

CHILDHOOD IS VANISHING, M'LISS MAKES DISCOVERY

Grown-Ups Indulging in Juvenile Amusements, While Kids Have Youth Snatched From Them By Incautious Parents.

IT HAS become the habit recently to decry the fact that there are no grandmothers any more, and those of us who remember some of our happiest childhood days as being those we spent in the company of our white-haired, spectacled grandmother, who had the softest lap in the world and the sweetest goodies in her reticue, lament her going greatly.

But we are threatened with an even greater deprivation. Soon there will be no children. I do not mean that I have become a belated follower in the ranks of those who hold that race suicide will ultimately cause the entire extinction of the species juvenile. I suppose children will continue being born until the end of time, but somehow or other they don't stay young for any length of time. They're not getting a square deal.

People who saw that poetical beautiful play, "Marie-Odile," hurried harsh criticism at the author for making the young heroine so adorably innocent, "But she was 16," I heard one woman remark. "It would have been impossible for her to have been kept in such a state of ignorance."

It would have been, indeed, had the time and place of that play been 1916 and United States. Every day the training that we give our children, the amusements that we provide for them, the conversation that we let them hear and the habits that we permit them to form, are taking from them more and more that delightful something which only youth itself has to give, and which can no more be imitated than can the dawn of day or the trill of the lark.

On Saturday afternoon at the Russian Ballet there were four little children in a box chaperoned by a woman who seemed to be the mother of two of them. They ranged in age, I should say, from 4 to 7 years of age.

Now, one of the presentations was that sensational spectacle "Cleopatra." An afternoon's entertainment less suited for a child could scarcely have been chosen. The children in the box watched it precociously as children witness everything nowadays, but it would be too pessimistic, indeed, to say that they comprehended it.

However, when after many gyrations and contortions, Adolph Bolin an Amou had caught Cleopatra's fancy, and was invited by the lady to come to the divan and make love to her, which he did, though he died for it, a childish treble pierced the darkness of the house:

"Mamma, that must be the lady's husband, after all!" "Mamma's reproof was made in tones too well-bred and restrained to be heard by aught than the young one to whom it was addressed. But it would have been interesting to know just how she met the occasion on such short notice.

If but little censorship is exercised over the amusements that American children see, any librarian will also tell you that the parental jurisdiction over the books that the youngsters read is just as negligible.

In fact, grown-ups seem to have "snatched" many of the enjoyments of youth. Time was when the kids read "Alice in Wonderland" and the nursery jingles. They used to skate, also, and to coast. Now they are busy getting their little minds cultivated with stuff that could well wait a decade or so while their mammas and their grandmamas disport themselves on the rink and the ice and read the Carroll books.

Other times, in other manners, in truth, but in the meantime let us not make of the young ones "doddering old idiots at 5," as Gilbert would have phrased it.

M'LISS.

SEEN IN THE SHOPS



"SEMI-DEMI" TAILLEUR

TODAY'S illustration shows a coat suit which is a happy medium between the strictly tailored and the bouffant, dressy style of tailleur. It is a good compromise model for the woman who wants her clothes to do the double service of business and pleasure. The material is velour, check, in black and white. This fabric is popular, and being an all-wool product has a reputation for wearing well.

The collar, vest and cuffs are fashioned of white broadcloth. The wide shawl lines of the collar are particularly effective. Edging the white vest are revers of taffeta, taffeta and smoked pearl buttons. The waistline of the coat is a bit higher than normal. The skirt features a novelty belt and pockets. It is very full. Price \$25.

A close-fitting turban of Milan hemp is worn with the suit. The trim turns up sharply from the face, and large wings, fastened by a cabochon of plated rosegarn ribbon, form the trimming. In solid or contrasting colors. The price is \$5.95.

The name of the shop where these articles may be purchased will be supplied by the Editor of the Woman's Page, Evening Ledger, 608 Chestnut street. The request must be accompanied by a stamped, self-addressed envelope, and must mention the date on which the article appeared.

