

Correspondence Budget
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Features For All Women.

WHAT EVERY WOMAN WANTS TO KNOW

Katherine Leslie Chats
on Linens and Laundry.
Woman's Institute Notes.

KATHERINE LESLIE'S HOME CHAT



Household Linens at the Laundry

"People are not nearly so fastidious as they use to be over their bed and table linen," said the man in charge of the linen at one of the big shops. "Formerly women used to buy the best that was to be had in linens. Their pillow cases could not be fine enough, their sheets were carefully chosen, and they bought both in abundance. Now they are not at all particular; any sort of linen seems to answer; and indeed they are buying cotton instead of linen." I asked the salesman how he accounted for this. "O, said he, 'it is easily accounted for. The laundries are wholly responsible for this deterioration in taste. Their methods are such that no linen will stand them. They use chloride of lime and other bleaching stuffs that eat out all the vegetable matter in both linen and cotton. With their hot rollers they rip off hem-stitched borders, tear apart initials and embroideries from the linen, pull off ordinary hems and very soon reduce bed and table linen to rags, and its owners to despair. One of our oldest customers, who has

been a great buyer of linens has taken to buying cotton bed linens, and not the most expensive at that; for, as she very properly declares, she has no intention of feeding the tubs and hot rollers of the laundries any longer with fine linen. There does not seem to be any help for this state of things. The modern maid does not wash and iron, the 'washerwoman' has become as extinct as the dodo, and the laundress who has taken her place asks prohibitive prices for her name too excellent work." This is all true. We all suffer from steam laundry methods. We groan over the wreck of our household linen, and tear our hair when our fine shirtwaist and lingerie dresses come back to us looking the wraith and wreck of what they were. Even in those places such as convents and reform homes for women where the take limited supplies of linen to launder, the steam laundry methods seem to prevail, and what one sends there in hope one receives in despair. One sometimes wonders if there is absolutely no money to be made by enterprising women in just old-fashioned laundry work, when the clothes were washed well, boiled, hung in the sweet air and then brought in and ironed?

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.]

The Old Question.
Dear Miss Grey: This is the first time I have written to you, and as I am a constant reader of your column I thought I would ask a question or two. 1. Will mercerized wax injure the skin, as I saw where it would improve the complexion and take off freckles. 2. I have dark hair, which is very short and thin. What do you advise to make it grow, as there is a lot of short hair always around my forehead? Hoping to see this in print soon, I remain,
ANS.—1. Personally I have had no experience with the article, but one of two correspondents have written this column stating that they had not obtained satisfactory results from the use of it.
2. You should keep the scalp thoroughly cleansed and the roots of the hair stimulated by frequent brushing and occasional massage. This should in time insure you a thick growth of hair.

Help For Grace L.
IRIS writes a very kind letter in reference to a request made by Grace L. for a remedy for thick neck. While I prefer not to publish the contents of Iris' letter in this column, if Grace L. will send me her address, I shall gladly send on the information to her. Iris says, "I hope you will not think me officious in writing this." Not at all, it is extremely kind of you, and I am sure that Grace as well as myself appreciate your help.

Has an Unhappy Home.
Dear Miss Grey—As I have received many helpful hints from your column, I am going to ask a few myself. As this is my first letter to you, please do not be too hard on me.
1. Is a girl under 18 years of age privileged to leave an unhappy home, where there is a stepfather who is unwilling to let her go?
2. In the warm weather many times through the day my face and nose will begin to burn and become very red. What is the cause of this, and what will prevent it?
3. Could you obtain for me a copy of the poem called "The Face Upon the Barroom Floor"? I have tried very hard to get it, but so far have failed.
4. Can you give me a recipe for cold cream that will help to remove blackheads and flesh worms?
Hoping to see these in print soon, I am,
ANS.—1. A girl is not considered of age until she is 18. I hope you do not think your home unhappy simply because your stepfather wishes you to remain there. Remember, he is considerably older than you, and without doubt believes it is wisest for yourself to stay under his protection until you are really able to fight your own battles in the world. There is another side to the matter, too—you should be glad that he is not anxious to push you out into the world to get rid of you, as some men have been known

Peeking a Skirt.
Dear Miss Grey: I. Would you advise accordeon pleating for a silk skirt? I have been told that the heat necessary to do the pleating will cause the silk to cut in a short time.
2. My hair is fairly long and thick, and is not too dry at the roots, but lately it has been splitting badly, one hair sometimes forking in several places. If I cut the ends, in a few days it is as broken as before. Can you advise me what to do for it?
A. A. A.
ANS.—1. I am of the same opinion, that there is the danger that the fine pleating will cause the silk to cut much sooner than it otherwise would. Why not follow one of the pretty draped styles which are being used so much now? Silk can be made up quite readily in some of these styles of draping.
2. If your hair is in a healthy condition it should not behave in this way. Try faithful brushing and massaging once or twice daily to stimulate the scalp and hair follicles. I trust this will help to remedy the trouble.

