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# Woman's World.

## NEW IDEAS FOR FIREPLACES.

(By Florence S. Thompson.)

The lady of the house on the occasion of the building of her new home, and long before the plans were drawn, decided that there were to be four fireplaces and that each one was to be unique. As she was an artist, we expected something unusual either in the architecture of the mantels or in the decorations.

For the library, which was furnished with green and blue wall paper, each about six by six inches, and painted in them all, in shades of green, various well-known scenes from the surrounding country. There was a quaint old rustic bridge on one; on another a corner of a well-known, white covered government building which looked like some picturesque old castle, and so on.

The tiles were painted exactly as if they were china, and "fired" in the same manner. They were then placed in position, as ordinary tiles would be, the effect was beautiful and the cost not excessive.

The grandmother's room deserves special mention. The articles were to friends who became conspirators with her in a loving plot. Where it was not possible to secure sketches of the grandmother's old home made from nature, photographs were used and the copies transferred to the tiles. Then everything was ready and a copy of the sketches was sent to the artist, the unsuspecting grandmother was introduced to her room in new house and the surprise prepared for her—a surprise that took her back to the days of long ago and where she had spent her girlhood.

Grandmother was bewildered, she, nesting among the trees, was quite old church she used to attend. Here was the old home almost as among the vines; there—a walk used to know—oh, once—long ago. Her cheeks were pink and her eyes shined! Why, here is the place over which she used to look with such pride and there—that shining river, and over there the big red with the rustic seat beneath it. Though her lips trembled and her eyes grew misty, what dear dreams of the past, that old memories are revived when grandmother passes by the door in her own room.

Kind reproaches were in the daughter's. Upon it were colored. South was in the smoking-room, here were portraits of the husband's hunting days. Bits of the "senior," reproduced from old photographs, were pasted on and transferred to the tiles, making up a thing of beauty.

Another artist who paints wall decorations in this way at a very expense. Tiles are impervious to heat after the firing process and a lifetime.

When has been asked where we could be done. I have in this moment to attempt to do for my own room with beautiful and faces—those that I sit. Emory sitting at one's feet, the man "holly of holly," in "light" and "seeing" those "sweet and faces" smiling at one in the "light." The work was difficult, no amateur need attempt it, but I think it can be done.

was held very successfully lasted from nine in the morning until late in the evening. A good-sized room had been made into a dolls' department store, where any doll could have it renewed in the latest style.

There was a dressmaking department, where wonderfully made gowns waited to be tried on; a hat department with the latest millinery creations; a drug department, where minute hand-mirrors, tiny boxes of powder, fluffy puffs, smoky-water bags, and cologne to please dolly could be had.

Have the tables containing attractions for the children built low, so that they can see all that is on them.

HOW TO REVIVE COLORS.  
For several years I have been making experiments with faded fabrics. The results have been unusual, so much depends upon the dyes and other conditions. For example, the agent which will revive and brighten one sample of red will give a purplish tinge to another. Some dark blues were brightened while others were given a dull or purplish tinge. Light blues were sometimes given a greenish light. It is very important to give a color a color which is not too far from the original color.

Acetic acid, slightly darker and brighter than alum.  
Alum deepened and dulled the color.  
Yellow—Alum brightened the color.  
Acetic acid brightened the color.  
Green—Citric acid deepened the color several shades.  
Acetic acid, near the same effect.  
Blue—Acetic acid deepened and brightened.  
Citrone acid, several shades deeper than acetic.

FOR CLEANING SILVER.  
The following will be found satisfactory: Dissolve one ounce of powdered borax in a pint of water. Add one ounce when the liquid is cold pour it on four ounces of precipitated chalk and beat it up very good. Make the starch in this manner: Mix one tablespoonful of starch with four tablespoonfuls of cold water, and pour on this three quarts of boiling water. Boil for twenty minutes, then add one teaspoonful of salt and paraffin wax half the size of a nutmeg. Stir until the wax is dissolved; then cool and strain through cheesecloth. Have the table linen wrung dry and work well in the starch. Pass through the wringer and dry in the sun. When dry make very damp and roll in a damp cloth. Have the iron fairly hot and use a good deal of pressure.

A FRENCH IDEA.  
A curious but very useful device for enabling passengers who have alighted from a railway carriage to find their compartments again is that which has been tried on a French railway. It is a system of pictures. On the window of each compartment of each carriage is a different picture—a windmill, or a soldier, or a horse. This makes recognition easy. It is difficult in England on the continent to find the right carriage after leaving it—Golden Penny.

Lord Lamington, the new governor of Bombay, has been appointed Knight Grand Commander of the Order of the Indian Empire.

