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Haunted Houses

By Winnifred Black.

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"There," said the woman who believes in signs, "it does look haunted, doesn't it?"

And I looked up from the timid green of the new grass, up to the clear green of the little runaway brook that was talking at the top of its voice, telling all who would listen that spring had really come, up to the top of the wind-swept hill—where the Haunted House stood.

"Yes," said I, "it does look haunted—and I believe it is."

"Yes," said I, "I heard the history of the haunted house on the hill I knew that what I felt when I looked at it was true, and that it must be haunted, really haunted, too."

For the woman who built it was haunted with the terrible ghosts of hatred and revenge, and envy, and small ambition, and cruel bitterness of heart.

She built the house to haunt it and her wealth in the face of her own shadow, who died alone and friendless in the very shadow of the haunted house.

And in the haunted house with the woman who built it lived sycophants and toadies and cowardly schemers, who flattered the owner of the house and made a silly dupe of her, with messages from what they called the spirit world. And the woman who built the haunted house died in a sanatorium, driven there by her own bitter hatred of her own kith and kin.

Haunted! I would live in a house with a history like that until I had had every stone and every bit of wood in it scrubbed and deodorized—from the cellar to the last beam in the garret.

I'd open every one of those shuttered windows, fling wide the barred doors, and fairly saturate that house of misery with the clean, wholesome sunshine, and even then I'd take a little house without a story to it in preference to that one for my dwelling place.

Haunted! Why, of course, it is haunted; it was bound to be haunted from the very first day the foundation stone was laid in the bitterness of heart.

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When Mrs. Smith came in to see you, was there something forced about her smile, or did you just imagine it? Why, even the dog on the hearthstone looked as if he had the blues.

Don't you know what was the matter? The Smiths live in a haunted house, and the ghost was walking just as you rang the bell. The cruel, haunting ghost of jealousy and distrust, and all her assumed smiles, could not keep her blood from chilling.

The house where the two sisters lived—one of them is a beauty and she laughs at the other, who is very plain. And the other is a beauty and she sneers at the one who is very plain. And a miserly old father watches them both with a kind of satirical and biting humor. Haunted, all haunted, every house that is inhabited by hate and anger and envy.

And the lightest minded child knows it as soon as he steps across the threshold and shows that he knows it in every line of his childish face. The woman who comes for the laundry knows it—and so does the boy who delivers the groceries at the back door.

The ash man gets away from the place as quickly as he can, and the very dogs shink by the gate with a smothered bark.

Haunted, from cellar to the roof, every one of them. I wouldn't live in a house like that if I got it furnished, heated, lighted—for nothing—would you?

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.]

Point on Dress.

Dear Miss Grey: Would you please tell me what would take red paint out of a white dotted muslin dress? The paint had been put on thick and then it softened with the heat.

Thanking you in advance.

A.—Saturate the spots with equal parts of ammonia and turpentine. When the paint becomes quite soft, wash between the hands with soap and warm water, and rinse thoroughly.

A Laundry Mishap.

Dear Miss Grey: Would you be so kind as to tell me if there is a way to remove the stain of black velvet, as a band of it on the neck of a white waist was put in the boiler, and my white clothes are stained in spots of blue, black, and washing did not seem to help any. So, if you could help me, it would greatly oblige.

A Reader.

A.—As the stain is really a dye, it will be almost impossible to take it out. To dip the spots in a solution of chloride of lime and water might help; saturate well, rinse, and place in the sun. Or, an application of lemon would probably bleach out some of the worst stains.

No Need to Tell That.

Dear Miss Grey: Please tell me, in your corner the best way to remove redness from the eyes and to make the eye lashes grow.

On what hand should a diamond ring be worn?

2. On what hand should a diamond ring be worn? Hoping I haven't troubled you with too many questions, yours,

MARIE W.

A.—Do you refer to redness of the eye-ball or the eye-lid? In either case the redness indicates that you have been over-straining your eyes. Perhaps you read or sew too much by artificial light, guard against this. If the lids are inflamed, a bathing serv-

The Birthday Calendar



IF THIS IS YOUR BIRTHDAY

You are threatened with some trouble, and it is well to look carefully on all sides. Avoid quarrels and be careful how you travel or start new enterprises.

Those born today will be careless and unsettled, and will not stick long to anything. They will have imitative ability, but are inclined to lack individuality. If this is acquired, they can go ahead with success.

say for June 11, for May 10, for April 9, and April 12.

5. What are the latest books. BILLIAM.

A.—1. Not exactly. Your writing is very neat and free of blots.

2. Ask at a music store. They will be able to give you a much more complete list than I.

3. You are a pretty big boy for your age, but your height is fairly proportionate for your girl.

4. I honestly haven't space to publish all these. As your letter is postmarked "London," why not call at this office and look up the days for yourself in the file copy?

5. I do not know what class of books you refer to—whether it is fiction or general reading. Why not inquire at the free library?

FRILLS OF FASHION

The newest hat shape in Paris at this present moment is the Gironde. It is remarkable for its simplicity in trimming. Narrow black velvet encircles the crown and is tied in a small bow at the back, while in front the hat is supplemented with an upstanding ostrich plume.

Combined hood, veil and scarf is new for the motorist. The hood is provided with a drawing thread in the back that holds it securely in position.

Frocks of apple green chiffon with Brussels net are being shown. This month.

Earrings are still the reigning fad; some of the new designs in pearls, rhinestones and platinum effects are truly lovely.

Crocheted buckles to match the pins which came out this summer are new and very good looking indeed.

