

three inches; in the center of the box set on this a two quart tin or granite-ware pail with a tight fitting lid; pack the packing material solidly about the bucket to the top of it, pounding down to make it firm; if packed firm enough the pail can be lifted in and out without disturbing the packing. A cushion, or pillow made of the same material as the packing, covered with a washable cover, should be placed on top of the pail, and a cover to the box should be made with hinges and clamp, so it can be fastened down tightly to retain the heat. Any fireless cooker firm will send you a book of recipes for using the cooker they advertise, and you can use the directions for time of cooking before setting your food in your own "home-made"; and you will soon learn how to manage it. The home-made cooker will cook cereals, meats cooked in water, and many other foods.

MRS. W. J. BRYAN SPEAKS TO OAKHURST GRADUATES

[From the Asheville Times, June 9.]

The commencement exercises of the Oakhurst School for Girls came to a close this morning when the closing exercises were held at the Masonic temple, in which Mrs. William Jennings Bryan made the principal address. A large audience greeted the wife of the famous commoner and her simple, yet humorous speech, well repaid them for coming in such bad weather.

The exercises were opened by the audience singing "America." Rev. F. W. Stanton led in prayer and the singing of "When Life is Brightest," followed. In a clear and most pleasing voice, Miss Anna Rankin gave a reading. She was followed by Miss Virginia Lee who played two selections on the piano. They were greatly enjoyed by the audience.

The valedictorian, Miss Sarah Test, read a most interesting paper on "Efficiency in the Home."

In presenting the diplomas to the five graduates, Miss J. B. Gray, principal of Oakhurst, gave a short sketch of the development and growth of the public and private schools in Asheville. She told of the establishment of the public school system in Asheville nearly 30 years ago, by a majority of only one vote cast at the election. She referred to the first superintendent of the city schools, Dr. P. P. Claxton, who is now United States commissioner of education. She also referred to Dr. J. D. Eggleston, who was afterwards superintendent of education in Virginia, but now president of V. P. I. in Virginia. She praised the work begun by them in Asheville and declared it to be a great compliment to this city that these two men started their educational work in Asheville. She referred to the high standing of Asheville's two best private schools, Bingham and Asheville School for Boys, and to other Asheville private schools. She impressed upon the minds of those present the necessity for high grade private schools for girls.

Former Governor Locke Craig, in presenting Mrs. Bryan, expressed the gratification of Asheville and North Carolina in having Mr. and Mrs. Bryan make Asheville their summer home. At the beginning of his short introduction speech, he referred to the famous commoner in fitting phrase, "Twenty-one years ago there was accorded me the great privilege of presenting what was then the hope of America," was his thought in the first part of his speech when he was telling of Mr. Bryan coming to Asheville. He fittingly introduced Mrs. Bryan as the great help-mate and mainstay and support of her distinguished husband. Mrs. Bryan

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8367—Ladies' Waist—Cut in sizes 36 to 42 inches bust measure. The drop shoulder style has come into its own again after having been absent for several seasons. The centre of interest is the Japanese collar in surplice effect, showing a graceful curve to the left side, where it buttons in the double-breasted style.

8366—Girl's Dress—Cut in sizes 6 to 14 years. A convenient little dress for the junior girl to slip into when she is in a great hurry is No. 8366. It is in one piece from shoulder to hem and has tucks in the front which produce the effect of a panel. The dress buttons all the way down the center front and has a youthful-looking collar. Two styles of sleeves are offered.

8381—Misses' Dress—Cut in sizes 16, 18 and 20 years. This dress has a number of good points which are worth considering. In the first place, it can be made so that it opens all the way down the front. It is in one piece from shoulder to hip and the narrow belt marks the waistline. The skirt will be no trouble at all to make as it is just a straight piece, gathered to the upper section.

8362—Girl's Dress—Cut in sizes 6, 8, 10 and 12 years. Your young daughter will be at her best in a frock like No. 8362, which was designed to suit the needs of the growing girl. The waist is quite plain and closes at the front under the bib section. This bib may be made of a contrasting material to

graciously acknowledged former Governor Craig's introduction and expressed her pleasure in now being a resident of Asheville. She stated that she has been deeply touched by the many manifestations of hospitality shown her by the people of Asheville since her arrival. She stated that she was rejoiced to identify herself with the community, and then delivered a most entertaining address to the five young ladies who graduated. Her theme was "Simplicity and Singleness of Purpose."

Mrs. Bryan advised the graduates that the world expects more out of them today than it did yesterday. She said that "this is pre-eminently a woman's period," and advised the girls to read more of the beautiful literature.

The speaker is a most pleasant and delightful talker. She held the undivided attention of the audience. In a simple, and at times humorous manner, she made telling points upon the ideas she desired to impress.

It was not known to many of the audience that Mrs. Bryan is such a fine orator. She spoke with absolute ease, and without hesitancy. The speaker was presented with a beautiful bouquet of flowers.

The graduates were Misses Martha Chambers, Noama Neubeck, Anna Rankin, Florence and Sarah Test.

The officers are Misses Martha Chambers, president; Anna Rankin, vice-president, and Sarah Test, secretary-treasurer.

KEEPING IT SECRET

A woman asked her new maid to post several letters for her, and afterwards learned that two of the envelopes had not been addressed.

"Why did you mail them when you saw they were not addressed?" she questioned the maid.

"I thought you didn't want anyone to know who they were for," was the frank reply.—Ex.

match the other trimmings. The straight one-piece skirt is gathered to the waist.

8364—Ladies' Waist—Cut in sizes 36 to 42 inches bust measure. Dear to the heart of every woman is the dainty lingerie blouse which fills so many needs. The model shown is an excellent waist. The fronts of the waist are tucked as far as the bust line. The back is in plain shirtwaist style. The simple sailor collar will have added distinction if it is hand hemstitched. A ruffle of dainty lace softens the edge.

8359—Ladies' House Dress—Cut in sizes 36 to 44 inches bust measure. This dress is simple and practical, besides being very easy to make. The popular yoke effect is made by gathering the fronts to the back, which extends over. The long sleeves are gathered into narrow cuffs, but most women will prefer the short ones for comfort. The skirt is cut in three gores.

8368—Ladies' Skirt—Cut in sizes 24 to 32 inches waist measure. This skirt has two gores and is gathered all around the slightly raised waistline. The roomy pockets extend up to and over the belt in front. They are not the usual flat style, for they show the new barrel effect in the way that they stand out from the figure.

8365—Ladies' Skirt—Cut in sizes 24 to 32 inches waist measure. This design is equally suitable for wool or wash material. The front and back gores form wide panels and the sides are gathered to the slightly raised waistline. Large pockets give a decorative effect, as they stand away from the skirt at the tops, giving a suggestion of the barrel outline.

8388—Ladies' Apron—Cut in sizes 36, 40 and 44 inches bust measure. A really good-looking and useful apron which completely covers the dress underneath is a blessing which is not to be overlooked by the woman who does her own housework. No. 8388 is so well designed that it may even be worn instead of a dress, if it is made a little longer. A good feature is the Russian closing, which is very convenient when one is in a hurry. The apron is in one piece from shoulder to hem.