Grease on Leather.
Dear Miss Grey: Do you know of anything that would take a grease spot out of the leather lining of a handbag?
ANS.—You might try rubbing the stain with a soft rag dipped in spirits of wine, or make a paste of ammonia and either benzoin or ammonia; lay it on the stain and let remain overnight. In the morning remove with the finger and wipe clean with a soft cloth moistened in ammonia.

For a Home Wedding.
Dear Miss Grey: When a girl is being married at home in travelling suit should she wear her coat, hat and gloves, where it is a quiet wedding, with only the parents of both parties present?
2. When the two families are not acquainted it is necessary to send printed invitations or should the mother of the bride-to-be write a little informal letter to the parents of the groom-to-be? If so, would you please put a suitable letter for the occasion in your column (not too formal)?
3. Would you please tell me something nice to serve at a wedding luncheon (cold)?
Hoping I have not taken up too much of your time, and thinking you for your kindness, I remain,
ANS.—1. I think it would be better for her to appear without the coat, hat, etc., as it is a quiet affair.
2. A better way would be for the groom to bring his parents to call upon the bride and her mother some weeks before the marriage. However, if this is not practicable, then the bride's mother might write the note as

The Birthday Calendar



IF THIS IS YOUR BIRTHDAY

Your work will not be in vain, and the results will repay you. Do not waste time in pursuing shadows, but understand the advantages near at hand.
Those born today will be clever and successful. They will easily win the regard of others and, although having many friends, will be rather inclined to be lonely.

you suggest. It sounds foolish for me to word it for you, as such a note should come direct from the heart of the writer, but something along this line might answer: "Dear Mr. and Mrs. Blank: My husband and I are looking forward with great pleasure to meeting you at the marriage of Mary and John on the 29th inst. While we regret the thought of losing our daughter we are pleased indeed that she has won the affections of such an estimable man as your son. The ceremony is arranged for 3:30, but we trust to see you much earlier in the day. Sincerely yours," If the young man's parents live at a distance, a postscript might be added with information regarding trains, etc.
3. Thin sliced cold veal, tongue or chicken.
Potato salad. Buttered rolls.
Sliced tomatoes with mayonnaise. Thin bread and butter.
Home made relishes and pickles.
Ice cream Angel Food
Coffee Fruit

TO A MOTHERLESS GIRL.
"A MOTHERLESS GIRL"—Since you started "keeping company" with the young man knowing that he was going with another girl I do not see that this should be a reason now for breaking your friendship.

Keep on being your own sweet, lady-like, self. If he prefers you, he will say so before long, no doubt, and if he does not, you are young enough to form other friendships. Probably he simply regards you both as friends. In the meantime, you have the privilege of accepting the attention of other young men.

