

LADIES' DEPARTMENT.

Individual Tastes in Styles.

Although a certain degree of compliance with present styles is noticeable among evening costuming, says a city paper, nevertheless an immense variety of individual tastes and fancies is visible in some of them.

Mexican Women Not Beautiful.

Whoever comes to Mexico in search of female beauty is liable to meet with disappointment; for, though the dreamy dark eyes and raven hair of the Castilian-Mexican type is very attractive, the truth is one sees more handsome women on the streets of any northern city in half an hour than he can find in a year at the Aztec capital.

A Duck of a Bonnet.

I was in a millinery store on Wabash avenue the other day when two ladies met, kissed, and immediately began talking. One of them said: "What a duck of a bonnet that is! Where did you get it?"

The Coming Women.

Dear Wilde says in the Woman's World: Nothing in the United States struck me more than the fact that the remarkable intellectual progress of that country is very largely due to the efforts of American women, who edit many of the most powerful magazines and newspapers, take part in the discussion of every question of public interest, and exercise an important influence upon the growth and tendencies of literature and art.

Culture of Castor Oil Beans.

Castor oil beans will grow wherever corn of the largest varieties will mature. It is a tropical plant and requires 120 days of warm weather to mature the seed. It is grown much in the same way as corn is but on account of its large leaves is given about one-half more space. This crop is grown only within profitable reach of some oil factory.

ALLSPICE.

The Fragrant Product of the Pimento Tree.

What is allspice? Most people would hazard the answer that it is a mixture of spices in which there are several ingredients. Cinnamon, nutmeg, cloves and cardamoms are supposed to be mingled in it, the result being a flavoring mixture of special merit.

The Work of Planting the Trees Done by Birds.

There was a bevy of marriageable young girls in his set and all were engaged to wed but one. He persuaded the one to accept him, and the last engaged was the first to be married. Clemeceau hastened home at the breaking out of the Franco-Prussian war, fought for his country, and when peace came he took an active part in politics.

Plants in Rooms.

Health in a great measure depends upon clean foliage. In a glass house there is never much dirt, whereas in a living room there is always a great deal, and this suffices to choke every pore of the leaves. Every plant here should therefore get a tepid bath twice a week, washing both the upper and under side of the leaves, or, if the foliage is much divided, it should be sprayed.

Recipes.

CARROT PIE.—Scrape, slice, boil tender and rub through sieve or colander. Take one tablespoonful of carrot, one egg, one cup of milk, and sugar, salt spices to taste. Ginger and cinnamon or ginger and nutmeg are the best spices to use.

Her Father's Hope.

"Father," she said, burying her face upon the old man's shoulder, "if I can win the pure, earnest love of an honest, upright man, my life will be full indeed. I seek not for mere wealth. I would love and honor such a man, dear father, if even one hundred thousand dollars were all he could rightly call his own."

What Was Done in Church.

A little bright four-year-old miss recently went to church with a neighbor's wife, and on returning was asked by her mother: "Well, Maud, what did they do in church?" Maud's answer: "Well, mamma, one man rung the bell, one played the organ, and another man done the hollering."

FOR THE HOUSEWIFE.

Lemon Juice That Will Keep.

Squeeze the juice into a basin, then strain it off, perfectly free from the least pulp or pith. Have ready some perfectly clean and dry bottles; fill them up just to the shoulder; then add sufficient sweet oil to cover the top of the lemon juice entirely. Cork the bottles tightly and keep them upright in a cool place.

An Occasional Trouble.

Putting buttons, beads and similar objects into the nose is a vicious habit, which is by no means rare among children. When it is done the mother or some officious neighbor almost always attempts the removal, and the effort much oftener fails than succeeds.

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Questions Along for the Wise.

Whether, when you are going to have a "round" with your adversary, it is necessary for you to first "square" up to him.

Whether "Woman's Mission" we hear so much about now should not really be sub-mission.

Whether, if a church organ could speak, its first words would be, "I'm bowed!"

It's Always the Way.

"Didn't I tell you so?" said a gentleman to a woman whom he had just met on the street; "it's always the way."

Sold again!—Second-hand goods.

She Broke the Engagement because she saw that he had ceased to love her. Her beauty had faded, her former high spirits had given place to dull lassitude.

Tomato Soup.

Take one quart of canned tomatoes, of four large raw ones cut up fine, add one quart of boiling water and let them boil; then add one teaspoonful of soda, one pint of sweet milk, pepper and plenty of butter.

Puree of Beans.

One quart of dried Lima beans soaked overnight. Put in a saucepan with boiling salt water, salted to taste. Add two ounces of butter, one carrot, one onion, three cloves (parsley, thyme, one laurel leaf), two cloves of garlic tied in a bunch, boil until soft.

There is no joy like the joy of resolved virtue.

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