

## 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 LESLIE'S HOME CHAT



### Hints From the Manicure

These instructions as to how to manicure the nails without the aid of a manicure will be of interest to the girl whose income is too limited to go to the specialist in nails, yet who wishes to have her nails well cared for. In the first place soak the nails for several minutes in soap suds made from pure castile soap. A small pinch of borax or a few drops of simple tincture of benzoin may be added to the water. After wiping the hands with a soft towel the nails should be trimmed to an oval shape with a proper nail file. Unless they have become very long, it is better not to use nail scissors. If there are any discolorations on the nail, a nail bleaching or cleansing fluid may be applied with a tiny piece of cotton wool, wrapped around an orange stick. This will remove all foreign matter that may have lodged under or round the edge of the nail. In well-kept nails the half-moon at the base of the nail is always in evidence. If the half-moon is covered by cuticle, the best way to bring it to sight again is by gently pushing back the skin with the towel each time the hands are washed. Supposing, however, that the skin has grown over the half-moon, it will be necessary to gently loosen all round with the flat of the orange stick. This is done by inserting the flattened end of the orange stick gently under the cuticle so as not to cause pain or bleeding. The loosened skin may now be scraped away with the cuticle knife, or carefully cut with fine nail scissors having curved points. Cut the cuticle, however, is not advocated unless it is tough, and has grown very high up on the nail, as soreness and hang nails may result. In all cases after treating the nail in the above way a little cold cream should be rubbed around and over the nail. Allow this to remain on a short time, then wipe off and apply a little nail polishing powder. A chamomile leather nail polisher should now be moved back and forth across the nail. This will produce a highly burnished surface. Fridged or frayed nails are said to be due to malnutrition. This may be cured, says the manicure in conclusion, by rubbing into the nails a little lanoline each time the hands are washed, or before retiring at night.

## 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.]

Makes \$80 a Month.

Dear Miss Grey:—I am 19 and very much in love with a man of 24. I want to marry him, but he is only making about \$80 a month and his position is by no means a settled one. Should I take a chance? He has changed his position and vocation a great many times, rarely staying in one place more than a few months. He is not enthusiastic about his present position, but promises to stick if I marry him. What shall I do?

ANXIOUS.

A.—You had better wait until he has a permanent position. In the meantime you might try to make him see the necessity of taking up a line of work with a view to making it his life work. A man of 24 ought to be established in some definite line of work if he ever hopes to make anything of himself.

Geraniums and Asters.

Dear Miss Grey: I am coming once more for help.

1. Which needs the most sun for an outdoor bed, asters or geraniums?  
2. I was wanting to make over a black silk skirt. What would be the best thing to do to help take out the stretch marks? It is real good silk.  
3. What are the names of two of Detroit's best hospitals?  
4. I have a real good navy blue suit. It was a French wool, and the skirt has a couple of black spots. It's

### For the Tall Girl



Although you do not see very many white blouses worn without coats, yet their being uncommon, makes them stylish on the tall girl. The one shown today is of red moire with a darker red tulle belt and a white net bodice. This blouse also has the short sleeves, which are rather uncommon this year. However, as it grows warmer one may look for the annual baring of the summer girl's arms.

## The Story of "Willow" China

[Published by Request of Mrs. G. B. F.]

Willow-pattern china was first made in England in 1780 at Caughley, in the county of Shropshire. The pattern, which is thoroughly Oriental, was designed and engraved by Thomas Minton for Thomas Turner, a well-known manufacturer of pottery.

In order to understand the romantic Chinese story connected with the willow pattern plate, it is well to have a piece of the plate to refer to, so that you may see for yourself the mandarin's house, the feeling lovers, and the boat in which they escaped. It is said that the story is to the Chinese what "Robinson Crusoe" or "Jack the Giant Killer" is to Canadian children. "Li Chi, or Kong Shee, as she is sometimes called, was the only child of a wealthy mandarin, and she loved Chang, her father's poor but honest secretary. Her father had other plans for her, however, and was desirous of marrying her to an old but wealthy suitor. He was then greatly shocked and annoyed when he learned that she fondly loved poor Chang, and would have no other lover. In order to prevent any communication between the two, so he thought, he shut her up in a room on the terrace by the sad sea waves in the house seen in the pattern on the plate. From her prison, Li Chi watched the willow tree blossom and for a time moped and wrote love sonnets, in which she expressed her hope to be free once more when the peach bloomed.

At last, greatly to her joy, Chang managed to communicate with her by

means of a coconut shell, to which was attached a miniature sail, and in which was a letter full of protestations of love. Li Chi replied in these words: "Do not wise husbandsmen gather the fruits they fear will be stolen?" and Chang, being no laggard in love, acted upon the gentle hint, hurried across the sea, donned a disguise, entered the mandarin's garden, and succeeded in carrying off his true love.

