

THE CATHOLIC RECORD.

LADIES' DEPARTMENT.

PARIS AND AMERICAN FASHIONS.

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Below will be found a pattern of a lady's wool jacket, from the December number of the *Y. L. Journal*. It is not at all difficult, and I am sure our lady-friends will find it a useful as well as enjoy-able pastime those long evenings when obliged to stay in doors:

KNITTED JACKET FOR LADY.

Material required: 8 oz. each scarlet and grey double Berlin wool, two bone knitting pins, and a tricot hook No. 7.

This jacket is very easy to make, it is knitted in three stripes, two grey and one scarlet. The stripes are joined by a needle and wool. For the grey stripes, which are made long enough to pass over the shoulder and form both the front and back stripe, cast on twenty-one stitches, knit three and purl alternately; always slip the first stitch; continue to knit until you have made the stripe, the length required, purling the knitted and knitting the purled stitches in every alternate row. About 174 rows will be required. The bands compose the two sides, slanting forward and front. The stripe for the back is knitted with scarlet wool in the same way, making it half the length. The light stripes are sewn one each side of the back, then each is folded and sewn up under the arm, leaving a sufficient space for the arm-hole. With scarlet wool work a stripe of tricot on eight stitches. This pass over two stitches of tricot and repeat. This stripe is sewn to the jacket. A similar stripe serves for the sleeves, working on six instead of eight stitches. The jacket is fastened by pearl buttons.

DIFFERENT FASHIONS OF WEARING THE HAIR.—The periwig, or periwig, or at all events, false hair, was much used by all the very ancient nations. In the British Museum a periwig may be seen, which was found in the temple of Isis at Thebes, the curling and arranging of which is worth the attention of the modern coiffeur. It is very large; every curl is plied with the utmost care, and we can gather, from its state of preservation, that the artifices of Thebes possessed a secret which modern periwiggers do not share with them—namely, that of preserving the curl in the hair. Despite the thousands of years that have passed and gone, this巧 preservates its original shape, form and curl.

But it is not for this class we intend these few remarks, but for those inactive, discontented, staid youths, who pass their time in a manner which will prove injurious not only to their physical powers but also to the moral and intellectual. They expend fortunes in the vain hope of regaining their declining health, and change of climate or skilful medical treatment seems only to bring them nearer to the grave. The same words might be well applied to them which were addressed to a Syracuse prince by a Spartan cook. The prince being present at one of the Spartan public repasts, found the food very insipid. "I do not wonder at your dislike," said the Spartan cook, "for the seasoning is wanting." "What seasoning?" asked the prince. "Running, perspiration, fatigue, hunger and thirst," answered the cook; "these are the ingredients with which we prepare all our food."

The most ancient style of hair consists of plaiting two long hairs and wearing them either hanging down the back or bound around the head. The plait of three strands is of unknown antiquity; and as it was the first and most enduring, so it probably will be the last style practiced, and we see that its return to favor every few years is almost a certainty.

The fashion of cutting the hair straight across the forehead was the style worn in England during the reign of Henry III, and Edward I. Upon the coins of that monarch, and indeed upon all the silver coinage of the kingdom until the reign of Henry VII, this style is visible, as worn by boys and men. The rest of the hair was worn very bushy at the sides, and rolled in two large and long curls. The same fashion reappeared in the reign of Charles I., but was then probably introduced from Spain.

HOUSEWIVES CORNER.

BEEF CAKES.—Pound some beef that is underdone with a little fat bacon or ham; season with pepper, salt, and a little shalot; mix them well and make into small cakes three inches long, and half as wide and thick; fry them a little brown, and serve them in a good thick gravy.

SARATOGA POTATOES.—Take the number of potatoes required, peel them, and cut in very thin slices; wash and wipe as dry as possible; fry them the same as you would crullers; when well browned place into a colander with a skimmer, and sprinkle a little salt on them while hot.

VINEGAR FROM MILK.—In several parts of France and on the Alps milk whey is used to make the sharpest vinegar. The process is simple. After having clarified the whey it is poured into a cask, with some aromatic plants or elder blossoms, as suits the fancy, and then exposed in the open air to the sun, where it soon acquires an uncommon degree of acidity.

COFFEE FOR THE TABLE.—The roasted berries should not be ground until a few minutes before you wish to make the liquid coffee. The coffee-pot should be heated, which may be done by means of boiling water, previously to putting in the coffee. The common custom of boiling water is unnecessary, as all the flavor is extracted by boiling hot water. Should it, however, be placed upon the fire, it should be only just a minute. To clarify the coffee add a spoonful of glass, or, still better, a spoonful of the white of an egg.

STRENGTHENING BLANC-MANGE.—Dissolve in a pint of new milk, half an ounce of isinglass, strain them through a muslin sieve, but let it again over the fire with the wind of half a small lemon, pared very thin, and two ounces of sugar, broken finely; let it simmer gently until well-flavored, then take out the lemon peel, and stir the milk to the beaten yolks of three fresh eggs; pour the mixture back into the saucepan, and hold it over the fire, until it is nearly cold; then pour it into moulds which have been laid in water and set it in a cool place till firm. This we can recommend for invalids, as well as for the table generally.

STEAMED POTATOES.—Peel the potatoes and wash them in cold water. Put them in the steamer, and place it at once over boiling water, covered very close. It is best not to lift the lid till the potatoes are done. They take from thirty to fifty minutes, according to size. Keep the water steadily boiling.

