

READING FOR WOMEN.

THINGS OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO THE FAIR SEX.

Black roses are novelties in millinery.
Fashion threatens us with "hand painted furniture."
Accordion pleating has returned to fashionable favor.
The summer girl's bouquet is a single long stemmed rose.
Hatters threaten to revive the flat topped Derby this fall.
Many old fashions and styles have been christened after the Infanta.
The refined young lady will never tell her age. No more will a circus joke

The straw hat reigns.

Both russet shoes and outing shirts have gone in elegance beyond their missions.

In piano covers, the newest extravagance is white Irish lace over colored satin.

A small silver heart with plush binding is the latest thing in pocket pincushions.

It may safely be declared that common sense women wear a common sense shoe.

Heart shaped fans, embroidered in bright colored silks, are in the novelty line.

An expensive ruffle on a cheap shirt waist is one of the prevailing inconsistencies.

Bow knot rings of gold are the latest and are intended to be worn on the little finger.



A PRETTY TRIPLE EFFECT AND A CHARMING HOME GOWN.

Fancy stationery does not find favor among people who really know "what's what."

Colored kid slippers are worn with afternoon gowns, this season, as they never were before.

Gossip bags carried by the ladies are now made of the richest and most expensive materials.

It is not likely that facetious paragraphs' attacks on the shirt waist will affect its popularity.

A fashion note records that the feminine arrangement of hair is for smooth braids over the forehead.

The horsehair cloth, which takes the place of crinoline, comes principally in sorrel, chestnut and gray colors.

To exhibit the now fashionable Napoleon curl over the forehead, the girl of the period needs tilt back her sailor hat.

Not every girl who does not believe in sleeves below the elbows has either a pretty wrist or hand, albeit one looks for both with that fashion.

No girl of the period's summer wardrobe is complete without at least one pink gingham dress.

A Kansas man recently obtained a divorce from his wife on the ground that she was an idler.

Many may understand women, but it generally puzzles her horse to tell what she is driving at.

Good bye, dear, he whispered. May I kiss you? Yes, yes, she answered. Don't waste so much time in talking.



THE LILY BODICE, THE OTHER NEW ONE AND THE ROLLED BACK STRAW.

Mrs. Loley, a resident of Cincinnati, although over 95 years old, recently walked a distance of 30 miles in less than a day.

Shall I have the pleasure of being engaged to you this summer? I am sorry, Mr. Broadbrim, but my program is full up to November.

Miss Marie Tempest owns a whistling parrot which imitates all the operatic airs it has heard its mistress sing while rehearsing in her room.

I don't see why Miss Gobble should seem so attractive to all the gentlemen. He—The doctor has forbidden her ever eating ice cream.

She—"Oh, you cannot always tell how one feels by how one looks. You might think I feel perfectly well, but I assure you I have no appetite at all. He (galantly)—And yet you look good enough to eat.

Sh: is a trifle in arrears of the procession who has not a sunshade for every costume.

Although as a rule the girls are no admirers of staidness, when the right fellow come along few of the fair ones object to a certain degree of closeness.

The Georgia Medical Association, at its recent annual meeting, admitted its first woman member. No objection was made, and her election was unanimous.

A lady at Dalton, Ga., owns a gold breastpin of great antiquity, and within a circle of diamonds of the brightest lustre is a lock of George Washington's hair.

The Outlook has discovered that it is the thing now to present to a young girl or the announcement of her engagement a cup and a saucer. She has the spoon.

FIRST SHOT OF THE WAR.

The Identity of the Man Who Fired It Seems to Be Established.

