

A PAGE OF GENERAL INTEREST TO WOMEN READERS

Our Daily Hint

If You Know of Some Household Economy, Improved Method, or Labor-Saving Hint, Tell Others About It.

Sent by "Mrs. Homeleigh."
Salt Beads.—2 tablespoons common starch, ¼ cup of cold water, ¼ cup table salt. Color the water good and deep and mix with starch; heat the salt good and hot and pour into the starch and mix thoroughly; let stand a few hours. (I don't know what for, because I think you will find you can form into beads right away). Form into beads and stick with hatpin, but don't leave on hatpin for salt rusts it. (For blue beads use blueing).

Cynthia Grey's Mail-Box

(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. No letter can be answered privately.)

Exchange of Coupons.

Dear Miss Grey,—Will "Peggy Douglas," who wrote to me quite a while ago, please answer a few questions for me through this column? It was very kind of you, dear "Peggy," to write me such a nice letter. I wrote to the doctor and now I would like you to let me know if your friends who were deaf were very deaf, also were the ear drums sunken? I am afraid to try the treatment for fear it makes me worse. I shall be looking for an answer soon and many thanks to you.

I, too, wonder where "Stranger" has gone. I guess she must have been trying to get a collection of stamps, as I never received a yoke pattern I wished to exchange with her. I sent my address and stamps. I also saw where another reader didn't receive her cosmetics needs.
I am inclosing a few tobacco coupons for you to distribute. I would like very much to get some Robin Hood oatmeal coupons. I remain as before,
VERY ANXIOUS.

Ans.—I wish that reader who was saving up tobacco coupons to get a sewing machine would send her address for these sent by "Very Anxious." I'll keep them for you.
And "Very Anxious," I've one R. H. coupon on hand. Would you like it? Hope you hear again from "Peggy Douglas."

Soldier Songs.

Dear Miss Grey,—I would like to get some songs: "Don't Take My Darling Boy Away," "Kiss Your Soldier Boy Good-bye," "I'll Not Forget You Soldier," I have some songs which I will send in return. Wishing you and the Mail-Box the best of luck.

A READER.

Ans.—Well, "Reader," I haven't any of those songs on hand, but if they come for you, shall notify you in the Mail-Box. You should have stated what you had to exchange.

Wearing Tennis Shoes.

Dear Miss Grey,—Although I have never visited your Mail-Box before I thought I would drop in for a few minutes this time.

It is very seldom that I ever miss reading the letters.

I have come to ask a few questions. 1. Do you think a girl of eighteen too old to wear her hair down her back in a curl, with large bow on head. I am five feet five inches in height. 2. Do you think that tennis shoes spoil the shape of the foot, especially making them broader? 3. Would like to know if I could get from some of the Mail-Box readers some tobacco coupons, the kind that comes on the Stag tobacco and Queen's Navy. Would be very glad if I could get some, as I am saving them.

I would like very much to correspond with some of the readers. I would like to correspond with "Fairly Rose," but I do not live in London. Lastly, I would like to know what you think of my writing.

BASHFUL EIGHTEEN.

Ans.—1. If you wish to wear it in a girlish way, do so by all means.

2. Constant wearing of tennis or running shoes certainly encourages the foot to broaden. If just worn while playing the game they cannot do much harm though.

3. We don't want to encourage the use of tobacco, do we?—Especially of the "chewing" varieties. However, your request is made known.

Mars Her Beauty.

Dear Miss Grey,—Does a weak chin denote weakness or lack of character, or both?

Oh dear! I hope it doesn't mean both, because I certainly was behind the door when chins were handed out, and you have no idea how it mars one's beauty to have your mouth glide gracefully into your neck.

2. Which of Dickens' books do you prefer I just love "Bleak House," don't you?

3. What day did September 4, 1908 fall on?

4. Do you think bicycling for girls about seventeen will ever come in again? I have a bicycle and adore riding, but everyone looks at me as if I had two heads. However, it is too good to miss.

SHE COMES UP SMILING.

Ans.—Chin or no chin, you're a dear, I know, and ever so welcome to "come up smiling" into the Mail-Box. A receding chin is usually taken as indication of weak character, but, honestly, I don't believe it, (and I'm not saying this just to please you). One of the most clever business girls I know is blessed (?) with a receding chin. She began her business career as a 36-a-week stenographer, but today is practically "private secretary" to the manager of a big business concern. There's certainly nothing wrong with her brain; she is a fine musician and has, I am sure, not a "colorless" character.