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IRISH PANCAKES.—Beat eight yolks and four whites of eggs, strain them into a pint of cream, put a grated nutmeg and sugar to your taste; set these omelets fresh batter on the fire, stir it, and as it warms pour it on the cream which should be warm when the eggs are put to it; then mix smooth almost half a pint of flour. Fry the pancakes very thin; the first with a bit of butter, but not the others. Serve several on one another.

FRENCH BREAD.—As a rule the bread is always sweet and good, and two things contribute in a great degree to this—that is the manner and form of baking. They never make a thick loaf; no matter what the size or shape, it is always thin, and more than two-thirds crust. They bake their bread until perfectly cooked. The loaves being so thin the heat strikes through them very soon after they are placed in the oven; hence all the fermentation continues to go on after the bread has been in the oven for some time, and of course much of the sweetness is lost. Then, in baking so long, having so much crust, there is a peculiar sweetness given which can be attained in no other way.

PHYSICAL CULTURE.

A LEGEND OF THE NATCHEZ TRIBE.

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One of the most interesting of the fast fading traditions of the Indian tribes is a favorite theme to-day among the few survivors of the once powerful nation of the Natchez. These Indians were of a higher type of intelligence than any other of the North American tribes. They were almost as advanced in civilization as the white Indians of Peru.

According to the legend, the Natchez should have been of Asiatic origin, for they were sun or fire worshippers, and were unanimous and sincere in following the most primitive of all the idolatries of the East. Another curious fact is, that they held women in the highest respect, and with a gallantry quite uncommon among the aborigines of America, they ascribed the salvation of their race to one of the too often degraded and despised sex. The tradition is in substance as follows:

Many thousands of winters ago, all the inhabitants of the earth, with the exception of a single family, were destroyed by floods and darkness and want of food. This one family managed to keep up a large fire of wood, and so survived for a time. But in consequence of the continued darkness, even this last remnant of human existence was about to perish. In this emergency, a young girl of the family, suddenly inspired with the idea that she might save her race by an act of self-sacrifice, threw herself upon the fire which served the despairing sufferers for a light. Her body was speedily reduced to ashes; but on the moment she arose perfect and apparently unharmed, in the eastern sky, surrounded with halos of surpassing glory. The darkness began to disappear before the new sun, and the last family of the Natchez was saved.

This wonderful girl became the chief of the tribe, and it was deemed that her nearest female relation should be her successor. The worship of the sun, which she had rivalled in brilliancy at her resurrection, was at once established; and, in addition to this, a perpetual fire was kept, called the "Living Sacrifice of the Sacred Fire," and it was the belief of the survivors that so long as this fire blazed upon their altars, the Natchez would be powerful and happy. On the spot where the sacrificed maiden was re-incarnated, where the fire fell from heaven and surrounded her with glory, they built their great mound, to indicate that their wanderings were at an end.

It was on this mound, and at the Festival of Fruits, that the Priestess of the Sun showed herself to the people attired in robes of white, adorned with white feathers, her waist glittering with precious stones. She assisted in the early greeting of her ancestor (the sun), and as the God of day descended in the east, his rays fell first upon the sacred Priestess, which circumstance was hailed by the worshippers as a recognition of sympathy and acknowledged relationship between the real sun and his queenly representative.

It was natural enough to believe that the natural extinction of the sacred fire would bring ruin if not destruction upon the race. The sequel of the tradition is often related by Natchez Indians of the present day. A brave young chief of the tribe became enamored of a beautiful maiden.

With eye as bright, and step as light,
And graceful as the startled deer,
Whose hair was like the wing of night.
Waved in the sun's departing glow.

At the present day, healthful bodily exercises have somewhat fallen into disrepute; very much to the detriment of the bodily health. But this is an age of scientific progress—an age in which all seem to be swept along with the restless tide of modern invention. Let no one imagine that we wish to hold that the physical powers above are deserving of attention, for it is a sad but undeniable fact that the mental training of youth is woefully neglected at the present day, and particularly throughout our enlightened land of liberty. But, as we have before stated, to form the complete man requires not only the cultivation of the moral or intellectual powers, but that of the physical powers also.—[*Note: Dame Scholastic*].

A DEER RUN DOWN WITH A TUG-BOAT.

(From the Chicago Times, Nov. 9.)

Capt. Joe Greenhaigh, late owner of the tug D. F. Edwards, which he delivered to the purchaser at Sturgeon Bay, returned yesterday, and relates an exciting deer hunt on the tug. He says the tug was lying in the bay at an early hour on Monday morning, when they observed a large buck making lively time towards the bay, hotly pursued by hounds. Reaching the beach, the frightened animal plunged into the water, and swam rapidly from the shore. Thinking to capture the scared thing easily, the tug went in pursuit, but the race was more than had been calculated upon. Finally the buck was overhauled, but instead of allowing himself to be caught, he changed his course and went through the water at a wonderful rate of speed. The chase was continued in this manner until three hours had gone by and a considerable quantity of coal wasted, when Capt. Joe became desperate. He got out his hunting line, and when sufficiently near the animal threw the noose over its head, and with the assistance of the crew succeeded in pulling it aboard, where it was easily conquered by the application of a knife to its throat. It was found to be a buck weighing almost 300 pounds. Capt. Greenhaigh has preserved the hide and head as a souvenir of his exciting and novel deer hunt.

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