The three figures on the plate represent Li Chi with a distaff, Chang carrying a box of jewels, and the mandarin following with a whip. The stern parent on hearing of his daughter's elopement is following hastily in her footsteps. He failed to overtake them, however, for she and her lover carefully concealed themselves in the garden's cottage, where they lie hidden until dark, when they got into the little boat and sailed away to Chang's distant island home.

The end of the romance is told differently by different people. Some say they lived happily ever after, but another ending is that the old father and filial suitor followed hard upon the runaway couple, and put Chang to death. Li Chi, upon seeing this, rushed into her house, set it on fire, and perished in the flames. The gods (so the story runs) cursed the ones who had caused their death, and ordered it so that they, too, died in a horrible and violent manner. The lovers, however, were changed into a pair of immortal doves, as a token of the constancy which had made their lives beautiful. The doves, too, may be seen upon the plate.

## The Children's Hour

### A QUARRELLING ROOM.

"The twins ran in together, and at the same moment they began:

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"Well," mother went on, "father and I thought if we did not really need it, we might change its name and call it the playground. You could have all your books up there then and use that room for your very own."

"Oh, mother!" shouted the two small voices.—Selected.

NOTICING THINGS.

The famous South African diamond mines were discovered by a man who casually went into a cottage and there noticed some children playing with what appeared to be brilliant stones, which they said they had picked up from a stream near the cottage.

TO LEARN BY HEART.

Have courage! Keep good cheer! Our longest time is brief.

To those who hold us dear, Bring no more grief.

But cherish blisses small, Grateful for the dearest, That to our lot doth fall, However slight.

—Celia Thaxter.

GIANT BUTTERFLIES.

In the northern part of New Guinea there are butterflies so large that the natives hunt them with the bow and arrow. They belong to the species Troides chimera, and they are not only among the largest, but among the rarest butterflies in the world. Some specimens measure 11½ inches across the wings. The males, which are very shy, are found only at certain hours of the day, and at the top of lofty blossom-bearing trees. The natives sometimes shoot the butterflies with four-pronged arrows, sometimes capture them in nets made of spiders' webs.

## A Bulgarian Costume



The young girl has taken very quickly to Bulgarian designs, and for one who is slender the Oriental sash, tied about the hips, worn with an Oriental turban in the hair, makes a very charming costume, provided the young lady has dark eyes and hair. Premet has designed such a model of flowered chiffon with an embroidered silk sash draped shawl fashion about the hips. If you can have many evening dresses, one would be very pretty like this.

## The Birthday Calendar



IF THIS IS YOUR BIRTHDAY

Be careful of your relations with others. Some unpleasant complications looms on your horizon and especially guard your health. You will have much to enjoy in the coming year, and your best judgment will show you how to make it a successful one.

Those born today will have talents and will know how to use them to attain high positions. In youth they should be taught to discuss differences without anger and to look for causes before forming judgments of results.

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That comes in wash of waves along the strand.

The while the moon slips into shadow land.

### HOME REMEDIES.

Two very simple remedies for toothache are bathing the cheek and gum in hot vinegar and keeping cotton wool with camphor against the aching tooth.

Burns caused by lime, caustic and other alkalis will not bear ordinary treatment. To remove the caustic, apply something that will form a harmless combination with it. Vinegar diluted with water or the acid of lemon juice will answer. Powdered sulphur is a fine dressing.

There is no greater purifier of air than open windows, but sometimes in sick rooms this method of changing the air is impossible. Have you ever tried over-coming closeness by carrying a rolled burning newspaper through a sick room? Equally good is a tablespoonful of vinegar ignited over an alcohol lamp.

A naval seaman has once every day to salute the quarter-deck of his ship, even if no officer is upon it. "Salada" Tea is in such popular favor that many people feel like saluting a packet wherever seen.

## WOMEN'S INSTITUTES

### THORNDALE

The regular monthly meeting of the Women's Institute will be held at the home of Mrs. J. Orchard on Thursday, May 1. A good program will be given; also there will be the election of officers, and report of the year's work. All members are requested to be present. Everybody welcome.

Miss Jean McPhee, honor graduate of science, McGill University, will, at Thorndale, an expert demonstrator, will demonstrate bread and pastry making to the ladies of Thorndale in Harding's Hall on Tuesday, May 6, showing how easy it is to make the nicest and lightest bread in four hours, also showing easy methods of pastry making.

Miss McPhee comes highly recommended from all parts of Canada. Every lady in the town and surrounding country should take advantage of this demonstration, and hear some of the latest and most approved methods of cooking.