AT THE LONDON HOUSE,  
SATURDAY, Jan. 2nd.

## Sale of Men's WINTER GLOVES

At Greatly Reduced Prices.

January Clearance Sale Of all Men's Lined Gloves:

- The best makes of Gloves; all reliable and guaranteed or taken back.
- \$1.60 Lamb lined Mocha Gloves, \$1.25 pair.
- 1.25 Wool lined Mocha Gloves, \$1.00 pair.
- 1.00 Wool lined Dressed Gloves, 75c. pair.
- Special Dressed Kid Gloves, 50c. pair.

## Ladies' Hats at Great Bargains.

Ladies Ready-to-Wear and Felt Hats to be sold for a merely nominal price to clear before stock-taking.

- \$2.75, 2.65, 2.95, 3.25, 4.65 Hats, All at One Price, 98c. each.
- \$1.15, 1.25, 1.45, 1.50, 2.00 Hats, All at One Price, 50c. each.

## Bargains in Ladies' Coats, \$5.00 Each.

The clearing time for all Coats. Very small prices do the selling.

- \$9.75, 10.00, 10.50 Coats to be sold At \$5.00 each.
- \$10.00 and 12.00 Box Coats, At \$5.00 each.

## Sale of Handsome Artificial Plants.

Used in Decorations—Rose Trees, Carnations, Peonys and Potted Palms; beautiful plants for house decorations, halls, stairways, Etc.

- \$3.50 Peonys, with jardiniere, \$1.95
- 2.50 Areca Palms, with jardiniere 1.25
- 2.50 Rose Trees, " " 1.50

## 1500 Yards More American Waistings

Just in; 45c. for Waist Length. Striped Waistings, new reds, greens, navys, sky blues linen shades and pink.

- 15c. yard; 45c. for Waist length.

F. W. DANIEL & CO.,  
London House, Charlotte St.

## MAYOR CLOSES 19 THEATRES.

Chicago's Leading Playhouses Shut Up.

## Careful Investigation of Causes of Iroquois Fire—Many Reading Scenes.

CHICAGO, Jan. 1.—Mayor Harrison today took steps to provide as far as possible a repetition of Wednesday's horror at the Iroquois Theatre, an investigation of the causes of the fire which closed 19 theatres and museums were ordered closed, some of them being among the leading and most popular playhouses of the city. The act of the mayor was based on opening up the investigation of the causes which are intended to protect the patrons of theatres from just such an occurrence as that which cost so many lives on Wednesday. This was that everyone of the places had given the supply of asbestos curtains. The theatres ordered closed are: Howard's, Sam. T. Jack's, Marlowe, New American, Olympic, Grand Opera, Opera House, Avenue, Bijou, Chicago Opera House, Columbus Stock, Thirty-first Street, Criterion, Regent, Grand Opera, Grand Opera, Garrick and Clickman's.

In addition to these the London Globe museum and the Clark street museum were also compelled to close their doors.

The Chicago Opera House and the Olympic Theatre are vaudeville houses of the highest class, and probably do as much business in point of numbers as any of the theatres in the city as a single performance. They, however, give matinee every day in the week and it is said that seats can be obtained for any performance at the time of opening. In addition to this they have been accustomed to selling large numbers of tickets for standing room, and as a general rule, the people are within these places of amusement at an average performance than can be found at any other playhouse in the city.

The inspection ordered by the mayor today was carried out by Building Commissioner Williams and Chief of Police O'Neil. The greatest number of the investigation included no other feature than asbestos curtains. The mayor instructed Commissioner Williams to report to him promptly at the conclusion of his investigation, declaring that it was his duty to see that the fire was not repeated. He said that the loss of life in the Iroquois theatre was due to the fact that the asbestos curtains were not of the best quality that would work at all times and under all conditions.

Such a day of mourning, Chicago never witnessed as that which followed in the new year. In every portion of the city almost it seemed as though there were funerals going on, and the streets were crowded with the hearse for the last time. While the funerals were being held, the streets were crowded with the hearse for the last time. While the funerals were being held, the streets were crowded with the hearse for the last time.

CHICAGO, Jan. 1.—A pathetic incident occurred today on the Cottage Grove Avenue cable line. This passes within a half a square of Rolston's theatre. Late this afternoon a man, haggard and worn, walked up to a Cottage Grove avenue car and climbed aboard, carrying in his arms the body of a woman. The man was partially wrapped in a canvas cloth. As he took his seat with the child in his arms, the conductor eyed him doubtfully, then approaching, touched him on the shoulder, saying:

"I am sorry, but the rules of the company do not permit the carrying of bodies in this manner. I must ask you to leave the car."