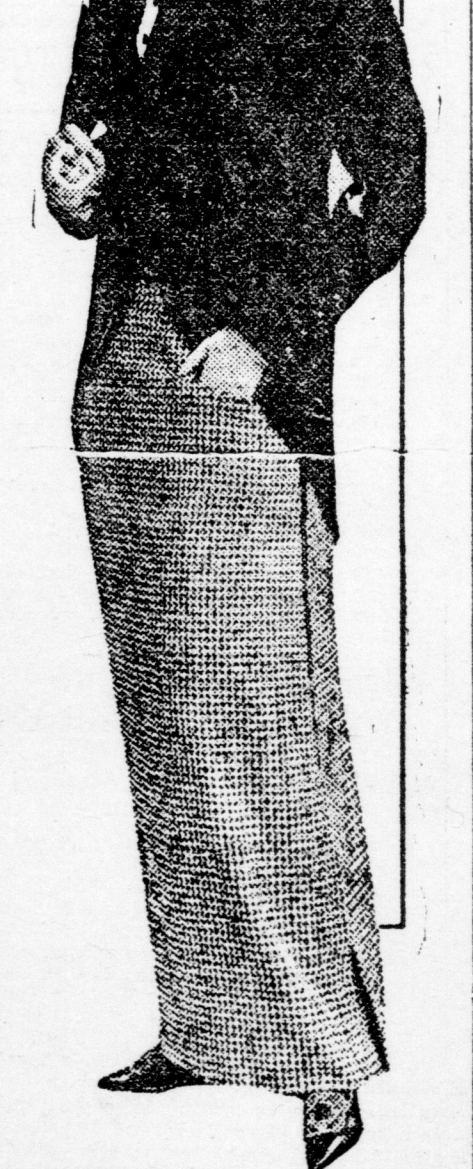
REMOVING FOREIGN BODY FROM EAR

[By a Physician.]
Children frequently put into their ears pebbles, beans, cherry stones, coffee, etc. Some insects find their way into the ear passage and create severe pain by their struggles. The insect is no respecter of age and frequently finds its way into the ear of a grown-up. Smooth, non-irritating bodies do no particular harm for some time. The most serious damage results often in the hurried, unskillful manner of attempting to remove such by persons who act immediately and incautiously in the belief that the removal must be made at once. Insects, of course, should be killed without delay. The simplest remedy is sweet oil, which should be dropped into the ear. Castor oil, linseed or even glycerine may be used. Then the insect should be removed in half an hour by syringing. When trying to remove a solid body turn the ear to be treated downward. Pull it outward and backward, rubbing the skin just in front of the opening into the ear with the other hand. The object may fall out. If this is not effective syringing may be tried. Supposing this second method does not prove successful, then get competent medical assistance at once.

Complexion remedies that most women recommend they wouldn't use themselves. The girl who has a chronic case of the ideal is apt to develop into a spinster.

The Strictly Tailored Girl Is Still Here

1. Personally, I think it better to purchase a cold cream at a drug store, but since you ask for a formula, I have pleasure in giving one herewith: Sweet almond oil, one ounce; rosewater, one ounce; spermaceti, quarter ounce; white wax, quarter ounce. Break the spermaceti and white wax into tiny bits. Put them into a china bowl and place over a pan of hot water. As they soften, pour in the almond oil slowly, incorporating it with the other two ingredients. When the mixture has softened well, lift the bowl from the water, and stir in the rosewater, constantly and evenly. Add a little perfume and place in jars. Do not at any time let the cream become hot.



Notwithstanding the many draperies that are worn in the spring there still is seen the strictly tailored girl. She is usually young, for only a young woman can stand the plain lines of the correctly tailored suit.
This season they are wearing the coat different from the skirt, and the stunning suit pictured is of blue and white check for the skirt and of plain blue for the coat. A white vestee with dark blue buttons and binding, with a white collar and blue choker, with a large sailor hat, make this a stunning rig for an outdoor girl.
A new fashion wrinkle is the side-pockets on the skirt. You find them in all the strictly tailored suits this year.

Serge and Whipcord Spring GRAY'S Suits \$15.00 GRAY'S

Wool Shepherd Checks

FOR service, satisfaction and smart appearance there is nothing to equal black and white Shepherd Checks, and for the present season there is nothing more popular.

38-inch navy and white checks, 3 different sized checks, at per yard..... **25c**

50-inch black and white checks, special value, yard..... **39c**

42-inch navy and white, black and white. Three different sized checks. At yard..... **50c**

44-inch all-wool black and white check, three sizes of check. At per yard..... **65c**

52 and 54 inch all-wool black and white check. Splendid quality. At yard..... **\$1.00**

54-inch all-wool black and white check. Splendid suiting cloth. At yard..... **\$1.25**

Towelling

TWO hundred yards only of 22-inch Tea Towelling. Extra good value, at yard..... **19c**

40 and 44 inch Plain Hemmed Pillow Cases, each..... **15c**

47-inch square Bordered Damask Cloths. 15 only Saturday, yard..... **49c**

19-inch Hemmed Table Napkins, with border on two sides only. These are extra heavy, all pure linen. These are very good quality, but as they have border only on two sides, we are selling them at, dozen..... **\$1.25**

Lace Curtains

TWELVE designs Nottingham Lace Curtains, ecru and white. Pair..... **\$1.00**

10 designs, Nottingham, Bungalow and Fish Nets, in ecru, white and Arab. At pair..... **\$1.50**

10 designs in White and Ecru Curtains, at pair..... **\$2.00**

Other lines at 50c, 75c, \$1.25, \$1.75 to \$5.50 pair.

