



HOUSE AND HOME

CONDUCTED BY HORTENSE

At the top or at the bottom of all illusions, I set the cheat which still leads us to work and live for appearance...

Woman's Home Companion for December.

The artistic features of this issue are striking. A full page painting of the Madonna by Louise Cox...

There is good Christmas fiction in this issue by Myra Kelly, Zona Gale, Hulbert Footner and John D. Barry...

The glamor that surrounds all queens is particularly strong about the supposedly romantic Queen of Italy...

Cincinnati is a happy city—according to the Woman's Home Companion. Investigators have gone there to live...

Lyman Abbott has a Christmas talk, and there are more of Edward Everett Hale's delightful Reminiscences...

This issue is essentially a Christmas one, and is filled with new ideas for Christmas presents, Christmas embroidery, Christmas decorations, Christmas festivities and Christmas cooking...

Few people know how useful bran is for cleaning. For painted and varnished woodwork it is invaluable, removing the dirt without destroying the finish...

Treating Sweater Necks.

If the neck of a sweater becomes stretched too wide from wearing, do not sew up or cut out any of it...

If Tired Out Take the Sleep Care.

Lack of sleep is responsible for half the ill-health and the fashionable nervous ailments of the present day. Most people are too busy to sleep...

The following ten rules, says a French medical authority, must be observed by all who want good health: 1.—Rise early, retire early...

fatigued and inclined to worry? Try ten hours in bed every night for a week, and a short rest after the midday meal...

Superstitions about the Opal.

There is one superstition of wide range and influence that is directed against one of the most beautiful objects in nature, the opal.

A man failed in business years ago and what do you think he did? Took his opal ring into the yard and smashed it to pieces with a hammer!

There is a reason for the baneful repute of this gem, or at least as much of a reason as you ever find for a belief like this, because reason and superstition are hopelessly at odds.

Two or three centuries ago the stone was popular in Europe, and the jewellers of Italy were especially cunning in its setting.

It was noticed by some observant persons in the city that when a victim was at the point of death, his opal if he wore one, brightened, while after death it became dull.

It never occurred to the scientists of that time to turn the incident around the other way, and see if the patient had anything to do with the opal. But that was the way of it.

One of the most amusing instances of a belief in wrong things is reported from New York, where a man took an opal to a jeweller and asked him to sell it...

The jeweller found the gem to be an imitation. Its falsity must have been obvious to everybody except the victim, because the opal is the one stone that has never been even passably imitated.

The women who are the most cheerful, the most even-tempered, the most ready to do a service, and the most healthy, are intelligent and industrious women who have found in a methodical activity the secret of never losing a moment...

Tea Good Rules.

The following ten rules, says a French medical authority, must be observed by all who want good health: 1.—Rise early, retire early, and fill your day with work.

10.—Do you gain your living by your intellect? Then do not allow your arms and legs to grow stiff. Do you earn your bread by your pick-axe? Do not forget to cultivate your mind and to enlarge your thought.

The Slim Figure Again.

The slim silhouette for another season—that is the latest Paris edict says the Woman's Home Companion for December. The big, famous couturieres to-day are tyrannical only about this one thing.

As a sanitary precaution in all basins and tubs, especially those connecting with or near the sleeping apartments, the opening into the waste pipe should be kept closed at night and fresh water should be left standing in the basin.

A soft flannel cloth, dipped into warm soap suds and then into whitening, will remove all grease and dirt from oil paint in half the time required by the old-time method.

Any ordinary window can be made opaque easily at a trifling cost. Dissolve in a little quantity of hot water as much epsom salt as the water will take up.

Oysters—Three Ways.

Oyster Toast—Take eighteen oysters, chop fine, put in a granite steam pan with one-half pint of cream or rich milk.

Oyster Salad—Parboil the oysters in their own liquor, drain them dry in small bits, mix them with chopped lettuce and oysters, put the yolks in a dish, add yolks of two raw eggs...

Creamed Oysters.—A pint of cream, twenty-five oysters, a small piece of onion, a very small piece of mace, a tablespoonful of flour, and salt and pepper to taste.

Unconscious Influence.

A little boy, who had been somewhat spoiled at home, began to attend a kindergarten school. After a few days his mother noted with pleasure a change in his manners...

"Miss Brown has been teaching you politeness, I see." "Why, mother," said the child, "she never says a word about politeness."

One of the most striking peculiarities of personal influence is that it is often unconscious. Not when you are trying to make a good impression, to set a good example, to say a word that should be said...

Things Good to Know.

You may cure a wasp sting by rubbing the place with a slice of raw onion. Dressed patent leather shoes may be brightened and cleaned with spirits of turpentine.

A rose potpourri may be made by packing fresh rose petals between alternate layers of salt and keeping the jar covered six months.

