

Correspondence Column  
Helps for Home-Keepers  
Recipes and Style Notes

# A PAGE FOR WOMEN

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

## KATHERINE LESLIES HOME CHAT



### DRY-CLEANING POINTERS.

Girls who wear white serge suits or frocks of some delicate color will be interested in hearing what an authority has to say on the subject of "home dry cleaning." "Every woman," she says, "knows the ruinous sums it costs each season to have her evening frocks, light suits, silk blouses, and other articles dry cleaned. When gasoline is possible as a renovator she may sometimes try the experiment of doing a little of her own cleaning, but it is seldom successful, and it is as hard to lose the odor of gasoline as it is to acquire the odor of sanctity. Also it is dangerous.

"Therefore the knowledge of some simple methods of dry cleaning, that can be done at home and that leave no trace of the process, would save many a precious dollar to the woman who is running to the limit of her allowance for dress. The materials required are: earth, block magnesia, boracic talcum powder, flour and borax, or even plain cornmeal. The first three can be bought by the ounce or pound from any chemist, and the others are all-

ways in the pantry or the store closet. For a white suit it is perfectly safe to use the meal or talcum powder. A white serge suit, for example, can be very successfully cleaned, by putting it into a perfectly dry clean tub, and covering it over with cornmeal slightly salted. The suit can be rubbed with the hands exactly as if it were in soap-suds, the most energetic rubbing naturally being given to the spots which are most soiled. After it has been thoroughly gone over, the meal should be thrown out, the gown put back into the tub and covered over there for two days, with a cloth over the tub to keep out the dust. It should then be taken out, shaken well, and brushed with a perfectly clean brush. Gasoline is safe enough if carefully handled. It should never be used near a stove or at night when the lights are on, especially gas. When not in use it should be kept in a cool safe place out of doors. And when it is used to clean clothes or gloves, sun-drying after having been thoroughly things, after doors should be spread over a hot radiator. The heat removes all lingering odors of the gasoline. By the way, cornmeal mixed with the gasoline in cleaning gloves makes them look like new.

## 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. No letters can be answered privately.]

### Sends Good Cake Recipe.

Dear Miss Grey,—As I am very much interested in your column, I venture to write and ask for some advice, and hope it will not trouble you too much.

1. Will you tell me what will take coffee stains out of linen?
2. Also tea stains out of linen?
3. What will take ink stains out of linen? The stain has set.
4. What will take out iron rust stains?
5. What will take off white marks on a mahogany table caused by a hot dish?

In return for your kindness I send my favorite cake recipe, which you may print if you think it worth while.

Cream together 1 cup brown sugar, half cup butter, 2 eggs, then add half cup warm water, 1½ cups flour, with 1 teaspoonful of soda with flour; 1 pound chopped dates (raisins will do), half cup walnuts (chopped), and 1 teaspoonful vanilla.

A.—1 and 2. Place a basin under the linen and pour boiling water through the stains. Then wash in the ordinary way and bleach on the line if necessary.

3. Moisten the stain and sprinkle with salts of lemon. Place in the sun and let remain for ten minutes. Then wash through clear water twice and hang in the air.

4. Treat these the same as the ink stains, with salts of lemon.

5. Hard rubbing with a soft cloth dipped in a solution of turpentine and sweet oil (half of each) is an excellent method. As the spots disappear, wipe the furniture with a cloth wrung out of lukewarm soap-suds, dry quickly, and polish with a chamois cloth.

Your cake recipe sounds excellent, and I am sure our readers will be wanting to try it for their next baking. Thanks for sending it.

### A Nurse's Life.

Dear Miss Grey,—Would you be so kind as to answer me the following questions?

1. About how much would it cost me to go to high school for a year?
2. Do you consider a nurse's life a hard one? I was thinking of training for the same.
3. In what year did Mrs. Henry Wood write "East Lynne"?
4. What are the titles of Elmer Glynns' most popular books? Do you think her books are good?

Thanking you sincerely, IVONNE.

