



**FOR WOMEN'S BENEFIT**

Professional Trunk Packers.

In almost every large city there are women who earn money by their skill in trunk packing. Last summer several fashionable summer hotels, employed a woman permanently to render this service to their guests. The success of the experiment will probably induce other hotels to provide the same convenience.

**Wu's Ideas of American Women.**

The Chinese minister, Wu Ting Fang, has this to say of the American women of today:

"No foreigner in America fails to be impressed with the importance of the role women play in this country. Their activity in the social and business world gives certain subtle qualities to American life not found where the influence of women is less generally and definitely exerted."

"It seemed to me once that there was danger of woman usurping man's place in the world. I have come to think it does not matter if she does. I believe in the survival of the fittest. Success, surely, is the only test of fitness. Let the women go on, then; let them go as far as they can."

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is noticeable in many details. There is a larger use of stripes, dots, gables and geometrical patterns in the dress goods. Lace stripes and insertions, embroidery in silk floss, tucks and pleats, straps and other ornaments are finding a much more generous employment. While this, in the main, makes the spring shirtwast more expensive than formerly, it is more attractive and satisfactory to the wearer. Thus far there has been no great change in the cut and general effect of the waist. In many ways it has been given up; in others, there has been adopted a slight swell or bouffant toward the belt, suggesting a modified Russian blouse effect so popular a few years ago.

**Paris's Helen Keller.**

A woman who has been extremely interested in lately, or a young girl rather, is Marie Heurtin, a French Helen Keller, but even more wonderful than Helen Keller, since the latter lost the senses of sight, speech and hearing at the age of 18 months, so that the two senses left may be aided by unconscious vibrations, based upon early impressions or unconscious memory of impressions gained before these senses disappeared. Marie Heurtin, however, unlike Laura Bridgman, Helen Keller or Martha Obrecht, was born deaf, dumb and blind. Up to the time when she was ten years old she was apparently not only completely idiotic, but also a most impossible little person who lay down on the ground and rolled at the slightest thing which displeased her, shrieked for hours together, only slapping people if they tried to show her any tenderness, and was altogether so violent that she sent away from two institutions for deaf mutes, and passed on to the nuns at Larnay as a perfect little savage for whom it was quite useless to try to do anything. I know of no more fascinating story than that of the means by which these devoted sisters first tamed the little shrew, then taught her. Sister St. Marguerite it was who gave her her first alphabet. Marie Heurtin had brought away with her a little knife, which she seemed to love. Sister St. Marguerite, who had got the child's confidence in a way, took away the knife, making the little girl the sign which in the deaf and dumb language means knife. Then the knife was put back into her hand with the same sign. After a time Marie Heurtin began to comprehend that there was a connection between the sign and the object. From the knife Sister St. Marguerite went on to repeat the same experience with the fruits the little girl liked best.—Harper's Bazar.

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America may well feel proud of the interest which her citizens took in the Paris Exposition and the elaborate exhibits which were prepared with consummate skill and displayed in a manner not excelled by any other country. Those of Harvesting Machinery in particular were most complete and interesting. The Deering Harvester Company, of Chicago, America's foremost manufacturer of this line of goods, was accorded the position of honor, having contributed more to the advancement of the art of harvesting than any other manufacturer, living or dead, and with a greater array of important inventions to his credit than any other company in the world.

Visitors to the Exposition were prompt to accord the Deering exhibits supreme honors, and it only remained for official magistrates to make the popular verdict, which was done in a manner as substantial as it was well-merited. Each one of the seven Deering exhibits secured the highest award in its class, as follows: Decoration of Chevalier of the Legion of Honor, Two Decorations of Officer of Merite Agricole, a Special Medal of Honor, The Grand Prize, Six Gold Medals, Six Silver Medals and Eleven Bronze Medals, including Deering Collaborator.

The Decoration of Legion of Honor was first instituted by Napoleon Bonaparte when First Consul in 1802, and is only conferred in recognition of the highest merit.

