oats mixed with the same quantity of golden millet, rape, Kafir corn and very sharp fine gravel, crushed charcoal and finely chopped clover hay. After mixing this thoroughly you should pass it through a fine sieve to insure there being no large pieces of corn or oats on which the babies may choke.

For the first three days of their feeding put a small pan filled with the mixture in each corner of the brooder compartment. Instead of water fill a small drinking fountain with milk which has been scalded and cooled. Leave this food with the chickens for fifteen minutes at morning noon and again at 3 o'clock.

Two small-sized fountains especially made for brooders cost 18 cents each. If it is not convenient to buy one of these turn a small cup or jelly glass upside down in a deep saucer and pour the milk around it. In this way there will be only a small quantity of milk around the edge and the babies cannot possibly get into it. After the chicks are able to walk access to the outer compartment mixed grain should be scattered on cut hay, or whatever is used to cover the floor so that the little creatures will have to hunt for it.

"How to Fatten Poultry For the Market," by Mrs. Saint Maur, in the next lesson, will interest everybody.—Editor.

The newest French boots have borders of rich brocade, which should be repeated in hat or costume. Combinations of white serge skirts, with colored cloth coats, promise to be in favor this spring.

The Poet's Corner

THOUGHTS, WORDS AND DEEDS.

Each fleeting thought That flashes through the brain, With sequence infinite is fraught; There's not a word, Or kind, or bitter, or profane, But through eternity is heard. In all's every deed, By virtue prompted, or ambition vain, Receiveth due and everlasting meed. What'er, then, thou dost think, or speak, or do, Be all thy actions just, words gentle, and thoughts true.

—A. W. Eriery.

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, so that replies may be given in a timely manner, as all letters have to be answered in turn as they are received. No letters can be answered privately.]

Wants to Reciprocate.

Dear Miss Grey: Having received so many helps from your interesting column, and having never given any help, I am sending grape-fruit marmalade recipe, which I have always found reliable. Hoping Mrs. J. C. H. will find it satisfactory and timely.

This recipe gives the spelling of grape-fruit different from yours, but "I tell the tale as 'twas told to me."

MIDDLESEX READER.

Two large or thin, medium grape-fruit, two lemons, eight pounds granulated sugar, eight large cups water. Wash thoroughly and dry the grape-fruit and lemons. Then with a sharp knife peel off thin skin off each. Cut this skin into as narrow strips as possible and about one-half inch long and put into a good sized granite basin. Then cut fruit and lemons, very fine, into the basin also. Put the pieces into a cup of cold water. Add the eight cups of water to the contents of the basin and allow all to stand twenty-four hours. Then add the water the lips have been soaked in and boil three-quarters of an hour, and turn into the basin for twenty-four hours. Then boil for three-quarters of an hour again, after adding the eight pounds of sugar and stirring carefully. Then bottle. This is delicious.

A—It certainly sounds delicious and although several recipes for this sweet have been given, I publish this also. I delight to note the spirit of helpfulness which appears to permeate the hearts of many of my readers.

Timely Tip.

My Dear Miss Grey: Having seen in last night's paper your kind letter informing me that "Iris" had been so kind as to send me a cure for thick neck, I am sending you my address and thanking you and "Iris" for your kindness.

I am sending a method by which a white Milan straw hat may be nicely cleaned. Take common salts of lemon, dissolve in boiling water, and apply evenly with a soft brush. When it has been treated with this rinse off with cold water and dry in the air. Renew the gloss of the straw by brushing with the white of an egg. A clean felt surface should be used under the hat if it has a flat brim, and to keep the latter from curling up lay wax paper over the crown and place weights on it. Hoping this may be useful to some reader, I am,

G. L.

A—"Iris" letter has been forwarded to you. Your hint re cleaning a hat is most timely and will, I am sure, be highly appreciated by many girls who are desirous of renovating a last year's bonnet.

New Dress for Grandma.

Dear Miss Grey: I have a black messaline silk dress to make for grandma, aged 89 years. She is slightly

built, but bright and active. Would you please give me a few suggestions as to a way to make the dress for one of her years?

Thanking you in advance.

A—The dear "grandma" eyes. A dress that is easily slipped on and fastened without much trouble. It is always a matter of lament to me that these fashion fads do not contain more styles for middle-aged and elderly women.

