

FOIBLES OF FASHION

Chateaubriand Steak.

There is nothing a man appreciates more than a good chateaubriand steak and it is something that is seldom found to perfection on the home table. The following is an excellent recipe. Trim off fat and skin from three pounds of beef, cut from the center of fillet, and flatten with broad-bladed knife. Sprinkle with salt, brush over with olive oil and broil for twenty minutes. With it serve the following sauce, which is the most important part: Cook three tablespoons butter, one slice carrot, one slice onion, bit of bay leaf, sprig of thyme, sprig of parsley, and half teaspoon peppercorns, until butter is browned. Add four tablespoons flour, one and a half cups brown stock, and one-half teaspoon meat extract. Bring to boiling point, strain, add one tablespoon lemon juice, two tablespoons chopped parsley, one tablespoon butter, bit by bit, and salt to taste.

Tact in Dress.

Tact in dress is necessary to every woman who hopes to become representative of that refinement which is the chief ornament of womanhood or girlhood. It is rare that one sees French people dressed out of keeping with their surroundings or position. In the latter half of the nineteenth century a noted woman of France, Mme. de Girardin, said: "Style ought inevitably to vary according to the position and age. It should fit itself to the fortune, to the habits, to the form, to the circumstances and indeed to every detail in the life of those who wish to appear its leaders." This truism is as real to-day as at the time it was written, but unfortunately outside of la belle France this fitting of self to one's sphere is honored more in the breach than in the observance.



When you want eggs to come to a froth quickly have them almost ice-cold before you break them.

To make a damp cupboard dry stand in it a bowl of quicklime, which must be occasionally renewed, as it loses its power.

A length of cretonne laid over the pillows is one woman's solution of day bed dressing in these days when fashion has declared pillow shams quite passe. Of course, a spread of cretonne to match goes without saying.

Sprigs of wintergreen or ground ivy will drive away red ants. Branches of wormwood will serve the same purpose for black ants. The insects may be kept out of sugar barrels by drawing a wide chalk mark around the top near the edge.

Many housewives experience difficulty in getting oriental rugs of square shape small enough to cover the landing of the stairway of the usual city house. A so-called "saddle-bag" is just the thing and may be bought quite inexpensively.

Hoods Again Popular.

Old-fashioned hoods are once more popular. Sometimes these are part of the evening wrap or cape, but more often they are merely a piece of shirred and quilted silk puffing over the coiffure with a wide ruffle filled in with plisse chiffon around the face. With one of these tied under her chin, her dainty hands incased in silk lace mittens and a silk pocket hanging by

a ribbon at her side, the modern girl is a replica of the girl of quaint antebellum days.

Pretty Silk Waist.

Blouse of pale green taffeta, gathered along the shoulders. The stole collar, ornamented with gold buttons, is finished at the bottom with little fancy revers edged with a little ruf-



fle of white mousseline de sole, which also borders the fronts.

It is finished around the neck with a little collar of black velvet trimmed with embroidery, and the cravat and high standing collar are of lace. The draped leg-o'-mutton sleeves are trimmed to correspond.

Importance of the Veil.

The veil is always an important accessory to the hat, and veil modes change even more often than hats. The correct veil just now with the tailor hats, meaning the simple toques, turbans and Amazons worn with the short skirted tailor suits, is of a fine figured lace, the color of the suit, or of some special trimming on the hat. These veils are finished, as indeed, are all, on three sides, and when gathered up at the back fall in a short cascade. For dressy hats the fine lined mesh nets, dotted with a few large chenille or velvet dots, are correct. Sheer Chantilly lace and fine chiffon with lace insets are also worn by smart women; but the long automobile veil is not worn except for real protection from the cold and wind.

Date Cookies.

One large cup of dates stoned and cut in small pieces, one cup sugar, one egg, two-thirds cup of butter, salt, cinnamon and nutmeg. Stir all together, then add two cups of flour sifted with two teaspoonfuls of cream of tartar and one of soda, one-half cup of water or milk, vanilla, add more flour if needed. Roll thin and bake in a quick oven. —Boston Globe.



Get an eton jacket ready for spring. The waistcoat or vest is almost universal on this season's tailor-mades.

Veils of thin figured lace to match the color of the suit are first choice. Mohair is being made up in jaunty little suits for wear a few months hence.