The newest "middy blouses" are made quite elaborate for a real midy, as the sailor collar and cuffs, also the bottom are hand scalloped. An all white dress, scalloped in light green, is very pretty and cool looking.

Stunning blouses are made of finest batiste with insets of real Irish lace, while other lovely ones are trimmed with flit lace.

QUICK BREAKFAST.

If you are obliged to leave home without taking time for breakfast, drop a raw egg into a cup of hot coffee and drink it. This will prove both nourishing and stimulating.

NO BURNED CAKE.

Sometimes it is difficult to keep a cake from burning on the top when baking. Try making a tent out of brown paper and set it over the cake in the oven. It works well.

Advertiser Patterns

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Fashionable Button Trimming



This dainty figured voile looks exactly like fine lawn, but is without the disadvantages of that material. This particular piece bore a design of moss rose buds in natural colors. The velvet ribbon used for trimming is as amethyst shade, which harmonizes well with the rose pink. A white lace frill finishes the neck and a row of velvet-covered buttons trims the front.

Autumn Fads in the Latest

Midsummer tendencies reveal the shaping of autumn fads and fashions. It is not a mere whim that induces midlady to spend many precious vacation moments crocheting handkerchiefs and opera bags—as well as hairbands and many other pretty ornaments of gold thread and turquoise or garnet beads. She knows that these bags, mounted over some lustrous satin, are to be "quite the thing" this coming winter season, so she is busy fashioning thread meshes that have the effect of pliable gold metal beautifully encased in turquoise, garnets and other gems. Some of these bags have heavy cord drawing strings, others crocheted handles. The hairbands usually have ribbons woven into their borders with a ribbon rosette at one end—they extend only from ear to ear—and a butterfly crocheted out of the gold thread, with green velvet figure design and jeweled jewel-flecked wings and leveled eyes at the other. The bags are very pretty and of endless variety of shapes and sizes.

A new millinery plush with ermine effect is now on the market and will be seen in next season's autumn and winter headgear. There is also a heavy white corded novelty with green velvet figure design among the new millinery materials. These silk and pile fabrics are very striking, and no doubt Dame Fashion will use them effectively.

There is an agarie novelty in black and white among the newest dress goods. Agarie belongs to the class of dress materials of the Turkish style. The new weave is loose and regular, of mesh, with the "towel" effect, scarcely noticeable and giving the appearance of a figure in the weave. The black appears as a single fine stripe.

Darning and tinting combinations were never so fashionable as now. One handsome boudoir set of heavy novelty brown rep, had a conventional floral design embroidered in antique shades of gold, green, blue and old rose. The bar-like portion of the design and the background to the inner pointed floral pattern were tinted and darned in harmonizing shades. A design proper, and French knit, with outline stitches were all used to advantage, and these, combined with the work rarely effective and beautiful for this model. The set comprised pillow, a round and an oblong table-cover and a bag.

Jabots are showing many changes and improvements. The cascade jabot is the latest. These are fashioned chiefly in plain and novelty nets and trimmed with dainty Bohemian, Venetian or shadow lace. This type of jabot promises to be much in evidence, as the high director collar used on many of the new coats leaves a space particularly adapted to a fluffy, yet long type of neckwear.

To Wash Cretonne

The cretonne coverings for the furniture become soiled very quickly. A heavy household expenditure is the extra laundry bill when they are sent to be cleaned. Those who possess washing and drying accommodation should make use of their advantages and launder the coverings at home.

First, shake or brush all loose dirt from the coverings. Soak them in water for at least 12 hours. If they are much soiled change the water several times.

Add salt to the water if they are being washed for the first time. This prevents the colors from fading.

Dissolve a cake of yellow soap in boiling water, making a plentiful supply. If there are many covers to be washed, add enough to a tub of water to produce good suds. If the water is hard, a little ammonia will soften it. Rub them well in soapy water, changing it once or twice as required.

The covers should be rinsed through several waters to which salt has been added. This keeps the colors from

New Fall TRIMMINGS

We have just received the greatest part of our fall trimmings. In this line we have far larger assortments than ever before. All of these goods are imported direct from England and Germany, and we have not only procured all the latest novelties, but have procured them at rock-bottom prices. You should see these at once, and learn of the trend of the fall styles.

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of stains. Dip the fingers into the tea, rubbing the nails with a soft brush, then wash with warm water and soap.

Before varnishing furniture rub the wood with fine sandpaper to give it a smooth surface. See that brushes used are soft and of a good quality, or varnish will dry streaky.

PAINT MENDS PANS.

An inexpensive way to mend the pan that goes under the sink or the mop-pail is to turn it upside down and give it a thick coat of paint. Let it dry well and then add a second coat.

A DARE. [Smart Set.] To the Editor—"Why do the most worthless men often get the best wives?" Answer—"I don't know. Ask your husband."

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HOUSEHOLD TOPICS.

To remove mud stains from a linen skirt, soak the skirt over night in sour milk diluted with water, then wash in the usual way; 'tis easier and looks whiter.

The experiment is suggested of using a tablespoonful of vinegar in the water in which white silk hose are washed to keep the silk from yellowing.

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TORTURER. [Chicago Record-Herald.] "Nobody knows how I have suffered," she complained.

"Does your husband abuse you?" her friend asked.

"No, but he can sit for hours without hearing a word that I say."

LUCKY. [Yonkers Statesman.] "This is the third time you have been here for food," said the woman at the kitchen door, to the tramp. "Are you always out of work?"

"Yes," replied the itinerant. "I guess I was born under a lucky star."

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