So, are you downhearted? NO! Once I got past the chancery court, I did indeed love the story of sweet Esther Summerson, and the kindly Mr. Jarndyce. But my preference is just divided a bit with "Our Mutual Friend," a Dickens' volume not seemingly as well known as other of his works. If I had two heads, however, it is too good to miss.

5. Guess you mean 1898, Monday. 4. The sport was an admirable one and I too am sorry not to see it reviving. We'll have to keep on hoping.

READ YOUR FORTUNE AT THE TEA-TABLE

Tea-Cup Lore is of Interest to Many Fair Maidens.

The following hints for reading "fortunes" by means of tea leaves or coffee grounds, given by "Sunshine E." at request of "Just Nineteen," will doubtless be appreciated by others: Straight lines denote peace, tranquility and long life. Long wavy lines denote vexations and losses. Square figures foretell happiness and security. Oblong figures, family discord. Curved or twisted figures are sure signs of annoyances. Circles predict money. A crown signifies honor. A triangle denotes an unexpected journey.

The anchor, success in business if at the bottom of the cup, or success in love if at the top.

The cross predicts adversity. The heart signifies pleasure; if two are together, or one with a ring near it, marriage.

Dots, like dust, mean money. The ring predicts marriage. The sun is the sign of the greatest good luck.

The moon (or crescent) denotes high honors, and if at the bottom of the cup, good fortune by land and water.

The veil shows differences with relatives about legacies.

Flowers are signs of peaceful and joyous life.

Birds are good omens. Denote kind thoughts.

A dog, good and faithful friend; other animals, troubles and difficulties. Human figures are good signs. Denote marriage.

The letter denotes news; if surrounded by dots, contains money.

The tree points to lasting good health; several trees show your wishes will come true; if surrounded by dots, you will make your fortune where you are.

The clover leaf is very lucky. If found all by itself, serene and undisturbed happiness; if surrounded by clouds, it shows the presence of disagreeable things to mar the happiness.

For no Irish mother bounds them back when the call to duty comes—Though, oh, oh, it's weary are the days in the lonely Irish homes! So I'll keep a cheerful courage—'tis so little I can do—For the sake of other mothers who'll have sons in Flanders, too.

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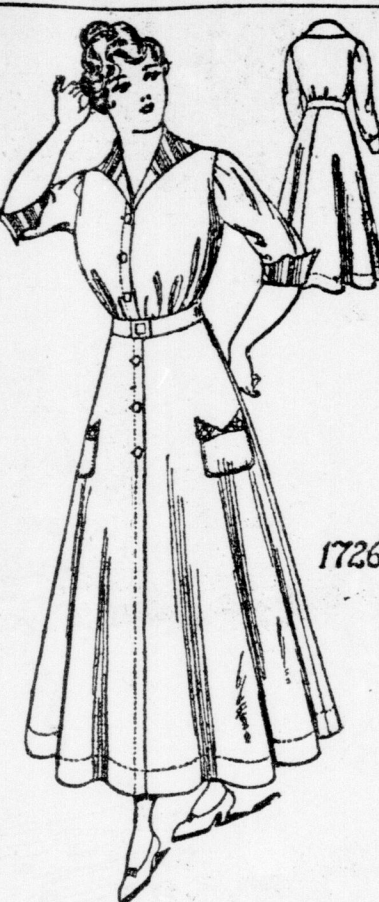
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ADVERTISER PATTERNS



A SPLENDID MODEL FOR HOUSE OR PORCH WEAR.

1726.—Percale, gingham, seersucker, chambray, lawn, gabardine, voile, poplin, repp, serge, taffeta and tub silk are nice for this style.

The fronts of the waist are made with a coat closing, and are rolled, but in low-neck style. The skirt is a four-gore model, finished in lap tuck style at the centre front. The sleeve may be in wrist length, finished with a straight cuff, or in short length with a shaped turnback cuff. The pattern is cut in six sizes: 34, 36, 38, 40, 42 and 44 inches bust measure. It requires seven yards of 36-inch material for a 36-inch size. The skirt measures 31-4 yards at the foot.

A pattern of this illustration mailed to any address on receipt of 10 cents in silver or stamps.

ADVERTISER PATTERN DEPT.
Please send above-mentioned pattern, as per direction given below, to:

Name
Town
Province

Age (if child's or miss's pattern).....
Measurement: Bust..... Waist.....