Brocade is a good deal used for tea gowns, needing little, if any, trimming.

Every well-appointed feminine wardrobe this winter boasts a restaurant gown.

Detachable collars and cuffs of

white pique look well with the tailored suit.

Even for dressy bodices the leg-o'-mutton sleeve is the correct thing just now.

The smart girl has a little patch pocket put on the sleeve of her walking jacket.

A multi-gored skirt, flaring wide at the hem, is the favorite one for the tailor gown.

Cranberry Pudding.

One cup sugar, one cup milk, two teaspoonfuls melted butter, two cups flour, two cups cranberries, two teaspoonfuls baking powder or two small teaspoonfuls cream of tartar and one teaspoonful of soda. Stir all together and bake three-quarters of an hour. Eat with sweet sauce.

New Style in Rings.

There is a variation of the two-stone ring, in which two diamonds or contrasting stones are set diagonally. Instead of the simple claw setting the two stones are set deep in the gold, which curves down on either side to the body of the ring.

Striking Skating Costume.



In aubergine colored face-cloth, trimmed with design in broad Russian braid; a white embroidered vest showing at the throat and waist. Toque of the same cloth and ermine furs.

Shoulder Capes.

Another fashionable accessory to toilets at home and abroad is the pretty shoulder capes. True, Fashion decreed the long shoulder seam must go, but the long effect from the throat to the elbow is more than ever in evidence, as the deep frilled and fringed shoulder capes emphatically testify. Some are merely round or pointed deep collars, showing much beautiful handiwork in applications of lace and embroidery on sheer materials, to be worn either over a shirt waist, or filling the neck of a decolette gown. Some of the deeper ones are more like berthas, falling over the shoulders from a more or less low line, with high but sheer guimpe above or nothing but a string of pearls around the throat. The "Marie Antoinette" scarf is worn with evening gowns, and ties with long ends knotted at the bust.

SCIENCE and INVENTION

Oil on Troubled Land.

Oil is not only poured on the troubled waters but also on agitated terra firma. Some 3,000 miles of the roadways of California are now treated with oil for the purpose of laying dust. The results are said to be most promising, partly perhaps because of the peculiar climatic conditions in southern California. The climate is dry, so that the difficulty has always been to prevent the road surface from loosening, since there is not sufficient moisture to bind the road materials. The oil used has an asphalt base and differs in this regard from the crude oil available elsewhere.

Self-Lighting Cigar.

A man with a cigar and minus a match is often no better off than a man without a smoke, but in order that the cigar and the means of lighting it may always go together, a self-lighting cigar has been invented. This article, as far as the cigar is concerned, is no different from others except that on the business end of the tobacco roll there is a cap of paper covered with paraffine and through this and into the end of the weed there is thrust a match with the head exposed. When it is desired to burn the tobacco the match is rubbed against some rough surface in the usual manner, and instantly the treated paper is ablaze and ample opportunity is given to light the cigar.



To Darken Oak.

Oak may be darkened by using liquid ammonia, which may be bought from any wholesale chemist. The wood to be darkened should be placed in a dark and air tight room and half a pint or so of the ammonia poured into a soup plate on the floor in the center of the room. This done, shut the entrance and secure any cracks by pasting over them strips of paper. Remember that the ammonia does not touch the oak, but the gas that comes from it acts upon the tannic acid in the wood and browns it so deep that a shaving or two may actually be taken off without removing the color. The depth of shade will depend entirely upon the quantity of ammonia used and the time the wood is exposed.

Removable Billiard Cue Tip.

The man who plays billiards is generally very particular about the tip of the cue, with the consequence that the proprietor of a billiard parlor has a number of cues constantly laid aside for repairs. This represents considerable idle capital, for these implements, being of hard wood and very well made, are quite expensive.

A new system of cue and tip construction dispenses with this matter by arranging things so that the tips are removable and interchangeable. The cue at the operating end is finished off with a ferrule having a slot. The cue is made of the usual material and in the back is secured a ring of spring metal and projecting therefrom. The ring has only to be thrust into the slot and it is held there firmly by the pressure of the spring. When the cue tip has outlived its usefulness it is just as easily dislodged and replaced with a new one. With this scheme the stick is never out of service.