The highest distinction in the gift of the French Republic. The Decoration of Merite Agricole is an honor of but slightly less importance, which is conferred upon those who have contributed greatly to the advancement of agriculture. An Official Certificate of Merit was also awarded the Deering Retrospective Exhibit, which showed the improvements in harvesting machinery during the past century, and the highest award in the Exposition, the Official Certificate of Merit, was conferred upon the Deering Harvester Company. This exhibit has been presented to the National Museum of Arts and Sciences at Paris, where it has become a permanent feature of that world-famed institution.

The Deering Twin Exhibit and Corn Harvester Exhibit, both of which received the highest awards, have by request of the Government been presented to the National Agricultural College of France.

The Deering Harvester Works are the largest of their kind in the world, covering eighty-five acres and employing 5000 people. They are equipped with modern automatic machinery, many of which perform the labor of from five to fifteen hands.

This Company is also the largest manufacturer of Deering Twines in the world, having been first to produce single-strand binder twine, such as is in general use today, making over a third of the product of the entire world. The output of the factory for a single day would tie a band around the earth at the equator, with several thousand miles to spare. The annual production would fill a freight train twelve miles long. Made into a mat two feet wide, it would reach across the American Continent from coast to coast.

Deering machines are known as LIGHT DRAFT DEALERS, consisting of Binders, Mowers, Reapers, Corn Harvesters, Shredders and Balers.

This Company exhibited at the Paris Exposition an Automobile Mower, which attracted much attention, and exhibitions were given with one of these machines in the vicinity of Paris throughout the season.

**MAKING A MONKEY OF HIM.**

He—Of course something must be allowed for exaggeration. As a matter of fact, women aren't such fools as they appear to be.

She—How gallant! I wish I could say the same about the men.—Boston Transcript.

**A WINNER.**

There was a man in our town, And he was wondrous smart, He never tried to get there till He had a first-class start.—Detroit Free Press.

**DO YOU FEEL LIKE THIS?**

Pen Picture for Women.

"I am so nervous, there is not a well inch in my whole body. I am so weak at my stomach and have indigestion horribly, and palpitation of the heart, and I am losing flesh. This headache and backache nearly kills me, and yesterday I nearly had hysterics; there is a weight in the lower part of my bowels bearing down all the time, and pains in my groins and thighs; I cannot sleep, walk, or sit; and I believe I am diseased all over; no one ever suffered as I do."

This is a description of thousands of cases which come to Mrs. Pinkham's attention daily. An inflamed and ulcerated condition of the neck of the womb can produce all of these symptoms.

Large Leghorn hats, drooping in front and back, are said to be a feature of the coming millinery for summer. They have high crowns encircled by roses arranged in a stiff manner, and a soft ribbon caught on the edge of the brim in front is carried to the edge of the brim in the back, where it is tied in a bow.

A novel plan for protecting a dainty silk or lawn shirtwaist is suggested in an underwaist of very thin fabric, made with bishop sleeves gathered into dainty cuffs of lace or embroidery, a small, round yoke also of lace or embroidery and a transparent choker. This can be laundered, and the outside waist is made more dressy by cutting it out to meet the chemist's yoke of the underwaist.

**The Bank of England's Garden.**

Visitors to the inner courts of the bank of England are surprised to find a beautiful garden hidden away from the dust of the city by those frowning black walls that gaze on Threadneedle street. Just now the rhododendrons are in full bloom, and with the sparkling fountain in the centre present a scene of much delight to the eye.

This garden of the bank was once the churchyard of the St. Christopher-Stocks, a city church which was pulled down a century ago to extend the bank premises. It got its name from the stocks market which once occupied the site of the Mansion House opposite, and this in its turn was so named from the city stocks that stood there.

This quiet garden was very busy in 1848 during the Chartist scare. Sandbags were piled up here in readiness to strengthen the walls, and regular and volunteer assemblies among the flower beds to repel the attack that never came.

