

HOUSE-CLEANING TIME AT THE WHITE HOUSE--MRS. TAFT BOSSES THE JOB

From the "summer white house" at Beverly Farms, Massachusetts, Mrs. Taft has been conducting a correspondence course in full house-cleaning.

Every few days Mrs. Taft, who acts as housekeeper in Washington for Mrs. Taft, has received a letter from the President's wife, containing directions for the work she wants done. Nothing is too small to receive the special attention of the "First Lady." She realizes that everything counts in making comfortable, happy and healthy her family, guests and employees. Mrs. Taft knows how things ought to be done. In an emergency she could act as housekeeper and chef.

A number of extra employees, in addition to the 26 regularly on duty, have been busy at the executive mansion for several weeks. The kitchens have come in for an especially thorough overhauling. The most vigilant care is necessary to insure absolutely sanitary conditions in the White House, for while the interior was rebuilt during the Roosevelt regime, the walls of the famous mansion are very old and need constant looking after.

Mrs. Taft has had a large storeroom, adjoining the regular kitchen, turned out and made into a subsidiary kitchen, the White House kitchen heretofore being inadequate.

Whenever state dinners were given much of the food had to be prepared on the outside by caterers. Only thirty or forty persons could be supplied from the White House kitchen. Mrs. Taft hopes that the new scheme will make that unnecessary.

The old kitchen was about twenty-five feet square, and the new one adds 18 feet to its space. Both kitchens have been newly tiled so they may be kept spotless. A modern hotel range, 15 feet in length, with great hood and warming racks, has been installed. In the smaller kitchen there is a large gas range and a great deal of electrical equipment.

The employees' quarters have been thoroughly overhauled. Beds and furniture received fresh coats of paint and enamel. New curtains have been put up and closets built in.

A list of all china, silver, glassware and linen was prepared for the President's wife by the White House steward and Mrs. Taft. Mrs. Taft went over this carefully, and wherever new stock was needed it was ordered. This is usually done by other presidents' wives only once during their residence in the executive mansion, but Mrs. Taft has



Above, Mrs. Taft and a part of the state dining room at the white house; below, a corner in the Taft living room.

seen to it personally each year. Consequently, the linen and china closets and the silver chests are in better shape than they ever were.

Where an inventory is taken only once in four years many things are "found missing." Valuable and historic articles are mysteriously spirited away, never to be heard of again. Mrs. Taft even went over the list of cooking utensils, some 200 in number, and the stock was replenished, the very latest equipment being added.

The east, red, blue, green rooms were only freshened up this fall. The walls were retinted and some of the furniture recovered. The living apartments of the family were not changed materially. A thorough cleaning was given them. Accumulated odds and ends from Charles Taft's "den" were thrown away.

If Mrs. Taft has a sad it is house-keeping. At her summer home in Beverly Farms she did the entire marketing for the household, going to the stores and selecting carefully the food for each day, buying just enough and at the best, and paying cash for each thing.

In Washington she has a conference with her steward and housekeeper each day about purchases for the next day. In addition to the food for the household Mrs. Taft keeps an eye on the special food order for her husband, for Dr. Baker, the President's physician,

Mrs. Taft's scrapbook is filled with old and new cooking recipes. The minutest of the Thanksgiving pies will be made under her supervision from a recipe given her by the wife of the

secretary of state. She is bringing back with her from Beverly several hundred jars of preserves and jelly, among them 23 jars of Charles Taft's favorite pickles.

people, peaceable, industrious and capable, will make a new dating point for history.

The more minutely this change is studied the more marvelous seems its thoroughness.

In its government five years ago China was not far behind Brock, the emperor was the final authority, writes Fletcher S. Brown in the Pacific Monthly.

Provisional government, democracy were practical unknown terms and untried. During 1909 the ballot was granted to all people meeting certain property or education qualifications. Provisional provincial parliaments were held in the 21 provinces of the empire. The parliaments were conducted with exceptional ability and have called forth favorable comment from all students of Chinese affairs.