A. 1.—With new books, fees, etc., I believe it would cost at least \$75.

2. Of course, if your home is not in the city, your board and lodging would have to be paid for as well.

3. From several standpoints a nurse's life is not easy. She has often to face most repulsive diseases and disagreeable scenes, and should possess much physical endurance and strength to go without sleep or rest, if necessary. Added to these, a nurse, to be successful, should have a love of her work—that of ministering to the suffering and relieving pain. And if she takes this latter view of her profession, I do not think one can call the life "hard."

4. 1861.

I have not read this lady's books myself, but their reputation is that they are a class of book that no one can read without injury. And as there are hundreds and hundreds of volumes of an elevating type, it is foolish, to say the least, to waste time over books that are otherwise. Decidedly, little girl, I should advise you to leave these alone and turn

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## Simple Home Remedy

[By a Physician.]

Simple remedies often prove effective if used quickly and correctly. For instance, if you get a bit of dust, an eyelash or any sort of "stick" in your eye try this method: Turn the eye affected toward the nose as far as you can. Pull the eyelid down as far as you can over the eye. Then blow the opposite nostril hard. This will frequently carry the offending particle down through the eye duct into the nose. DO NOT rub the eye when there is something in it. That merely inflames the eyeball without effecting a remedy. If something lodges in the eye, this simple method will probably fail. It will then be necessary to secure proper treatment as soon as possible.

## HELPFUL HINTS FOR THIRTYHOUSEWIVES

While the canary is moulting tie a piece of bacon fat in its cage. It is a tonic, and will improve its song. If corks are too large for a bottle soak them in boiling water for a few minutes. When soft they easily enter the bottle.

Before using a new iron saucepan grease it inside and out, and let it stand for 48 hours. Wash in hot water in which a large lump of cooking soda has been dissolved.

When washing blouses, handkerchiefs, etc., put a small lump oforris root into the rinsing water, and it will give them a delightful perfume of violets. This is much more lasting than if a sachet is placed amongst the clothes.

An excellent remedy for chapped hands is made by mixing equal parts of glycerine and whiskey. Rub the mixture in a bottle tightly corked, and rub a little on the hands every night, and they will always be soft and free from chaps.

When gas mantles get smoky and dirty the light becomes poor and the mantles are in many cases taken off and replaced. To remove all smoke and dirt from mantles, take a pinch of table salt and sprinkle it on the mantle. It will look as good as new.

To keep irons from rusting rub them with mutton fat, wrap in common brown paper, and put them away in a dry place. If they have become rusty, they may be made smooth and bright by putting some white sand on a smooth board and rubbing the iron over it several times.

A little milk added to baby's bath water will help to keep his skin soft and smooth, especially if the water used is hard. Use boiled water if rain water cannot be obtained. Hard water that is boiled for twenty minutes and has a little oatmeal or milk added to it will be beautifully soft.

## Kitchen Cabinet Made at Home

Probably no truly domestic woman ever passes a kitchen cabinet, so perfect in its arrangements and so complete in details, without wishing she owned one, but the initial cost is most cases prohibitive, and she must do without. Doing without the patented cabinet, however, does not mean that a woman need do without the convenience, for with a little ingenuity and work and slight expense, she may achieve at home the same results.

**Use Ordinary Table.**  
An ordinary kitchen table, but better yet, a pastry table with drawers and a kneading board, serve as the foundation. If the ordinary table is used a shelf set under the top, about a foot from the floor, will serve admirably to hold two large glass jars, one for white and one for graham or entire wheat flour. In smaller canisters may be kept cornmeal and sugar, and there will be room also for the bread box, the series of shallow shelves built above the table against the wall, will hold any number of glass jars for dry groceries, spices, etc., and one may now purchase for 10 cents a piece glass jars with aluminum covers which will hold a week's supply of sugar or cereal. As many of these as can be afforded and as are required should be purchased and find their place on the shelves. Above these may be placed smaller jars for raisins, spices, etc., and all the ingredients needed for baking. The other shelves may hold mixing bowls, cups and the egg beater, can opener, mixing spoon and so forth. If the table top is covered with zinc, the cabinet will be complete, and ready to use, and will leave no longings for a more elaborate one.