To remove rust from steel make a paste of fine emery powder and kerosene, rub on and let stand a little while. Then polish vigorously with a rag dipped in oil.

Never wear one pair of shoes day after day. Two pairs of shoes worn alternately, will last longer than three pairs worn one after the other until worn out.

Colored cotton fabrics will not fade by subsequent washing, if previously placed in boiling water to which has been added three gills of salt to every four quarts of water.

Camphorated chalk is one of the best things for cleaning and rejuvenating white shoes. The preparation should be thoroughly mixed with a sufficient quantity of milk and applied to the shoes with a flannel cloth.

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What is Worn in London

If there is one season of the year more exclusively devoted to bridge than another, it is the winter, when the short afternoons drive one indoors early and leave one with several hours on hand to get through before dinner.

Next in importance to learning the game properly before being the vehicle of bringing loss of temper to one's friends and acquaintances, is the choice of a suitable dress; and as bridge bulks so largely in the foreground of our days and nights at present, it is appropriate that a description of a bridge tunic should be given this week.

It is slightly shaped to the figure at the back and sides in the bodice part, but otherwise hangs free below the V-shaped opening, which is outlined by a band of jet that crosses to meet the continuation of the jet line coming from the back.

The jacket is made of fine black Ninon de soie, reaching a little below the knee-line, in front, and a little longer at the back. It is slightly shaped to the figure at the back and sides in the bodice part.

Daughter—Well, mama, it's the same old world. Mother—You were a long time in the conservatory with Mr. Willing last night, my child. What was going on?

Daughter—Did you ever sit in the conservatory with papa before you married him? Mother—I suppose I did. Daughter—Well, mama, it's the same old world.

ACCORDING TO SIZE.

Effie was giving a birthday party, and during the merry games the child's mother asked her if she was happy.

"Oh, I've never been so happy in all my life," replied Effie joyfully. "I really couldn't be any happier 'less I was bigger."

A FRIEND IN NEED.

Automobilist (to another who has broken down).—"Can I be of any assistance to you?" The Afflicted One (under the machine).—"Yes, sir. That lady you see is my wife. I'll be obliged if you will kindly answer her questions and keep her amused while I am fixing this infernal machine."

Clyde Fitch was discussing in his beautiful New York typeographical errors, of which his famous scrap-books offer many amusing examples.

Advertisement for Surprise Soap, featuring an illustration of a woman washing clothes and text describing the soap's benefits.

quarter's worth of paper from the waste basket every day. A member of a school board was visiting a public school not long ago when he encountered a small boy in the hall.

When Tempus Didn't Fugit. Little Helen, during the three years of her life, had never been separated from her elder sister at night or day for more than a few minutes at a time.

GRAND NEWS FOR WOMEN

Mrs. E. P. Richards Tells How Dodd's Kidney Pills Cured Her.

After Suffering for Twenty-eight Years From Pains and Weakness and Sleeplessness—Dodd's Kidney Pills the Only Medicine She Wants.

Cottle's Cove, Notre Dame Bay, Nfld., Dec. 6.—(Special).—Grand news for suffering women is that being scattered broadcast by Mrs. Elizabeth P. Richards of this place.

"For twenty-eight years," says Mrs. Richards, "I suffered from Rheumatism, Kidney Trouble and Neuralgia. I got so weak I could not do my housework. Sleep was out of the question except for a few minutes at a time."

The woman who has healthy Kidneys will never know the pains and weakness that make life hardly worth living. Dodd's Kidney Pills always make healthy Kidneys.

An Historic Bell.

Few persons suspect that in the cathedral church of Notre Dame, Paris, is a bell contemporaneous with Joan of Arc—the "blessed bell" which sounded the tocsin when the maid of Lorraine appeared in August, 1429, and Paris was besieged by the English.

This historic bell, referred to by Victor Hugo in his "Notre Dame de Paris," was given to the cathedral in 1400 by Jean de Montaigne. It was refounded in 1686, and then rebaptized under the name of Emmanuel-Louis-Therese.

So, if this bell is not the same bell which the heroine of Domremy heard, nevertheless the same metal vibrates to-day at the great religious ceremonies of the metropolitan church.

Advertisement for Morrison, Kavanagh, and Brossard, legal professionals.

Advertisement for Lawrence Plaster, a medical product.

Advertisement for D. H. Wells, caterers and event planners.

Advertisement for St. Patrick's, a religious or community organization.

Synopsis of Canada

Homestead. Any one who has been in the land in which the land is made on certain terms, mother, or the sister of a brother.

Advertisement for Cottle's Cove, Notre Dame Bay, Nfld., featuring a testimonial about kidney pills.

Advertisement for His Friend, a medical product for liver complaints.

Advertisement for Cure You, a medical product for various ailments.