The windows overlooking the garden are those of the courtroom of the bank.—London Star.

**Too Much Food.**

Much of the sinking, tired and empty feeling from which business men who work their brains also so often suffer is due to the accumulation of toxins in the system which want "working off." Two meals a day and active exercise are the preventive, and there is no need for anybody to the extent that walking can. But to do good it must be sauntering. Really "smart" walking is what is wanted.—The Hospital.

**Boys Learning Laundry Work.**

The Church Army in England, which has more than 100 homes for men, women and children whom it is trying to save from lives of crime, has settled the problem of employment for some of the boys by establishing a laundry in one of the boys' homes and teaching the inmates to wash with iron. The boys were at first inclined to resent the idea of doing girls' work, but they have gradually become interested and find it more to their liking than wood sawing and chopping. As yet they have done no more than the average laundress. Two or three of the boys have risen from the ranks and become assistant superintendents, and they have aspired to fine work and even lace curtains.

**HOUSEHOLD HINTS**



**Linealace Cleans Brass.**

To clean brass, rub with cotton wool dipped in limejuice and polished with whiting. This cleans the blackest brass or copper with scarcely any labor.

**Try Flat Pipes.**

If water pipes are slightly flattened they will never burst in frosty weather. When the water freezes it expands and so the pipes are pressed out to their original shape, but do not split. Only a few minutes is required to flatten the pipes with a hammer just where they are most exposed, and it saves much expense and trouble.

To prevent pipes from freezing, wrap them with straw then put on a layer of unslaked lime and cover again with straw. The gradual slaking of the lime by the moisture of the atmosphere gives sufficient heat to prevent water pipes freezing during the whole winter.

**Artistic Portieres**

A knitted silk portiere lately exhibited in an artistic studio is one of the most effective of hangings. It is knitted of finely cut silk rags, and in an original fashion. It was made in three sections, so that it could be more easily handled and joined together afterward. The lower border is of red, then there are several black rows, and the centre is introduced with a white border strip. More simple and together red one and after that black again, with the introduction of a blue line. The top border of pale silks is knitted in points, which run into a black stripe, making a pretty effect.—New York Tribune.

**Coverings for Brass Beds.**

Some of the newest coverings for brass beds are made of heavy white linen, with lace or hemstitched edge, while in the centre is the owner's monogram, embroidered in rose or white silk threads. More simple coverings for a young girl's bed can be made of some of the many graceful designs of cretonne. A most appropriate one is made from a design which has bunches of poppies scattered over a white ground. Bright red, pink or yellow colorings upon the white ground often give the needed touch of warmth in an otherwise cold room. If the daffodil yellow is chosen, it will be found to be more often satisfactory in combination with the other furnishings of a room than either red or pink, while the warm tone is produced with equally satisfactory results.

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**Contagious Diseases of Childhood.**

The first step to be taken in scarlet fever, as in other contagious diseases, is prompt isolation in a large, well-lighted, well-ventilated room. The room should be on a top floor, as far removed from the rest of the house as possible, and if it could be so arranged this floor or part of the house should be shut off from the rest. Carpets, curtains, pictures, upholstered furniture, ornaments, etc., should be removed. In fact, anything that cannot be burned, washed or thoroughly fumigated, when the sickness is over. In order that the room may not be utterly bare of desirable things, of the carpet may be laid on the floor, bright pictures from an illustrated paper or magazine be pinned on the wall. It is best not to use a mattress, heavy blankets or comfortable folded and laid on the wire mattress make a soft and most comfortable bed to lie on. If this bed proves cold, layers of newspapers or heavy brown paper placed next to the wire spring, between it and the blanket, will overcome this difficulty. This kind of bed has a great advantage over a mattress as it is much more clean and sanitary.—Marlana Wheeler, in Harper's Bazar.

