THE HOUSEHOLD

Mustard Pickle.

One quart each of small whole cucumbers, large cucumbers sliced, green tomatoes sliced, and small button onions, one large cauliflower divided into flowerets, and four green peppers cut fine. Make a brine of four quarts of water and one pint of salt; pour it over the mixture of vegetables and let it soak twenty-four hours. Heat just enough to scald it, and turn into a colander to drain. Mix one cup of flour, six tablespoonfuls of ground mustard, and one tablespoonful of turmeric with enough cold vinegar to make a smooth paste, then add one cup of sugar, and sufficient vinegar to make two quarts in all. Boil this mixture until it thickens and is smooth, stirring all the time, then add the vegetables, and cook until well heated through.

Rhubarb.

If the first hot water with which rhubarb is covered is drained off after standing ten minutes, the acidity will be lessened. Rhubarb is richer baked than stewed. Make enough sirup of granulated sugar to reach half-way up the sides of the dish; cover and bake till tender, then remove the cover, and let set in the oven ten minutes longer. If for a pie or tarts, thicken the sirup slightly with cornstarch, season with a little cinnamon, fill a deep baked shell, spread a thick meringue over the top, and set in the oven to yellow. Serve very cold.

Caramel Custard.

Melt and stir one-half cup of sugar in an omelet pan; when light brown, add two tablespoons water, and stir into one quart scalded milk. Add six eggs beaten slightly, one-half teaspoon salt and one teaspoon vanilla. Strain into a buttered mold, placed in a pan of warm water and bake thirty minutes or till firm. When cool, turn out and pour caramel sauce over it. For the sauce melt another half cup sugar and when brown add half cup boiling water and simmer ten minutes.

Ironing Made Easy.

Dry the starched articles perfectly, then dip them in a pail of boiling water and pass them through the wringer twice. They may then be ironed at once, or they may be rolled up in a dry cloth. The fabric may be ironed with greater ease after being dampened in this way than when sprinkled in the usual manner. Turpentine in starch gives an added whiteness and luster to the ironed articles. Use one tablespoonful to a quart of starch.—Ladies' Home Journal.

Before Breakfast.

A little lemon juice taken in cold water every morning before breakfast is the best kind of a medicine for the woman whose complexion is dull and yellow and dead. It acts upon the skin by correcting the disorders of the liver. What folly for a girl to dab cosmetics on her face in the hope of ridding it of its "yallery" cast, when a bad liver is at the root of the trouble!

Almond Blanc Mange.

One and one-quarter ounces of gelatin, one quart of new milk, a little rosewater, a small blade of mace, twelve blanched almonds pounded very fine, a little lemon peel and sugar to taste. First soak the gelatin in the milk for two hours; then simmer altogether till dissolved and strain into a mold. Serve cold with a nice boiled custard or whipped cream.

A Point in Piemaking.

In making a custard pie remember that the baking is an important item. Experience may teach one just the point at which to interrupt the cooking. The best way is to watch the pie and remove it from the oven the moment the custard reaches the boiling point. A custard pie is spoiled if allowed to boil in the oven.

Apple Pudding.

Fill a pan two inches deep with chopped apples. Cover with a batter made of two eggs, one cup of sugar, one cup of milk, and flour enough to make as thick as pancake dough. Before pouring on the batter put small lumps of butter on the apples and grate nutmeg over them. Bake one hour and serve with milk and sugar.

Creamed Codfish.

Place over the fire a cupful of shredded codfish in cold water; let it come to a boil and throw away the water; repeat this process if the fish is very salty. Then pour over the fish a cupful of cream or rich milk, add butter and pepper and thicken scantily with flour. Serve on toast with chopped hard-boiled eggs and minced parsley.

Improved Whitewash.

In cleaning house if a little blueing is put in the whitewash, your rooms will look much whiter. A good way to make paper stick is to get a little powdered glue and mix with the paste. This is especially valuable in papering kitchen, as the steam so often causes the paper to come loose.