FOR SMALL WINDOWS we have some fine Nottingham Curtains in white and ecru, at pair..... **\$2.15**
Another line in white, at pair..... **\$1.35**

Small Women's and Misses' Spring Suits

MADE from all-wool serges and whipcords in medium and light grays, navy and saxe blues, in the semi-fitting, three-button square front style, or three-button cut-away effect. Coat is lined with silk twill. Skirts are plain tailored with single side pleats and raised waistline. Splendid fitting costume and beautifully tailored, in sizes 14, 16, 18 and 34 only. The smartest and best suits shown this season, at..... **\$15.00**

Lingerie Waists 75c

FIVE dozen only Ladies' Dainty Lingerie Waists, prettily trimmed, square necks and high collar styles. Just in fresh from the designer's hands. Sizes 32 to 40 only. On sale Saturday at each..... **75c**

Ladies' Suits \$16

HANDSOME Suits for stout people. Made of all-wool Bedford cords in black and navy. Semi-fitting coats, three-button, square front style, lined with silk. Tailored skirts with side pleat. High and normal waistline. Sizes are 37, 39 and 41 bust. Extra good values Saturday..... **\$16.00**

Spring Coats \$10.50

LADIES' and Misses' Spring Coats in the popular cutaway styles, ¾ length. Made of all-wool serges and good quality broadcloth, in navy, black, fawn and tan colors. Sizes 16 and 18, and 34, 36 and 38. Splendid value..... **\$10.50**

Dress Skirts \$3.85

BIG clearance Saturday of Ladies' Dress Skirts of fine French voile, beautifully trimmed, high waistline and panel backs, bound seams. Excellently tailored and perfect fitting skirts. Worth up as high as \$8.50, for each..... **\$3.85**

Ladies' Silk Coats

IMPORTED Silk and Satin Coats, semi-fitting styles, shawl collars, beautifully trimmed, lined to waist. Popular length. Sizes 34 to 44. Just the coat for spring and summer wear, at each..... **\$12.50, \$15 and \$18**

Summer Style Book

THE Ladies' Home Journal Summer Style Book is now in. 80 pages full of overflowing with the newest and best styles.
PRICE 5c, BY MAIL 10c.

Dress Gingham at Wholesale Prices

WE HAVE about 4,000 yards left now of the very big lot we procured from a manufacturer of Ladies' Colored Dresses. These are the very best quality Gingham, all warranted fast colors. These include all the best colorings and patterns. The small checks and stripes are all regular 12½c and 15c values. The plaids are regular 12½c, 15c, 18c and 25c values. The better ones could easily be sold at higher prices, only that we have such large quantities and want to sell them all at once. The price is, yard..... **10c**

CLEARANCE OF SOME LINES OF WASH GOODS AND MUSLINS. Regular 12½c to 25c yard. To clear Saturday only, yard..... **10c**

Silk Department

WE ARE showing many novelties in high-class Silks in exclusive designs.

Pin-Stripe Paillette Silk, 36 inches wide, at yard..... **\$1.35**

Small spots with stripe, yard..... **\$1.35**

New shot effects with contrasting stripes, 36-inch, at yard..... **\$1.25**

Self-colored Broches, 36 inches wide, at yard..... **\$1.50**

Gray and Black Broches, 36 inches wide, at yard..... **\$2.00**

Navy and white stripe and floral design, 36 inches wide. Yard..... **\$1.50**

Heavy-Ottoman Silk, for trimming, in navy and white and black and white, 20 inches wide. Yard..... **\$2.00**

Also a number of designs and colorings in the popular Bulgarian and Persian trimming silks. At per yard..... **\$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50**

Gloves and Collars

ROBESPIERRE Colored Collars with lace Jabot, in latest style. Clearing at, each..... **39c**

Silk-Finished Lisle Gloves in all sizes. Colors are mode, gray, fawn and white. Regular 50c value, for a pair..... **25c**

Fine Kid Gloves, in tans, browns and black, 2-dome, heavy points. Saturday, a pair..... **75c**

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WOMEN'S INSTITUTES

COLPOY'S BAY

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Warton, April 11.—The Colpoys' Bay Women's Institute held a very interesting meeting in Bell's Hall yesterday afternoon, the following program being carried out in a very efficient manner: Opening chorus, "The Maple Leaf"; roll call, responded to by every member giving some use of salt; paper on "Worrying," by Mrs. Bandy; Smith; address by Mrs. Arthur Watt, Warton, on "Home-Making," solo by Mrs. Bell. Mrs. Post, president, and Mrs. Weir, secretary, had charge of the meeting. Afternoon tea was served at the close of the program.

