



FEMININE TOPICS

Carrie Holly, Mrs. Frances Klock and Mrs. Clara Cressingham. They are said to be a credit to their sex in the way they accept their unique situation.

WOMEN are always being told how they should behave when the man of the house comes home; they are advised to be cheerful and well dressed, no matter how tired they feel, and in all ways to make the home coming bright and pleasing.

House and Bodice. Fancy bodices are even more popular this season than they were last year, and very much more elaborate. Lace,



DRESSY BLOUSE OF SILK AND LACE.

velvet, chiffon and fur are frequently combined to make one of these dainty waists. In fact, the more variety of materials the better.



MAIZE CHIFFON AND LACE.

loose, puff-like draperies of the chiffon, over which point applique lace falls in double jabots. Worn with a black satin or moire skirt, nothing could be prettier for the theater.

On the Stair. We sat on the stair, she and I, And the music came dreamy and low; And sweet was the light in her eye, And charming her cheek's rosy glow.

Remedy for Chafed Surfaces. An experienced mother recommends the following receipt for an ointment to be applied to chafed surfaces, cuts and chapped hands: Take equal parts of beeswax, fresh lard and sweet oil.



The Fashionable Skirt.

To remove egg stains from spoons, rub with moistened common salt.

HER CHINESE PUPIL

A WOMAN CURIOUS TO KNOW SOMETHING ABOUT HIM.

To Enable Herself to Study His. She becomes a Sunday-School Teacher, and Visits the Opium Joint of Her Heathen Charge—What She Learned. A woman who signs her name Dorothy Dare, curious to know why so many white women become fond of the Chinese, secured a position as a teacher in a Chinese Sunday school in New York.



"MISSY NICE LIT GIUL."

moved his chair close to mine. While I was looking through the lesson books he was making an inventory of my personal appearance.

"What is your name?" I asked, bestowing upon him one of my choicest smiles. "Ben Wung. What your name?" "Missy," was my reply. "Missy nice lit giul," he returned, quickly. "Not too young, not too old."

"We must attend to our lessons," I said, severely. "It is not right to talk when all the rest are studying."

He read quite well, and was a credit to his regular teacher's instructions. But he evidently was not in the humor for study, for, after a while, he shut the book with a bang, and informed me he was tired and couldn't read any longer.

"Where you go?" he asked. "To speak to Mrs. M.," I said. "You come again?" "Yes." So he released my dress and let me go.



"KEEP YOUR HANDS OFF ME, YOU MISERABLE CREATURE."

He pulled me into the inner room. Pushing a chair toward me, he said, insinuatingly: "You no 'fraid me?" "No," I answered. "I cook some dope. We smoke pipe." "I don't know how," was my reply. "That's lie," he exclaimed, angrily. "Really, I don't, Wung," I repeated; "I never smoked a bit of opium in my life."

Wong had taken to me so promptly. The room into which I had been somewhat forcibly ushered was a dirty little cubbyhole, containing a bed, a table and two little chairs.

"We smoke pipe," he said, leaning at me, "and then we have nice sleep." "No, we won't," I exclaimed, thinking the affair had gone far enough. As I arose from the chair he pushed me back roughly.

"You stay here!" he hissed, all his evil nature flashing through his wicked eyes. His sudden movement caused him to drop one of the pipes, and as he stepped to pick it up I saw my opportunity.

"Keep your hands off me, you miserable creature, and unlock this door at once!" "You stay here," he began, but went no further, for I had drawn a revolver from my pocket and had pointed it straight at his face.

"No shoot! No shoot!" he implored, backing away from me and presenting in his sudden and abject cowardice a most ludicrous contrast to his previous manner.

"Open the door or I will." With fumbling fingers he obeyed, and in another moment I was on the sidewalk, making tracks for home.

The Adhesive Plaster. In one family, where there are numerous scratches, backaches, bruises, and strains, the porous plaster has come to be a recognized institution.