Meeting to open at 2:30 p.m. sharp under the auspices of the Women's Institute members, and non-members heartily welcome. Admission 10 cents.

### WARDSVILLE

The regular meeting of the Women's Institute, held April 24, was well attended.

The election of officers took place, with following results: President, Mrs. Belton; vice-president, Mrs. Branton; assistant vice-president, Mrs. Shelly; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. M. Martyn; directors, Miss Archer, Mrs. Petch, Mrs. W. Munlana; auditors, Mrs. Downswell, Mrs. Douglas; program committee, Mrs. H. A. Wilson, Mrs. C. Wilson, Mrs. O'Malley; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Dykes.

Mrs. Patterson, president of Newbury Institute, was present on behalf of their society to confer with the members of the Wardsville Institute, and urge Wardsville to co-operate with Newbury in the improvement of the conditions of the cemetery. The matter was taken up and Wednesday, April 20, was the day selected.

The question of light-weight bread was next dealt with, and a committee was appointed to wait upon the council and ask that an inspector be appointed to weigh the bread coming into the village and seize any that is not of standard weight, one and a half pounds.

## Caroline Coe Says

For a sluggish liver eat "greens" once a day for a week. If you are nervous eat onions. If you have diabetes eat asparagus.

If you are bilious eat water-cress.

If your complexion is bad eat carrots, cooked or raw.

## The Poets' Corner

### TO A FLOWER.

Flower in the crannied wall,  
I pluck you out of the crannies;  
I hold you here, root and all, in my hand,

Little flower—but if I could under-stand  
What you are, root and all, and all in all,

I should know what God and man is.

—Tennyson.

Allow me to express my appreciation of the poems published on your page of The Advertiser each night in "The Poets' Corner."

I especially enjoyed "The Light of Other Days" and "Moonset," but I notice a line has been omitted from the second stanza of the latter poem, and I am writing to ask if you could find the missing line, and possibly have the whole reprinted, as I should like to have the poem for my small collection.

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## The BEST SUITS We've Ever Seen at \$15.00 and \$20.00

Best in Style, Fabric,  
Fit and Finish

If you've still to buy your suit, here's a chance which is most unusual, and many women who have bought suits will buy another when they see these unusual values.

Our buyer secured these 42 Suits from Canada's best maker. Every one is this season's make. They are all correctly styled and perfectly tailored from fashionable fabrics, tweeds, serges, chevots, whipcords and novelty suitings. In Norfolk, plain-tailored and cutaway models. Coats are satin-lined. All sizes in the lot, tans, browns, grays, etc. Plenty of blues and blacks. Come and try on one of these suits. Most unusual values at \$15, \$20

## Kingsmill's

## PARKER'S DYE WORKS

TORONTO

Fragile Laces — Woollen

Clothes—Quilted Silks—White

Hats—White Furs—Silk and

Satin Scarfs—Opera Cloaks—

are only a few of the many

things we clean.

If you have something unusually

nice—that is stained or spotted

—send it to us. We'll clean it.

OTTAWA BRANCH, 211 SPARKS ST.

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## Veils Are Real Germ Collectors

The beauty specialists ask their customers sometimes whether they change their veils frequently and have them cleaned, just as they would other items of their attire, and when the answer is in the negative, they explain that veils are dust and germ collectors, and should really be changed very often.

The white veil gets a bath frequently, for it shows soil so readily that there is no evading it, but everyone does not know that other veils need ablutions now and then.

The veil should be squeezed in soap-suds several times and rinsed in two waters, using a little bluing in the last rinsing for black or blue veillings. Then a little cold starch should be mixed, in the proportion of a teaspoonful of powdered starch to a pint of lukewarm water; squeeze the veil twice loosely through this solution, shake it out and roll it in a cloth for about fifteen minutes.

Meanwhile lay a mat on a table and cover it with newspapers. Then pin the lower edge of the veil straight along the edge of the table, stretching the rest of the veil as smoothly as possible and pinning it to the table. Iron with a hot iron, and the net will have the crispness of a new veil.

Chiffon veils or scarfs may also be washed, but should be ironed on the ironing board and need no starch. Tulle bows may also be done up freshly in the same manner as a mesh veil.

A man has to work pretty hard to get money, and very hard to keep it. Most men boast of what they are going to do, but few boast about what they have done.

If, as some writers say, a man acquires wisdom through marriage, it is no wonder the late Mr. Solomon had wisdom to throw at the birds.

## Break the Having drank Red Rose Tea at



a friend's house or having seen it advertised, you believe it is "good tea" and have been intending to try it for some time, but from force of habit you have just kept on using another tea. Why not Break the Habit and order RED ROSE next time.

RED ROSE TEA IS  
NEVER SOLD IN BULK.

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