FLORENCE

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Florence, April 10.—The Women's Institute met on Wednesday afternoon at the home of Miss Carrie Corbett, when a very interesting meeting was held. A large number of members were present, also several visitors, and the meetings were full of more enthusiasm every month. Miss Davis presented to the ladies a paper, that was indeed well worth hearing, the subject being "Spring and Its Beauties." Mr. C. P. Kennedy, manager of Northern Crown Bank, Florence, was present to address this meeting. He directed his excellent speech to the ladies along the line of institute work, and all went away with the desire impressed in their minds that they would come to the annual business meeting.

Heated Carriages.
Closed, heated carriages for all occasions. Palace Livery. Phone 838. Ross & Boss, proprietors.

Hats and Plumes

The straws par excellence for the spring are Tagal, Yedda in a very soft and rather fine description, and, above all, the fine, close English straws. This latter might be said to represent a certain amount of altruism on the part of the modiste, for no straw wears so well or suffers so many things in the matter of packing, and one shape in this redoubtable pailie will outlast three or four cheaper straws.

Ostrich plumes are far from being ruled out of count. As a matter of fact, the quantities of these plumes which will be worn this season are likely to be as great as ever, but the plumes are more or less uncured on the lower part nearest to the base of the stem. Shaded feathers will be immensely popular, and the gradations by which one tone melts softly into another show any amount of artistic talent on the part of the manufacturers, and prove very becoming to the wearer.

New Tableware

Among the new tableware is a gravy boat especially designed for Mr. Jack Spratt and his wife whose preferences as to food have been familiar to us since childhood. This gravy boat has a tiny silver skimmer inserted in it such a way that when the gravy is poured from one side of the boat the fatty portions of it are skimmed off, while if poured from the other side the fatty portions are retained, and so, between them both, you see—Jack Spratt and his wife will both be satisfied.

Racks of Sheffield plate somewhat like muffin racks come now filled up with individual silver pie-plates. The racks are made to carry three plates at a time. There are some new silver basket-shaped carriers for jars of marmalade. They have the flexible handles and the sides are formed of a very lacy pattern in silver filigree. Grape dips are new and attractive bits of tableware. They are tall egg-shaped crystal bowls set in silver holders. They are to be partly filled with iced water into which the grapes are to be dipped.

Daily Healthogram

By a Physician.

STOMACH GAS is frequently caused by fermentation of foods not properly digested. Intestinal fermentation causes intestinal gases. Sour milk and cheese diet diminishes it. Over-eating, hurried eating and too long waits between meals are all common aids to the formation of stomach gas.

And many a woman is so changeable that she never wears the same complexion twice.

The Poet's Corner

MOONSET.

Idles the night wind through the dreaming firs,
That wailing murmur low,
As some lost melody returning stirs
The love of long ago;
And through the far, cool distance,
zephyr fanned,
The moon is sinking into shadow-land.

The troubled night-bird calling plaintively,
Wanders on restless wing;
The cedars, chanting vespers to the sea,
That comes in wash of waves along the strand,
The while the moon slips into shadow-land.

O, soft responsive voices of the night,
I join your minstrelsy,
And call across the fading, silver light,
As something calls to me;
I may not all your meaning understand,
But I have touched your soul in shadow-land.

—E. Pauline Johnson.

DECORATING THE LIVING ROOM

If you are going to paper and decorate your living rooms, see that every bit of old paper is torn off the walls and the walls washed with a disinfectant before the new paper is put on.

In a room where there has been a case of diphtheria, the new paper was put over the old before the walls were thoroughly disinfected, and although a new family moved into the flat all went well until the next year, when the new paper was again torn off, exposing that which had been in the room at the time the diphtheria patient occupied it. One of the men who tore off the old paper took the dreadful disease and died.

Choose Quiet Paper.
Don't put a very brilliant paper on the living room. It may look fine at

first, but one tires of living with it, day after day.

The walls of a living room should be a background for the pictures and the furniture.

This year the best decorating shops are using a greenish-gray cartridge paper or a silvered Japanese burlap, but you can get the same effect from almost any soft gray paper.

A clever friend of mine, whose brain was bigger than her pocketbook, bought a cheap paper that was a warm brown on the wrong side, and she hung it with that side out. The pattern showed through faintly in places and added a distinct charm to her walls.

She only paid 10 cents a roll for the paper and made an effect with it that a fashionable decorator would have gotten all kinds of money for.