Gen. Beauregard recently made public a statement which seems to settle the identity of the man who fired the shot that began the late war. The General says that last April he noticed a short article, dated April 15, 1892, in which it was stated that Major W. M. Gibbs, of South Carolina, claimed to have fired the first gun against Fort Sumter, on April 12, 1861. The General says:

As Major Gibbs' statement did not agree with my recollection of the event, I enclosed the article to Col. A. Chisholm, of New York, who was one of the aides. I sent to Major Robert Anderson, commanding the fort, to demand its surrender, asking him, Col. Chisholm, for his recollection of the occurrence. I received only lately his answer, which I submitted at once to Gen. S. D. Lee, who was also one of my aides on that occasion, and happens to be now in New Orleans. He confirms the statement of Col. Chisholm, which agrees with what he had written on the subject, first on Oct. 7, 1882, and then on April 21, 1892, to Col. Stobo Farrow, of South Carolina.

As my remembrance of the verbal report of those affairs of my staff agrees fully with their present statement, I publish the communication from Colonel Chisholm, which is approved, as I have said, by General Lee, and ought to settle the question of who fired the first gun, signal shell, on Fort Sumter on the 12th of April, 1861.

According to Mr. Chisholm the order to fire the signal shell was delivered to Captain George S. James who offered the honor of firing the shot to General Roger A. Pryor, who declined. Said Mr. Chisholm:

"Captain James, seeing General Pryor, said to him: 'Mr. Pryor, I have always been a great admirer of yours, and now offer you the honor of firing the first shot at Fort Sumter.'"

"General Pryor felt flattered, but with many thanks declined the offer. I asked him why he did not accept it. His reply was 'that it would not do for him to fire that shot, as his State had not yet seceded.'"

English Good Enough.

He prided himself on being an extremely polished young man and, at he raised his hat politely to the elderly woman who was about to alight from her carriage, he said:

"Permit me to assist you, madame."

"Thank you, monsieur," she replied.

He felt somewhat flattered, but he explained:

"I am not a Frenchman, madame."

"And I am not a French woman, monsieur," she returned.

"But you address me as monsieur," he said.

"And you address me as madame," she replied.

"And it should be madame?" he asked.

"The English word is quite as respectful. I can see no reason for using the French in this country, sir."

He bowed again and said: "I think you are right, madame. I never looked at it in that light before."—Detroit Free Press.

Orange Blossoms at Weddings.

A charming Spanish legend holds sentimental Spain responsible for the pretty custom of wearing orange blossoms at weddings. "One of the Spanish kings," so reads the legend, "had an imported orange tree of which he was very proud, and of which the French ambassador was extremely anxious to obtain a slip. The gardener's daughter was poor, and, requiring a dowry in order to marry her lover, she obtained a cutting of the orange tree and sold it to the ambassador for a high price. At her wedding she wore a wreath of orange blossoms in her hair in recognition of the plant to which she owed her happiness."

TOO GOOD FOR THIS WORLD.

She was a pretty maiden with
The lovelight in her eye
A Christmas gift for Algernon
She started out to buy
With dread uncertainty of mind
She went from shop to shop,
The wren and weary salesmen there
She kept "upon the hop."
"Here is a smoking set that's nice,"
One eager shopman cried—
"He doesn't use tobacco, sir!"
She scornfully replied,
"A dainty little brandy flask
I hold with silver links—"
Her face took on a naughty look
"Oh, no, he never drinks."
"A neat and novel box for cards,
A poker set, you know!"
"He never touches playing cards,
He's often told me so."
"A pair of opera glasses, then—
A novel pattern, quite!"
"He never goes to theaters,
He doesn't think it right."
Then loudly did that shopman cry
As she approached the door:
"Our harp and crowd department, miss
Is on the upper floor!"

High-class stationery in decorated boxes for Christmas.

Oyster shells laid on the hot coals in a stove or range will loosen clinkers on the fire brick so that they may be taken off easily, and a stove that is rubbed off with newspapers after each meal will not need polishing so often.

A custard should never reach the boiling point or it will curdle.

Washday is a good time to attend to the "manicuring" we are all exhorted to do in these days. While the hands are well soaked, with a little ivory implement that comes for the purpose (price, 10 cents), loosen and push back the skin that grows over the nail at the root, and with circular scissors trim the nails in good shape. It takes but a minute or two, then with a touch occasionally through the week, they keep in creditable order.

The fumes of a brimstone match will remove berry stains from the fingers.