During November of 1910, as is provisional imperial parliament were held. Today China stands on the threshold of a constitutional government, planning to take her place alongside the constitutional monarchies like Germany and Great Britain. There are already signs of this new type; there are many reforms on paper only; but unless other nations forcibly interfere, the new system will be adopted.

In 1908 China had the educational system that existed almost unchanged for 2,000 years. She was practically without any government colleges and schools, although no student ever endured such intellectual tests as did hers in the famous triennial examinations, and no educational standards were so exacting, still all of their learning did not teach them the most elementary facts of geography, modern history or mathematics. Their most learned scholars did not know that the earth was round, had never heard of the law of gravitation, and could hardly compute the interest on a note. The one aim of their education was to win men from the degeneracy of the present and enable them to return to the civilization of the past.

For these two millenniums of scholars, who controlled the policy of the nation, kept their eyes fixed upon the golden age of the remote past. Their advances were backward; and up to a decade ago they were casting imprecations upon the insistent modernism which was knocking at the doors of the empire. The explanation of China's former conservatism; for centuries her great intellectual force has been bound by the manacles of an effect scholasticism.

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ushered from the dim recesses of the past into the arena of modern life; a nation which was a clog upon the wheel of progress suddenly transformed into a mighty factor in the world's civilization. The American is all too unconcerned both of the phenomenon and its significance. Our children and children's children will point back to these pregnant periods that shape the destiny of succeeding ages.

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The London Daily News says: The wheat puzzle for scientific botanists is almost as difficult as the bread problem of the poor, and the two are closely related. The problem in the case of the former has been to grow wheat in England that was as good as Canadian. As Canadian wheat in baking quality, as Canadian wheat, for that matter, it is perhaps not generally known, a loaf made of English wheat is squat and heavy, while the Canadian wheat loaf is much larger and lighter. A hybrid wheat has been found, however, which can be grown in England, that bakes as well in every detail as Canadian wheat. The Daily News writes of it to the

"I am taking the liberty of sending you a small sample of the new Burgoyne Fife wheat, brought out by the Cambridge University and the British and Irish Millers' Association as a result of their endeavor to improve the quality of English wheat, in which, as you will see, they have been very successful."

"This wheat was grown by myself on this farm, and was awarded the first and champion prize at the grain show of the United Farmers' Club (Dorset), recently held at Dorchester. It yielded 48 bushels to the acre, weighing 56 pounds per bushel. The wheat was sown on the 26th of November, and cut on the 20th of July last, being the last sown and the first harvested on the farm. The judges at the show said it was the best sample of wheat they had ever seen grown on English soil."

How It Was Originated.

Professor Biffen, of Cambridge, who is the discoverer of Burgoyne Fife, told the Daily News the tale of its origin, and the troubles in the path of the discoverer.

"It is a hybrid," he said, "of an old English wheat, Rough Chaff, and of Red Fife, one of the finest Canadian wheats. Red Fife is a peculiar fellow; he is the only Canadian wheat that does not deteriorate when sown in this country. I have known him grown for twenty years in England without a sign of deterioration in quality, but he drops away sadly in yield, and so in England is of no commercial use. The problem, then, was to cross him with an English wheat to get the quality of the one and the yield of the other. Burgoyne Fife was the consequence after many failures. He gives an average yield of about 32 bushels, and bakes as well as his Red parent. There

Most European Countries Skeptical of Broken Hearts

"It would seem, from the standpoint of the plaintiff, that the best place wherein to institute a suit for breach of promise is England. Other countries seem to regard with suspicious attempts to recover pecuniary damages by reason of the loss of a prospective mate, and unless the plaintiff has a very strong case indeed it is never worth while in most countries for the injured one to take the case into court.

France breach of promise suits are rare, for the reason that the law requires the plaintiff to prove that he has suffered pecuniary loss. This is, of course, no easy thing for the aggrieved lady to accomplish, especially in a country where a girl with no dot has a poor chance of finding a husband.