**Fried Tomatoes**—Select large, firm, ripe tomatoes and cut them in two. Dust with pepper and salt and sprinkle with finely rolled crackers. Put plenty of butter in the chafing dish with a suggestion of onion. When the dish is very hot fry the tomatoes brown, turning quickly and serve hot.

**Hashed Brown Potatoes**—Chop three potato-tops, fine cut and season with salt and pepper, melt a tablespoonful of butter in a frying pan. Turn in the potatoes and press them down on the bottom of the pan. Place the pan where they will cook slowly and brown evenly, but do not stir them. They should be well crusted on the bottom in 20 minutes. Then roll carefully like an omelet and turn out on a hot dish.

**Buttered Hominy**—Soak one cupful of the coarse hominy in cold water overnight; cook in three pints of cold water until soft, stirring in a teaspoonful of salt when it is nearly done; drain in a colander and stir with a fork to let steam escape, then sprinkle with a half teaspoonful of pepper, stir in a tablespoonful of butter, reheat for a moment and serve with the rabbits. It will take all day to cook the hominy, which, when done, should be as soft as rice, and retain its shape.

**Veal Stewed with Parsnips**—Scrape and cut into small dice two medium sized parsnips and half a dozen roots of salsify. Pare one celery root and cut it up quite fine. Put four thin slices of salt pork in a stewpan, lay on them one pound of lean veal or a small knuckle, add the vegetables and enough boiling water to nearly cover. Simmer gently for two hours. Take the veal up on a hot platter, arrange the vegetables around it, squeeze over it the juice of a small sour orange, and serve with its own liquor.

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**A CLEAR GAIN.**

"Did many people turn out to hear you read from your works?" she asked the eminent author.

"Yes," he replied, "there was a large audience; but nearly everybody left before I got fairly started."

"Dear me! And did you have to return the money that was taken in at the box office?"

"No. A fire engine went past the hall just as I was starting on my part of the programme."—Chicago Times-Herald.

**Spring Cleaning Made Easy.**

Much of the terror of spring cleaning may be avoided by proper preparation. Settled weather should be selected for the work, and a supply of all needed articles in readiness. Ivory soap will be found best for washing windows, paints and floors; it is harmless, and very effective in making the house clean and fresh.—Eliza B. Lusk.

**A Cheese as Letter Box.**

An English tradesman commenced correspondence with a Canadian dairy farmer by finding a tin box containing the name and address of the farmer in a cheese he purchased.

The note also asked the finder to communicate with the writer and express an opinion upon the cheese. The request was acted upon.

In his latest letter the Canadian gave a glowing account of the dairy-giving industry in his country.

**A REMINDER.**

"A baby reminds me of poetry," said the sentimentalist.

"Yes," answered the man of family. "It reminds me of poetry, too; especially when it is inclined to be bad and you have to walk the floor coming it."—Washington Star.

**Swallowed His False Teeth.**

A man recently swallowed his false teeth and it drove him mad. Stomachs will stand a great deal, but not everything. If you are weak try Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. It cures indigestion, biliousness, kidney and liver troubles, as well as malaria and fever and ague. It is particularly effective in all nervous affections, and is strongly recommended in this season of the year when the system is run-down and most susceptible to disease. All druggists keep it.

**The Worker wakes, like the worker bees, are smaller than the queens or males.**

**If You Have Dyspepsia.**

Send no money, but write Dr. Shoop, Racine, Wis., Box 148, for six bottles of Dr. Shoop's Bile Beans; express paid. If cured, pay \$5.00; if not, it is free.

**The man who lives on the top of a mountain shouldn't object to climate.**

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**The Public Library of Chicago** has 260,000 volumes.

**Pain's Cure** is the best medicine we ever used for all affections of throat and lungs.—Wm. O. Ewells, Vanburton, Ind., Feb. 10, 1900.

**Rhode Island** is one of the thirteen original States and smallest in the Union