Grease Spots on Matting.

For these, make a paste of fuller's earth and water, to which a few drops of ammonia have been added. Spread on the stains, and leave to dry. Brush off with a clean brush when thoroughly dry. If the stain is very bad the process may need repeating.

Bleaching Honey.

White honey, with a tinge of yellow, may be bleached out by placing it in direct sunlight for two or three days. Sunlight will also improve the color of extracted honey.

SUPERSTITION IN THE SOUTH.

One Negro's Alleged Experience with a Demoniacal Black Cat.

"I reckon our Southern 'darkies' are about the most superstitious race of people in the world."

The speaker was a Virginia gentleman in Chicago on business, and his remark was addressed to a little group sitting in one of the hotels and swapping stories. No one disputed the Southern man's assertion, and he continued:

"Our darkies see signs and omens in everything imaginable, and the greater part of their life is spent in trying to live up to these omens. This superstition of theirs is undoubtedly a heritage from their forefathers, brought from Africa in the old slave days, and even when the present-day darky gets a little education he never gets quite enough to dispel his superstitious beliefs. They have, among their many other queer ideas, a horror of black cats, which they think are the abodes of wicked spirits, and this reminds me of a story.

"Down in the country where the White Sulphur springs are situated there are numerous other springs, all of which possess more or less medical properties in their water. Some years ago a company built a hotel near one of these springs and invested about a quarter of a million in the enterprise. It was opened with a great flourish of trumpets and a large number of guests. Unfortunately, on the opening day one of the guests dropped dead. This seemed to hoo-doo the place, and at the end of the first season the company was bankrupt and the hotel closed.

"It got the reputation of being haunted in the few years it stood vacant, and you couldn't get a darky to go near it at night. Finally it was bought by a physician, and he sought a caretaker to live in the hotel until he was ready to open it. He finally got hold of a tough darky, who said he wasn't afraid of anything, and he was installed. According to the darky's story this is what happened to him:

"The night he took charge he thought after dark that he wanted to have supper. He made coffee, fried eggs and bacon, and sat down to the table to eat. Just as he had begun a big black cat jumped up on the table and, grinning at the darky, said:

"'I reckon we two's the only ones here!'

"The darky almost turned white with fear, but managed to answer:

"'Yes, and I reckons it won't be long before youse'll be the only one here,' and with that he dashed out of the hotel and went tearing up the road to the village.

"As he was putting in his best licks a rabbit jumped out of the bushes and ran ahead of him.

"'For Gawd's sake, rabbit,' gasped the terrified darky, 'get out of the road and give somethin' that can run a chance!'

"Since that experience you can't get a darky to spend a night in the hotel for any sum."—Chicago Inter Ocean.

A Numb Newspaper.

The managing editor of one yellow journal was jealous of the competition of his enighbor across the street, and he was ugly because he thought the opposition was out-yellowing him. At 2 o'clock in the afternoon he came into the city editor's room, and the city editor accosted him as is usual with a city editor when the boss and he meet for the first time on that day.

"Well," he asked, "what do you think of the paper to-day?"

"It is simply numb," replied the managing editor, as glum as a ghost.

"I don't quite catch on," said the city editor, trying his best to do so.

"I said it was numb," repeated the managing editor. "Numb; numb. Don't you know what numb means?"

"Not in this connection."

"Well, you ought to. It means without sensation. Now, suppose you get out and hustle for something lively, if you don't want to lose your job. See?"

With Chinese Sauce.

Boys in China may be shut up in the wood-shed to learn to read the ten thousand books of Confucius backward, but there is no "higher education" for Chinese girls. With them nature has her say.

A young husband took a friend home unexpectedly. There was no tea in the house, and a servant was sent to borrow some. The little wife arranged the tea-table and put the water to boil. Very soon it boiled, and it became necessary to pour in cold water. This happened several times. The tea-kettle finally overflowed, and no tea had come. Then the wife said:

"As we don't seem likely to have any tea, you had better offer your friend a bath."