Caution: Be careful to inclose the above illustration, and send size of pattern wanted. When the pattern is bust measure you need only give 34 or whatever it may be. When in waist measure, 22, 24, 26, or whatever it may be. If a skirt, give waist and length measure. When miss's or child's pattern, write only the figure representing the age. It is not necessary to write "inches" or "yards." Patterns cannot reach you in less than one week from date of application.

VERSE--New and Old

A BRAVE IRISH MOTHER.
(To "Aunt Nannie.")

(No signature was attached to this, which reached Miss Grey, with the army postoffice stamp and censor's mark on the envelope. It is a bit of verse that will be treasured by many.)

I hear the boys go marchin' an' a whistlin' down the street,
Full kits across their sturdy backs, the dust upon their feet;
An' I'd cheer—some folks may sape, but scorra a bit I mind—
I'm thinking of their mothers an' the friends they love behind.

I remember, too, it's proud I was at the sight
My own eyes seen,
Whin the hefty sons of Erin passed, each wearin' of the green.
An' Dan was wid him, tall an' strong, From Donegal to Cork they kem, from Down to Kerry's shore.

'Tis twenty year nex' Candiemas since the day me long was born,
Whin I fought through slow, dark hours for the joy that kem wid morn;
An' oh, the darlint ways o' him, an' the dander heart had be—
I niver drummed at all at him, he'd be afther laivin' me!

But whin the CALL kem Dan replied, Though it's imply is the out how now, an' imptier still me heart;
It sames but yisterday a babe he anged to me breast—
An' it's now he lies in Flanders wid those other boys—at rest!

Whin the bog-pools wake from their frozen slape an' the marsh-whorls rear their heads,
Whin the bright gould o' the daffodils flame out from brown alth-beds,
Whin the ould pear-tree is fragrant down wid its load of fragrant snow,
'Twill be hard to walk alone, an' there, an' ye'll not by to know.

Ye'll not see the flowers ye loved, mactree, nor hear the swate bird's song
(Though the linnat that ye gev me will be singin' all day long);
But o' nights I think, as Hivin's Jewels gleam, the same stars shine, maybe,
On that lonely grave in Flanders that meself will niver see.

An' still I hear the boys march by an' I cheer them as they go,
Not wan shall guess me heart-break nor shall see the salt drop flow;
But meself will pray the blisid saints to guard them day an' night,
An' comfort all whose dear wans for the cause of honor fight.

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Clearance Prices on Summer Millinery

\$4.00 to \$7.00 Hats for \$1.98

Two dozen only Trimmed Hats, new and smart models; regular \$4.00 to \$7.00. To clear Saturday at \$1.98

COLORED HATS HALF PRICE.

All our Lovely Colored Hats of every color and shape, no two alike, to be sold Saturday at HALF PRICE

FRENCH FLOWERS HALF PRICE.

Beautiful French Flowers in every variety and color, Saturday HALF PRICE

FINE BLACK SHAPES HALF PRICE.

18 Small Black Shapes in fine quality Milan and Tagel straw, all French patterns. To clear Saturday at HALF PRICE

FOURTH FLOOR—MILLINERY DEPT.—FOURTH FLOOR.

Third Floor Offerings for Saturday

Wash Silk Waists

White Jap Silk Waists, with long sleeves and convertible collars. Specially priced at \$1.00

White Habutai Silk Waists, a good weight silk that washes and wears well, convertible collars, hemstitching on shoulders, fastened with medium large pearl buttons, good value at \$2.25

Black Jap Silk Waists, convertible collars, fine tucking in front. Price \$2.25

Girls' White Middy Skirts

Made of good strong white jean, nicely pleated, straps over shoulder, buttoned to skirt; sizes 8, 10 and 12 years. Price, \$1.25

Ladies' Middies

Smart, practical styles in excellent quality jean, all white and colored trimmed, others with flannel collars. At \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50

Bath Towels

Colored Bath Towels, splendid assortment. Special at 25c pair

White Bath Towels, in a large size. Very special value at 25c each

Black and White Cotton Voiles

We have a splendid range of fine Black Cotton Voiles with neat white floral patterns, stripes and embroidered effects, 27 to 40 inches wide. At 25c to 50c yard

Ladies' White Lisle Hose, full fashioned leg, garter top. Special at 25c pair

Silk-Ankle Hose, in black and white, spliced heel and toe 35c pair

Ladies' Summer Vests, lisle thread, porous knit, plain and fancy yokes. Special value at 25c

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Fine Quality English Coutil Corsets, with medium bust, long hips, neatly trimmed top, four hose supporters attached. Special value at \$1.00 pair

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