**Fruit Jars Will Do.**  
If one does not care to purchase the glass jars, fruit jars and jelly glasses may be used to hold the groceries. The little glass jars in which stick candy is sold, those used for patent medicines, and many similar purposes, may all be utilized, as they accumulate in the house, and serve the purpose admirably. The whole thing may be gotten up in an expensive or an inexpensive manner, but the result will be the same, and ready to use, and will leave no longings for a more elaborate one.

There are said to be nearly 1,800,000 childless families in France today, while more than 2,000,000 have only one child. It is also said that over 1,500,000 men over 30 years of age are unmarried, while the number of unmarried women of the same age is even greater. Premier Briand, who made the above figures public through the League of the Mothers' and Fathers' Society, has made a thorough investigation of the subject.

Re Dramatic Schools.  
Billie G. and Gretchen.—Write to Charles Frohman, W. A. Brady Company, Liebler & Co., all of New York, re dramatic schools.

## The Poet's Corner

### THE LAND O' THE LEAL.

I'm wearin' awa', John,  
Like snaw-wreaths in thaw, John,  
I'm wearin' awa'.

To the land o' the leal.

There's nae sorrow there, John;

There's neither cauld nor care, John;

The days is aye fair

In the land o' the leal.

1861.

Our bonnie bairn's there, John;

She's baith gude and fair, John;

And O, we grudge'd her sair,

To the land o' the leal.

But sorrow's sel' wears past, John,

And joy's a-comin' fast, John,

The joy that's aye to last,

In the land o' the leal.

Sae dear that joy was bought, John,

Sae free the battle fought, John,

That sinfu' man e'er brought,

To the land o' the leal.

O, dry your glistening e'e, John,

My soul langes to be free, John,

And angels beckon me

To the land o' the leal.

O, haud ye leal and true, John,

Your day it's wearin' through, John,

And I'll wae the land o' the leal.

Now, fare ye weel, my ain John,

This world's cares are vain, John,

We'll meet, and we'll be faim

In the land o' the leal.

—Lady Nairn.

### TO AVOID TOUGH CAKE.

Toughness of angel cake is often due to the fact that the eggs are not beaten properly. They should be beaten so stiff that they will "stand alone."

## Daily Healthogram

HIVES is a nervous eruption and is due to some kind of food poisoning. A good dose or two of a purgative usually cures it. Frequently one does not suffer from hives, but it is apt to recur on the smaller plants if not carefully watched.

Spicy Odors.

Pinks, too, filled the garden with their spicy odor and the phlox was not

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## When to Begin Housecleaning

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There is a sewing machine attachment that is very first will do the work nearly as well. If you find two very thin towels sew them together for the children's bathroom or in the kitchen, or make them into wash cloths.

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## An Old-Fashioned Garden

Do you remember grandmother's garden and the prim little bouquets always carried home to mother after spending the day with her?

Grandmothers made their gardens with an eye to their permanent beauty, they lived in one place all their lives, and the gardens grew and enlarged with the home so grandmother put in perennials, knowing that if she did not see the blooms the first year the garden would be all the more beautiful the next.

Start so early in the year that a copy of the one grandmother planned? And if there is not space for the graveled walks nor the hedges to grow to reasonable size, you can fill your flower space with the old-time favorites.

**Bleeding Hearts a Favorite.**  
Grandmother planned Columbine and bleeding hearts for her first blossoms, massing sweet william in long beds of pink and white flowers, with peonies, the huge double ones, scattered in the beds. She was careful to cover these plants in the fall with manure and did not disturb them in the spring as they start so early in the year that there is danger of breaking off the tender shoots.

The wonderful Oriental poppy is a perennial that blooms early and is most surely have a space in the old-fashioned garden.

Tall hollyhocks grew against grandmother's walls and filled the sunny corners where no delicate flowers were desired, for the hollyhock grows so luxuriously that it is apt to overrun the smaller plants if not carefully watched.