Would any American "girl graduate" have been so artlessly hospitable?—Youth's Companion.

Young Married People.

A census was taken lately in Algeria, and it was found that the youngest Arab married man was 12 years old, and that there were very many boys who were married at 13 and 14, while some at fifteen had several wives. There is a youthful Algerian widower of 15 and a divorced husband of the same age. Girls are still more precocious, and are sometimes married when only 11 years old, though 12 is the more usual age. There are 189 widows of 15 and 1,176 divorcees of the same age.

Still Ahead.

Automobile—We are vastly superior to you horses.

Horse—Oh, I don't know; when we roll over we get up all right—when you roll over you have to send for a plumber.

WOMEN

INCREASE OF UNMANLY MEN.

IS another dreadful catastrophe about to befall the human family? The last few years have given us the unwomanly woman—at least, so it is proclaimed on the housetops. Will the next few years give us the unmanly man? He is making his approach quite as insidiously as did the unwomanly woman. Before we know it, he will have arrived, just as she did.

Ages ago, it is said, a clever queen invented trousers as a modest and sensible garment for her sex. Man saw their comfort, threw aside his toga-like draperies, and appropriated those of the opposite sex. Behold the first unmanly man!

Later, a woman of our own country invented bloomers. Shortly after somebody invented the bicycle. Man cast an envious eye at the bloomer, then quietly grabbed it, called it "knickers," and to-day in the costume of Mrs. Amelia Bloomer's devising for the benefit of her own sex he parades the streets in what he calls "bicycle togs." Surely it is a sad picture of unmanliness!

But once started on this alluring path, like the unwomanly woman, he knows not where to stop. Woman had a simple, unpretentious little garment called the shirtwaist. Last summer man regarded it with gloomy, envious eyes, and made so bold as to sneak a few, for which act he was vociferously applauded by his fellow-men. This summer he has captured the garment bodily, and the shirtwaist man will be far more familiar than the short-haired, linen-collared woman. Alas, the unmanly man is growing apace!

But it is not only in the matter of clothes that the unmanly man has proven his title. Woman's fields of labor he has invaded, and is surely wresting them from her grasp. In the good old days it was supposed to be woman's special domain to make the garments wherewith her sisters were clothed. But now man has appropriated the needle, and the man dressmaker flourishes in the land and is growing in numbers.

The mysteries of a woman's spring hat were, it is thought, only capable of being comprehended by the feminine mind. But man has likewise invaded this feminine domain, and the man milliner vies with the man dressmaker in trying to get your trade.

The unmanly man is here quite as sure as is the unwomanly woman. It has been proven conclusively time and time again by the masculine critics of the unwomanly woman that it all depends upon these things. We therefore may look for the unmanly man to wax in numbers until he overruns the land for multitude.

To Breed Thoroughbreds.

Few men on the turf were better known than the late James B. Ferguson, who served for years as starter at the great meetings of the country. Before his death he had built up a fine estate in the blue grass, called "Kingston," where some of the most famous horses ever known on the turf first saw the light. Since the death of her husband his widow has taken up his work and has declared that she will do her best to keep "Kingston" up to its old standard. She intends not only to raise thoroughbreds, but also to race them under her own name. Mrs. Ferguson was the favorite niece of the famous Price McGrath, of McGrathiana, and when she enters her horses she will revive the green and orange sash which he made famous. "Kingston" is now the home of some of the best known of thoroughbreds. The stables contain ninety box stalls, and almost all of them are filled.

MRS. FERGUSON.

How Long Should the Baby Sleep.

A table showing the amount of time a healthy, well-brought up baby spends each day in sleeping was brought out recently by an authority. It is as follows:

For the first three weeks, 17 to 19 hours.

At one month, 17 to 18 hours.

At two months, 16 to 17 hours.

At three months, 15 to 16 hours.

At nine months, 13½ to 14½ hours.

At twelve months, 13 to 14 hours.

After this the child should sleep as long as possible—not less than eleven or twelve hours at night, and retain the custom of a midday sleep for at least three more years.