Size of Seed Wheat Kernels. Mr. F. D. Coburn, secretary of the Kansas State Board of Agriculture, in advising the farmers of his State about sowing wheat, says:

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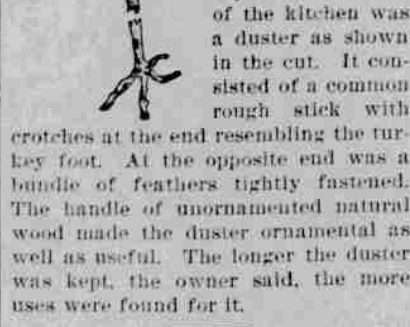
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FOR RURAL READERS.

SOMETHING HERE THAT WILL INTEREST THEM.

How a Potato Specialist Handles His Product—Time to Kill Pigs—A Home-Made Barley Fork—Irrigation on a Small Scale—Farm Notes.

Turkey Feather Duster. Turkey feathers are used for several purposes by feather dealers, but no better use can be made of them by the housewife than to make a stout duster.



TURKEY FEATHER DUSTER.

Handling Potatoes. For several years I have been using bushel boxes for marketing early potatoes while the skins slip, and for handling the crop in the field all through the season.

Method in Feeding Hens. It is a source of complaint that the large breeds eat more food than the smaller ones, and do not give as good results in eggs.

Growing Small Fruits. It was reported at the recent meeting of the State Board of Agriculture, Trenton, N. J., that at the present time the cultivation of small fruits is almost entirely in the hands of small land owners.

Spraying. The use of poisonous sprays as insecticides has become very general. They are applied not only to field and garden crops, small and large fruits, but to shade trees.

Irrigation on a Small Scale. Reports from all sections of the country are favorable to sub-irrigation on small plots.

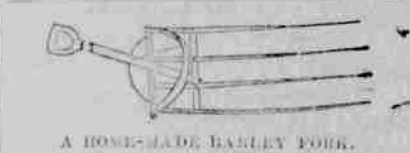
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It will certainly pay to feed corn or other grains rather than sacrifice cattle that could be made much better by feeding a while. If fifty or one hundred pounds added to the weight of a steer will increase the value of every pound of his entire weight it will be policy to add them.—National Stockman.

Fields that Do Not Pay. It needs a thorough understanding of the capabilities of any farm to make it pay the most that is possible for it. Very often these possibilities are not learned except after costly experience.

A Home-Made Barley Fork. Most farmers have two or three useless grain cradles which may easily be converted into serviceable implements. Cut off the cradle fingers 26 inches from the point and shave 3/4 inch of the large end of each to fit into a 3/4 hole.



A HOME-MADE BARLEY FORK.

Protecting Young Orchards. All young orchards are likely to be injured by mice in winter, especially when the ground is covered by heavy snow.

Time to Kill Pigs. It usually pays best to kill pigs by the time they weigh 150 pounds, and from that up to 200. If allowed to grow much heavier than this the cost of food in proportion to gain is increased.

Farm Notes. Don't wait until you build the big barn before sheltering the cows. Build the shelter for them and they will help you build the barn.

There is no better crop for the winter feeding of sheep than oats and peas mixed. It is very nutritious, and is eaten with avidity by the sheep.

The shrinkage of value of horses last year is estimated to be over \$25,000,000, and the total loss in falling off of prices will no doubt aggregate \$60,000,000 since the commencement of the present depression of values.

The New York statutes now forbid the use of barbed wire in the construction of any division fence, unless the person, association or corporation desiring to use such material shall first obtain the written consent of the owner of the adjoining property.

If a horse balks, do not whip him, but let him stop and think it over. After a little reflection and a few tosses of the head he will often start of his volition.

According to Professor Brewer the first plowing match on record was on the farm of Col. Humphrey, of Humphreysville, Conn. His neighbors gathered with their teams in early dawn, each to plow his acre, and the one finishing first to win the prize.