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Don't begin your regular spring housecleaning until it is time to put up your screens and right here let me make a little suggestion. Put up your screens even before you expect to keep your windows open. You will keep out many moths, bugs and flies which would trouble you if you waited until later days.

**DON'T START YOUR SPRING HOUSE-CLEANING IN A HAPHAZARD MANNER.** WITH NO KNOWLEDGE OF WHAT IS REALLY NECESSARY TO BE DONE AND NO IDEA WHETHER YOU ARE GOING TO BE ABLE TO DO THE THINGS YOU WANT TO DO.

The first things to look over are your sheets, pillow cases, towels and napkins. Sheets and tablecloths that have become a little thin in the corners may have a piece taken off from the side so that the wear will not come in the same place.

Tablecloths should be looked over carefully and all thin places darned. This can be done with the needle and some of the raveling of the cloth if you are expert with the needle or with line thread on the sewing machine. Use one hundred thread or even finer if the linen is dainty, and make your stitches long, straight and even.

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## Practical Recipes

### LEMON LAYER CAKE.

Three eggs, grated rind of one lemon, one teaspoonful of baking powder, three heaping tablespoonsful of flour, one and a half heaping tablespoonsful of butter, three heaping tablespoonsful of sugar, and lemon juice. Cream the butter and sugar, add the flour, mixed with the baking powder, then add the butter melted, taking care to stir it in very gently, but on no account beat it. Pour into three buttered and floured layer cake tins, bake 15 minutes in a moderate oven. Before turning out allow the tins to stand two minutes. When cold spread each thickly over with lemon butter mixture; lay the rounds together, divide into twelve pieces, dust with confectioners' sugar.

### CHAFING DISH COOKERY.

The chafing dish is undoubtedly a most convenient utensil for the man or woman who loves to entertain informally and many are the appetizing dishes that can be cooked in it by one who knows just how. It can be used either with or without the hot water pan, though it is safer and the viands are usually more tasty if cooked slowly over it, and there is no reason for ever dispensing with it unless one is greatly pressed for time.

To cook successfully in a chafing dish one should have the ingredients required for the recipe carefully prepared before they are brought to the table, the exact quantity of butter should be measured off, the fish or lobster should be cut into pieces, the oysters strained, the cheese cut into tiny squares, etc. To contain the uncooked food it is a good idea to have several

## The Birthday Calendar



### IF THIS IS YOUR BIRTHDAY

You are warned against quarrels, legal or otherwise, as they will prove unfortunate for you. With care, it is possible for you to have a prosperous year. Your family affairs will please you and romance will come into your life.

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### FLOWER LANGUAGE.

There is a flower for each month of the year, and every little flower has a meaning all its own. Here is the key to the language of flowers:

Carnation . . . . . True Friendship  
January.  
Violet . . . . . Love and Faithfulness  
February.  
Lilies . . . . . Purity and Sincerity  
March.  
Daisy . . . . . Beauty and Innocence  
April.  
Lily of the Valley . . . . . Confession of Love  
May.  
Gladiolus . . . . . Beauty in Retirement  
June.  
Tuberose . . . . . Humble Love, a Kiss  
August.  
Cosmos . . . . . Elegance  
September.  
Dahlia . . . . . Loyalty  
October.  
Chrysanthemums . . . . . Love and Devotion  
November.  
Orchids . . . . . Deep Thoughts, Dignity  
December.

### VOGUE IN FOOTWEAR.

A neat evening shoe is of bronze kid, with a front of chiffon to match, drawn through a gilt buckle. Suede shoes with patent laces will be much worn. A dressy little model has the suede upper, bordered with patent leather and fastened by a series of patent strappings, each ornamented by a tiny crystal button down the centre. The actual fastening is, however, made by means of bone buttons down the outside of the shoe. The favorite boot of glaze leather has a gray suede gaiter top combined with fine glaze, and the fastenings are smoked pearl buttons to match. Elastic sides, however, are not unknown, the buttons being more ornamental than useful.

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