All children require a great deal of sleep to make up for the wear and tear of the day. Until they have done growing a regular ten-hour night should be the rule.

Gifts for Girl Graduates.

Friends of the girl graduate should be careful to find out just what gift would be most welcome on her graduation day. Among gifts of jewelry the little gold watch, with its chain, will always stand in high favor. Cuff links of uncut opals would be sure to please most girls. A belt clasp or buckle of the new rose gold would make an appropriate gift. The always useful stick pin is popular with all women. The articles of jewelry that would please the girl graduates are endless.

Another line of appropriate gifts is to be found in pretty accessories for the bedroom. For instance, a bureau set of ivory with monogram in silver. An outfit for a desk would also make an excellent graduation present. Books with pretty, dainty bindings are just the thing. There are pictures innumerable which would please the average girl. If she is musical a banjo, guitar or mandolin would probably be very welcome. Under the head of useful presents would come an umbrella, parasol, handkerchiefs or a new dress.

The needs of the woman who can make her own dress, but who isn't up to giving it a sufficiently elaborate finishing touch, are taken into consideration. Say, one has a dress of heavy linen. Well, here's a sailor collar with elongated fronts.

For variety's sake it has a clever design done in white pique applique, and is just the touch that many a one will find her dress in need of. As a finish for a rather too plain tucked blouse, or any bodice, one who cannot afford a fine bolero and cannot like a cheap one, may make one for herself. Skill is the only requirement. Tucked net or batiste or grass linen will be found effective.

And as for shape, this bolero ranges from a full-fledged jacket down to a mere band at the bust line. In the latter instance it is often Van Dyked at the top and the bottom. This design is sometimes more becoming where the top is higher, in low neck effect, with a round, turn-over, lace collar. In any case an applique, pointed or scalloped, will be an addition around the edge.

She Will Recover.

Miss Maude Wright is a Vassar girl who took long walks to reduce her weight. Result, appendicitis and an operation. But she is recovering. Miss Wright has a horror of corpulency, and, fearing that she was getting too stout, she exercised violently in the gymnasium and walked from ten to twenty miles daily. She would never postpone her walks on account of the weather. She did not seem to lose much flesh, but gained none, and was apparently in excellent health, when attacked by appendicitis, which, the physicians at first declared, was brought on by violent physical exertions.

MAUD WRIGHT.

Danger in Stockings.

In a recent number of the Lancet, Dr. F. W. Tunnicliffe reports two cases of dermatitis of the legs. After a careful study the physician concluded that the dye used in coloring the stockings worn by the sufferers was the cause of the poisoning. The black stockings were therefore submitted to Mr. O. Rosenheim, F. S. C., for chemical analysis. The chemist found arsenic in both specimens, which had undoubtedly been introduced as sodium arsenate, which is extensively used as a fixing agent for mordants in dyeing processes. The poison had possibly been taken up by the system, aided by the action of perspiration.

Boxes for Wedding Cake.

Wedding-cake boxes are in any design which the bride is pleased to order, if she gives the instructions long enough in advance. At present, however, there is a tasteful preference for severe shapes, with dependence upon the best materials for distinction. Heavy "white water color" papers are the proper sort for the covering of boxes on the tops or sides of which the monograms, usually of both bride and bridegroom, are blended in relief, either in white or in gold and silver. Ribbons for tying the boxes are of moire, taffeta or satin.

To Clean Lace.

Fill a bottle with cold water; draw a stocking tightly over it, securing both ends firmly. Place the lace smoothly over the stocking and tack closely. Put the bottle in a kettle of cold water containing a few shaving of soap, and place over the fire to boil. Rinse in several waters and then drain and dry. When dry remove and place smoothly in a large book and press with weights. Very nice lace can be made to look like new by this process.

Fruit Jelly.