If an artery is cut, press it between the wound and the heart; if a vein is cut, compress beyond the wound.

No fruit loses flavor from being carelessly handled more quickly than apples. Apples which have been well stored will retain their flavor throughout the winter, but those which have been allowed to lie about with decaying specimens, or are stored loosely in barrels, either lose their flavor or acquire a rank taste from the conditions around them.

Systematic Domestic Training.

While we labor over the untrained majority there are hundreds of young girls in orphan asylums and other institutions who might be getting a thorough grounding in the fundamentals of domestic work, and make, even in two years, a change in present domestic conditions. If it could be made the fad, even for one year, for intelligent women to give an hour a week to this work, we should be astonished at the result. To raise the most independent girl without a practical knowledge of housework is cruel, but it becomes worse than cruel for the dependent class. It cannot be that a large per cent of the girls yearly cared for by charity are to be adopted in comfortable homes or trained for well paying artistic professions.

But who is to give this training? Evidently it cannot be asked of the faithful workers who are already overburdened with the problem of feeding, clothing and sheltering the orphans. An hour a week is not much for others to give, the work would prove fascinating to many, and there are so many intelligent women, and so much time is wasted. More than this, housework, well done, is a great preventive of both vice and disease. Nine people out of ten are sick because they do not exercise enough—brain as well as body; all people who are vicious are so because they have not been kept healthfully and happily busy. Housework, taught in the proper way, can be made a fascinating occupation. The time has come for some man or woman to originate the fashion of leaving their millions not at the top, but at the bottom, to be used in an education that will set the formation of character above all else.

Choice Recipes.

GRAPE CATSUP.—Boil seven pounds of grapes, merely picked from the stems and washed in a little bowl set in a kettle of boiling water. When they have cooked in this way for an hour, strain through a sieve fine enough to keep back the skins and seeds. Add 3 1-2 pounds of sugar, a pint of vinegar, a teaspoonful of cinnamon and the same amount of cloves. Cook the mixture till it is thick.

BOWDOIN PUDDING.—One quart of milk, one-third of a box of gelatine soaked in the milk one hour. One cup of sugar, yolks of three eggs beaten together; add to the cold milk, cook like soft custard. Beat the whites of the eggs, and stir into the pudding just as you take it from the stove.

HARD GINGERBREAD.—Two cups of molasses, two thirds of a cup of butter or lard, half a cup of warm water, two teaspoonfuls of soda, one of ginger, flour to roll as soft as you can; wet the top with milk and sift sugar over it before baking.

APPLE CHARLOTTE.—Line a buttered loaf-tin with thin slices of homemade bread; dip the edges of the bread in white of egg and fill the space with a smooth apple sauce seasoned with lemon rind and nutmeg, or cinnamon; cover the top with strips of bread; put a small quantity of butter on top, and bake one hour.

OYSTER SALAD.—Clean one pint of white celery, and cut into fine pieces. Season with salt. Parboil one pint of oysters, drain, and when cold mix them with a French dressing. Put a layer of shredded lettuce in a salad-bowl, sprinkle with a French dressing, add the oysters and celery, cover with a Mayonnaise dressing, and garnish with pickled barberries.

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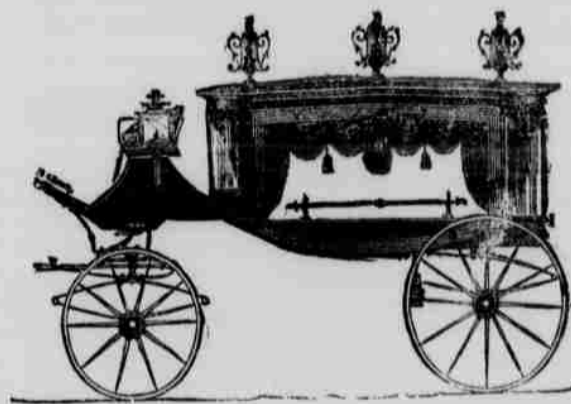
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