Would suggest gathering the skirt around the back and hips, or, if you prefer it, lay the skirt all around. Turn up a deep hem, and, if you wish, a tuck or two just above it. For the waist, would suggest two tucks running from the shoulders down to the waistline, both front and back, and across the front; in between the sets tucks, to the depth of a yoke, form fine horizontal pin tucks or rows of shirring. The fastening of the waist could be concealed under one of the tucks at the last side. Join the waist and under skirt and hide the joining by means of a wide crush girdle. The sleeves should be made plain and either gathered into a cuff or with tucks laid in to make them small enough at the wrist to form the semblance of a cuff. Finish at the hand with a narrow cream ruching and also the soft silk collar, which should be fastened in the front.

I hope that I have made myself intelligible and that you will like this style for "grandma."

Making a Coin Cabinet.

Miss Grey: Will you please give me a plan for building a cabinet suitable for coins to be kept in? I have a good many and would like some place to keep them in. If you can't would you ask some of your readers? Also a remedy for blackheads.

Thanking you for your great patience in answering the questions.

WORKER.

Ans.—I wonder if any masculine reader of this column, who is interested in collecting curious coins, can give "Worker" any information along the line of making a coin cabinet? If so, I should be pleased to publish the same. I might say to Worker, that I feel sure the public library would be able to supply him with some volume dealing with this subject. Why not ask there?

2. Soften the skin by placing cloths wrung out of hot water, on the face at night, then remove as many of the blackheads as possible by pressing with a soft towel, taking care not to bruise the skin. Apply some cold cream, rubbing it in well. To keep the skin clean, a thorough washing with a mild soap and warm water followed by rinsings of clear water each night before retiring is a great help. In the morning use cold water only, dashing it up well onto the face and neck.

The Stamp Language.

So many requests for the "stamp language" have reached me that out of self-defence I am publishing it herewith. But let my correspondents heed this dire threat—do not dare to send me any letters upon which the stamps are misplaced. This is fair warning, my friends.

A stamp placed at the top, right hand corner, means "Business" or "I wish your friendship"; same corner upside down, "Write more"; same corner horizontally, "Do you love me?" At the bottom, right hand corner, "You are very cruel." Same corner, upside down, "Can you not trust me?" Same corner, horizontally, "You are changed."

In the middle, at right side, "Write soon." Same place upside down, "I am sorry." Same place horizontally, "I am married."

At the top, left hand corner, "Good-bye."

HAVE YOUR PIANO TUNED.

The Callaghan Piano House has engaged the services of Mr. Alec B. Stein for their tuning and repairing department. Mr. Stein is a thoroughly competent man, and all his work will be guaranteed by Callaghan—phone 708. Write or call at 613 Wellington street.

"SWEET SIXTEEN" FROCKS FROM PARIS SHOPS

MAYBELLE MORTIMER SENDS FROM PARIS THESE CHARMING PHOTOGRAPHS OF GIRLISH COSTUMES.



BY MAYBELLE MORTIMER.

Paris, April 17.—Never before were there such pretty and dainty designs in frocks for the young girl. They have none of the striking notes which mark the attire of the matron, but are as simple as "sweet sixteen."

What could be prettier than the checked cotton voile in cool gray and white with its sash of dark green and its touches of embroidery in dark green on waist and sleeves. This dress has a simulated Russian blouse, with a cord of the green about the collar, but if you wish it to be a "really truly" tub gown this cord can be left off without changing the effect.

No young girl wears a collar of any kind even on morning frocks. For evening the black accordion plaited skirt with its little blouse of pale blue embroidered with silver is particularly youthful besides having a most stunning effect.

The waist-line on this costume is slightly raised, although I think the "normal" waistline is seen more on the young girls' dresses than it is on the matrons.

Another girlish costume is of white accordion plaited charmeuse and over it is a dainty tunic of crepe de chine. The photographs I am sending tell the whole story of how these gowns are made, and you may be sure they are up to the minute in style and good taste.

The Birthday Calendar



IF THIS IS YOUR BIRTHDAY

You are fortunate and will meet with financial success, and your year will be probably active, some trouble or sickness, which foresight may avoid, threatens your dear ones.

Those born today, having strong wills will be able to overcome their natural tendencies to frivolity and trifling and will, with other talents for diplomacy and poetics, attain high places.