When combining fruit and gelatine in a fruit jelly, the pieces of fruit should be dipped in a little melted gelatine and pressed lightly against the side of mould before the jelly is turned in. The fruit may be arranged in the mould, liquid jelly poured between each layer and the fruit pushed down with a silver fork as the jelly begins to harden. Keep the reserve jelly from hardening by setting in a dish of warm water. As each layer "sets," add more fruit and more jelly.

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A Word for Woman.

Really, when you come to think of it, there is no intellectual or moral weakness of which women are guilty that is not shared by the men. Much is said of woman's sometimes absurd devotion to clubs. This can be matched by the man's fondness for his "lodge" which is quite as extravagant and more deepseated. The feminine love of display is perfectly matched by the masculine passion for "regalia"—for nodding plumes and flashing swords. And so we might go on, setting off one set of sins against the other—but it is not necessary to do so. The point we desire to make is that, though women are many times open to criticism, and of the severest sort, men do not somehow seem to be the ones to criticise. All down the ages woman has been the subject of cynical and sneering comment. The pagan philosophies are full of it. It ought not so to be.

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Detective—"Did you see a man and woman driving past here in a dog cart about an hour ago?"

Mrs. Blank—"Yes." "Ah, we are getting on the track of them! What kind of a horse was it?" "They were driving so fast I didn't notice that. But the woman had on a Scotch mohair and wool jacket of turquoise blue, last year's style with stitched lines, a white pique skirt with deep circular flounce, a satin straw hat, tilted and rather flat, trimmed with hydrangeas and loops of pale blue surah, and her hair was done up pompadour. That's all I had time to see."—Tidbits.

All the Signs.

Winks—"Who is that long-haired genius with cotton in his ears?"

Jinks—"Um—a music teacher, probably."

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Order Countermanded.

Foreman (job office)—"What are you working at now?"

Boy—"Runnin' off some business cards of a young woman who wants to go meeting for gents and families."

Foreman—"Gee whiz! Didn't you get word not to print 'em? The order is countermanded. Quick as the boss saw that girl's card, he rushed off and married her."

Going Smoothly.

A gentlemen met recently a Harvard graduate last June. "How goes it, Harry?" said he. "O, things are are booming," replied the young man cheerfully. "I don't get any pay yet, but I'm probably the best oiler of machinery in New England."—Boston Christian Register.

Never be too witty or too wise if you aim for popularity.

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Kids Barred.

Johnnie went out calling with his mother. When about to enter an apartment house, the boy said:

"Mamma, you'll have to take off your gloves before we go in here."

"Why so, Johnnie?"

"I heard the janitor say the other day they didn't allow any kid in the flats."

A Tell-tale Wanted.

Lady—"Do you sell phonographs?"

Agent—"We only rent them, madam."

"Well, I'll take one."

"Shall I send it to your house?"

"Not now. Put it up for a week at the club my husband goes to, and then bring it to me."

At Fever Heat.

"Was your club paper troublesome, Dorothy?"

"O, horrible! I ransacked eleven books and ate three pounds of chocolate caramels while I was getting it up."—Detroit Free Press.

A Smart Woman.

Mrs. Gotham (wife of clubman)—"Why do you live in such an isolated neighborhood?"

Mrs. Suburb—"I live here because my husband is afraid to leave me alone evenings."

Evolution.

Hoax—Funny! Did you ever notice it?

Joax—Notice what?

Hoax—Why, in the beginning of the world, it was a rib became a woman, and now it is ribbons become a woman.

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A Progressive Disease.

Jimson—"How is your rheumatism getting on?"

Bilson—"It's getting along slowly, but I'm very hopeful now."

Jimson—"I'm glad to hear that."

Bilson—"Yes, it commenced in my feet and has gradually worked up to my shoulders. I'm in hopes that in about a week it will go off into my hat."

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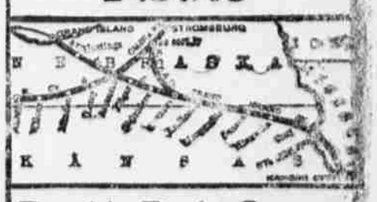

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