

and "died down," and these may be taken up, the roots parted and planted in their new situation. Old clumps will be benefited by division of their roots, and this may be done by cutting down through them with a sharp spade or knife, if the roots cannot be pulled apart. Try to transplant them without unnecessary exposure of the roots to the air. Make the soil for peonies quite rich, and divide the clumps this fall. Do not forget to put out at least a small bed of hardy bulbs. The sooner it is done now, the better.

What Women's Clubs are Doing

The women of New Jersey, in common with other club women of the country, are for one thing trying to carry out the idea promulgated in resolutions adopted at the St. Louis meeting of the general federation, "that children under the age of 16 years should not work between the hours of 7 p. m. and 7 a. m.; that children should not work who can not read and write English." The federation furthermore recommends that "every woman should be a committee of one to use all possible influence against everything which dwarfs the minds and bodies of children."

If the women of the country felt that their responsibilities to children began and ended with the little ones in their own nurseries, and that they were to shut their eyes and ears to every cry of suffering and ignorant child humanity, it would be a sad world indeed. Individual effort, experience has proved, counts for much more when co-ordinated, and the best means to an end has been found in the federation.

The general federation of women's clubs will take an interest in a pure food bill to come before congress this winter. An effort will be made to organize a national pure food league.

The Massachusetts club women, through the joint committees on sanitary and industrial conditions, find that the condition of women and children in cordage and twine factories is especially hard, and that certain reforms can be brought about, especially in the "wet room." England enforces certain laws in regard to the work that they will try to have passed in Massachusetts.

Women in Rhode Island have been making experiments in model tenement house building with great success, and no doubt women of means would find this house-building idea a very congenial one, as most women plan the houses which their husbands build, and would at the same time find an opportunity for helping those of their sex who are not women of means.

In Mount Pleasant, Ia., the club women supported a free library for twenty-five years and then presented the library of 7,000 volumes to the town. In the state of Iowa there are eighty-one free public libraries started by clubs.

Fastening the Collar

Make an eyelet hole in the ends of the new collar which fastens behind, two in each end, top and bottom; make one also in the shirt waist at the extreme bottom of the neck band, under the button hole usually found there, working all the eyelets with fine cotton thread. Get a set of shirt studs, put one through the lower hole in the neck band and button over it the two lower holes in the ends of the collar, and put one in the holes at the top of the ends. This is much safer and more satisfactory than depending on pins, and the studs may be as pretty as your purse will buy.

Rules for Table Etiquette

One cannot give "infallible rules" for etiquette at the table. Peculiarities of custom vary in different localities and among different classes. A safe rule is to carefully observe the actions of people who are acknowledged leaders in good society, and supplement this observation by closely studying some authorized book on the subject. Most rules of etiquette are the outgrowth of the small courtesies of life due to the convenience and comfort of our associates, and the desire to please both the eye and the ear in our social intercourse. Some rules, however, are quite arbitrary, and these will be found fully set forth in any good work on the subject.

The first course served is soup; following the soup comes fish, which is eaten with a fork held in the right hand. Entrees follow the fish, which are served in covered dishes. Roast meats follow, with which are served vegetables, gravies, etc. Bread accompanies every course, and is usually part of the dessert. Cheese comes with the dessert, is crumbled and eaten with a fork. Pies, puddings, cakes, ices fruits, etc., come under the heading of dessert. If one does not practice the little politenesses observed in society, at the home table, the lack of them will "show through," no matter how much we wish to appear "well bred" in company.

If you must go out from the home to work, go. But make up your mind to do the very best that is in you, at whatever you set yourself. To be out rubbing against sharp edges of the world has its advantages, and its disadvantages. But don't hunt employment outside of the home unless compelled to. There are thousands of women so compelled—you may be one of them. But do your best to meet your obligations.

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