

piece of glass, and secured by gluing on a piece of cardboard at the back of the frame to hold all together, or it may be lightly pasted to the back of the frame, which can then be hung up by rings or ribbons.

The above method of decoration is very admirable and effective when a plain wooden frame of the type used for poker-work is chosen, the rim of the oval opening being ornamented in the above-mentioned way.

A TOWN THAT IS RULED BY WOMEN.

A COUNCIL OF LADIES AND A LADY MAYOR.

A REVOLUTION is now in progress in the municipal government of Beattie, a small town in Northern Kansas, U.S.A. As the result of a recent election, in which a stiff battle was fought between male and female candidates for the Town Council, the ladies not only came off victorious but they inflicted a crushing defeat on their opponents of the sterner sex, of whom not even one was elected.

The council is, therefore, now composed entirely of women, and the change has not come a moment too soon. In the hands of the former council of men the town became so overrun with saloons and low drinking bars that it was impossible to live there in comfort. This disgraceful state of affairs occasioned the lady residents much concern, and they determined to take steps to put an end to it.

Accordingly a campaign was thoroughly organized, and election day saw a full list of fair candidates in the field. Mrs. Marie Totten, wife of a prominent merchant, aspired to the mayoralty, while her friend, Miss Gussie O'Neil, "put up" for the town clerkship. These two ladies made a personal canvass of the electors together, while their sister candidates were no less active.

Despite the inclemency of the weather a large number of women turned out with conveyances to drive voters to the poll, and lively scenes took place frequently during the day between the rival sexes, though a large number of men voted for the fair advocates of re-

form. On the counting of the votes it was found that the six lady candidates had all been returned by overwhelming majorities, to the great satisfaction of most of the inhabitants of the town.

With the exception of the clerk, who is only twenty-three, the new councillors are all over forty years of age. Mrs. Totten, the mayoress, is a very wealthy and public-spirited woman. She has lived in Beattie all her life, and has expressed her determination to abolish all saloons and other evil places, and to beautify the town, even if she has to do it with her own money. She is bent on giving the townspeople a clean administration, and on removing the reproach that a woman does not know how to hold office.

Under the new *regime* a large number of the municipal employees will give place to women, and even the police force is to a considerable extent to be "manned" by the fair sex. The belief is entertained that a policewoman of smart but dignified appearance would exert a moral authority far superior to that of a mere policeman, and that under her lynx eye no member of the male population would dare to take too much drink or become disorderly.

With a prudence which does them great credit, the ladies of the council have temporarily secured the assistance of the male councillors whom they succeed to initiate them into their duties. The new council's term of office is two years, and in that space of time, even if they should fail to secure re-election, the ladies will be able to effect very great and useful reforms.

Helps to Good Housekeeping.

Apply a drop of oil to the door hinges to keep them from creaking.

A cork soaked in oil makes a good substitute for a glass stopper.

Flowerpot stains may be removed from window sills with fine wood ashes.

Hang up a pincushion in the kitchen. One keep-clean is worth a dozen make-cleans.

Rub ivory knife handles that have become yellow with age or use with No. 00 sandpaper or fine emery.