Without changing his expression in the slightest, without showing a trace of excitement or irritation, the man rose to his feet, still holding on one arm the body of his child. With his free hand he thrust into the face of the conductor a large revolver, and said in a tone which betokened utter weariness and almost lack of interest in the proceedings:

"This is my daughter. I have looked for her all last night and all of today. I have tried in vain to obtain a cab or a carriage. I am taking my baby home to her mother and I intend to see her on this car. Now go on."

## BRITISH TO INVADE THIBET

On the maps of the world there does not appear another such country unknown to the outside world as mountain walled Thibet, which, it is announced, the British may invade shortly, and open to commerce.

Centuries Thibet has been a sealed book to civilization. Its high priests, or lamas, have ever denounced the foreigner as an incarnated devil; and they preach that so long as Thibet remains isolated from the rest of the universe, so long shall she be great. A few missionaries and explorers, among them a Canadian girl, Dr. Susie Rhynhardt, whose husband was murdered, have wandered across the corners of this great tabular, and visited a few of its stone cities; yet the greater part of its 500,000 square miles, an area equal to Germany, France and Italy combined, is still unknown to the outside world.

From the accounts of travellers, Thibet would seem to be a land where religion is supreme. The people obey their priests with almost slavish obedience, and accept the most marvelous teachings with utter credulity. In Thibet all roads lead toward Lhasa, the forbidden capital, and the residence of the Dalai Lama. It is the mystic city of Buddha, where in are kept the countless sacred relics, images and other paraphernalia wrought and adorned in pure gold, and studded with precious gems. To enter within its gates and witness some of the mysterious lamasitic ceremonies of centuries veiled from European eyes, has been the coveted goal of the most intrepid travellers of recent times.

St. Charles Das, the learned Indian surveyor, in the interest of the English government, disguised as a priest, entered the city, and succeeded in making numerous illustrations of its buildings and inhabitants. His observations have recently been made public.

A Mongol lama for some transgression forfeited his right to visit Lhasa. By way of punishment for his offence, he was ordered to travel from his home to Lhasa, a distance of several hundred miles, in a crawling posture. Flung himself prone with his hands stretched out on the ground in front of him, he drew his knees up toward his hands, and in this way traversed the whole distance, which took him six years to accomplish. His knees became as hard and horny as the callouses on the foot of the camel, and his body was covered with sores.

The most imposing and awe-inspiring edifice in Lhasa is the great palace and abode of the Dalai Lama. This is a veritable acropolis, rising four tiers above the roof tops. This palatial monument to Buddhism is composed of a series of square structures, the tallest of which rises above the other. A central building of red sandstone, thirteen stories in height, is the official residence of the incarnate

she inhaled the flame and her fingers burned off. Her recovery is long and painful. The cause of the "fainting" of the asbestos curtain, considered the chief cause of the disaster, was found today by an inspector for the underwriters, who made a tour of the house and found that the wire on which the "queen of the serial ballet" flew over the audience in the second act, held the asbestos curtain in place and prevented it from being lowered.

## YOUNG MEN'S SOCIETY

Of St. Joseph Annual Reunion a Success.

The annual reunion of the Young Men's Society of St. Joseph took place in the society's rooms, St. Malch's hall yesterday afternoon. A large number of members were present and the occasion proved to be a very pleasant one. The society, which has had a long and honorable career, and has accomplished much good work, was reported to be in a most favorable condition. It is now entering on the thirty-third year of its existence and its future is believed to be a bright one. At yesterday's meeting a substantial purse was presented to the spiritual director, Father Carlson, by the members of the society. The presentation was accompanied by an address, and the reverent gentleman replied in a brief but touching speech. Thomas Foley, president of St. Peter's, Y. M. A., also spoke briefly, after which the following program was carried out and much enjoyed: Piano solo: St. Michael's; song, John Barry; mandolin selection, Wm. Gale; recitation, O. G. Coll; violin and piano selection, J. O'Neill and J. L. Mully; song, James Daley; recitation, A. P. O'Rourke; song, St. Dennis; step, Arthur Goddard; piano solo, Arthur Goddard; gramophone selection. Refreshments were served at the close. The committee in charge was composed of Thomas Heffernan, E. McCourt and J. L. Mully.

HALLIFAX, Jan. 1.—Rev. Gordon Dickie was inducted pastor of Little St. Peter's church, C. B., today. Rev. P. M. McDonald, of Truro, wrote to the Presbytery declining the Falmouth street church at Sydney.