The Netherlands and Austria have adopted the French system, and the result in both countries has been about the same. Breach of promise actions are rare in those lands; the injured damsel or her relatives usually taking the law into their own hands.

Sober Germany, as might be expected, has taken a practical method of solving this problem. When a German couple become engaged they must undergo the ceremony of a public betrothal. In the local town hall the two declare their willingness to marry, and a collection of documents that no loophole for escape is left. Should either party to the

contract wish to withdraw therefrom, another journey must be made to the town hall, and another string of documents to be produced. Then the authorities gravely determine the question of damages, should any compensation be claimed. The usual award is five hundred marks, and unless the injured party is a millionaire, the case is lost.

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The Chinese Renaissance

From the day the Portsmouth treaty was signed by Russia and Japan, China has been a new nation; to a man it is committed to the pathway of reform and modern development. With unanimity held for centuries to its old course, and with unanimity it now resolves to take its place among the modern states.

When one thinks of the mass which has been moved across the distance travel, the world shows no such colossal change accomplished in such a brief period. It is the outstanding miracle of history—one-fourth of the human race

ester arranged for Kenilworth at a cost of \$250. The Elizabethans cannot have been very far behind Brock, the famous London pyrotechnist. Among the novelties planned were:

"Serpents of fire, birds to fly about in the air scattering fire, two dogs and cats which will fight in the fireworks, a fountain throwing wine, water and fire, three wheels of wonderful scented fire and of different colors; a dragon as big as an axe, which will fly twice and thrice as high as the tower of St. Paul's, and at that height will burn away and suddenly will issue from its whole body dogs, cats and birds, which will scatter fire on all sides."

A curious problem has arisen to disturb the peace of mind of the Tungkuo district, China, over an iron coffin sent home to the place

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Experiences of an Art Who Heard of an Easy to Earn \$5 a Day.

A girl art student was riding Broadway car when she overheard a woman who sat beside her say:

"It's \$5 a day and all you do is run. If I were out of my mind I'd try it myself."

Five dollars a day for all kind of pot boiling work sound to the art student just then, not having to listen hard to the information which the woman proceeded to pour forth.

Two blocks before she reached the corner where she saw the pump woman who sat beside her, she might be obtained.

"I couldn't help overhearing of what you've been saying," she said, "and \$5 a day for month would mean so much to my studies."

The pump woman was a point of enthusiasm. "Your studies? Oh, you're student. I love to hear of you striving for the great thing, being willing to turn an honest day's work."

And I went to the trouble of writing these addresses for her, welcome to copy them, for the course I shall ask for character references."

The art student did so, the pump woman warmly, and seven blocks beyond her place, filled with hope and determination.

"Why not?" she said in her shrill, excited exclamation.

"Think of having your name shown in cheap theatres all over the city," she said.

"You don't suppose I would mind?" she asked. "At was noted for my makeup; mother couldn't have recognized me, and I shall ask for character references."

The next morning, selecting dress nearest to her, the art student made her way there, in the office of a clerk inserted her address in a large book.

"Experience?" he inquired. "I have never acted for movies before."

"I mean your theatrical experience," he said, "pen and ink. You are an art student, not an actress."

The clerk promptly drew through her name, and put her in a line of five.

"We are none but professional," he said in a tone of finality. "But I have acted in college plays, and in important parts."

The clerk smiled and turned through the pages of the book, and he could see that they were with names, addresses, and phone numbers.

"So many dozens of professional work registers with it, would you please pay us a visit," he said.

The art student was not discouraged by one setback. "All countries cannot be entered," she argued to herself. "One of the addresses on the list was for a woman who had been to consult both a doctor and a nurse, and it was by the time she could get real actors with their hair worn in a style, after she had boarded a train for the long trip."

The girl in the office told the secretary was out, and invited her to wait in the room. A woman dressed in a style with hair worn in a style, after she had boarded a train for the long trip."

At once entered into conversation, and the art student, with amazement, the elegant creature was on her knees as herself, to ask for a day.

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