EXPERTS DOUBT SWISS INVENTOR HAS FOUND SYNTHETIC DIAMOND

Leading Jewelers and Gem Merchants Not Disturbed by Geneva Claim by Way of Paris

THEY "NEVER SAW ONE" Not Possible for Scientists to Produce Them, Say Several Philadelphia Dealers

The announcement from Paris of the discovery of a method of producing synthetic diamonds by the Geneva Laboratory of Inorganic Chemistry doesn't seem to worry leading jewelers and diamond merchants of Philadelphia.

The Geneva Tribune, referring to the reported discovery, says that, in the residue formed in the separation of carbonic anhydride in the form of snow by chloroethylene pyridine in solution and other nitrogenous organic liquids, free carbons of varying weights have been found, very hard and heavy white tetrahedral and octohedral crystals which burned without leaving ashes.

At the Franklin Institute, South 7th street, it was said today that in 1915 M. E. Boissmann, a Paris engineer, had produced by means of an electric furnace several minute microscopic crystals which he asserted were pure diamonds, but the cost of production was so great and the results so disappointing that further experiments were abandoned.

"I remember hearing of the discovery of synthetic diamonds about 20 years ago," said Abraham Sicles, of M. Sicles & Sons, "but I have never seen one. There are synthetic rubies and sapphires, but I don't think it possible yet to produce a synthetic diamond. Several attempts have been made, but without success. The experiments, and although the chemical composition of the emerald is well known it cannot be reproduced. They can't give the true emerald green, and I don't believe any better success will be met in the attempt to produce synthetic diamonds."

W. R. Eisenhower, the diamond expert of J. E. Caldwell & Co., said he had never seen a synthetic diamond, but he had heard of false synthetic diamonds being made. A few years ago, he said, a man in Paris had claimed he could manufacture synthetic diamonds and interested several prominent persons to put money into the scheme. The man, however, was the head of the diamond syndicate, but the whole affair was a swindle, as he failed to deliver the goods.

"I would not say that synthetic diamonds will never be made, but any that I have heard of up to the present were fakes," said A. Alexander, head of the diamond department of Bailey, Banks & Biddle. As far as he knew, the experiments in making diamonds by the synthetic method have been tried in this connection have been so costly as to be prohibitive.

"A synthetic diamond, if it were possible to construct one, could not derive an expert," said Colonel J. Warner Hutchins, 1218 Walnut street, who has been a synthetic sapphires and synthetic rubies, but they are easily detected, and it would be much easier to detect a synthetic diamond. The pure white sapphires comes nearest to the natural appearance, and they are often substituted for diamonds in the small sizes used in cluster work. They are easily detected in many ways, especially by a special little file, about the size of a manicure file, made for the purpose.

"I have heard many times about the discovery of synthetic diamonds, but nothing ever comes of the reports, and this latest story from Geneva by way of Paris is like others that have gone before it."

Marion Harland's Corner

Keeping Eggs in Water Glass A FEW weeks ago some one wrote to the Corner, saying she had trouble in putting eggs down in water glass. I have tried it twice and had excellent luck, using the last of the eggs one year from the time they were put down. The whites beat up as nicely as fresh eggs. First, you must have perfectly fresh eggs. If, when you are putting them in the water glass, one comes to the surface, take it out at once. It may not be bad, but it is not entirely fresh. The first time I made it I made the preparation one to 12 or 14 parts, and have just as good results. Keep the crock covered in the cellar where it is cool. One stale egg will spoil a whole crock. J. H. B.

We have given room for the foregoing useful explanation of this method of preserving eggs, believed by many to be the best yet invented, because several correspondents have made similar inquiries. This is the best method, and may expect fresh eggs to become plentiful and cheap.

Origin of a Proverb "A clergyman quoted in a sermon last Sunday, as a saying we all ought to know, 'If you do evil that good may come, you pay toll to the devil in the name of heaven.' I never heard it before, yet the preacher spoke of it as a popular proverb. Where did he get it? THOMAS E. M. Julius Charles Harlan, an English archdeacon of the last century and the author of a number of theological works, wrote a book under the title 'Guesses at Truth,' in which we read: 'He who does evil with good may come, pays a toll to the devil to let him into heaven.' I fancy this is what your preacher meant to say. Your memory may not have been quite faithful in the repetition of the proverb. St. Paul tells us of an accusation brought against the early Christians that they 'did evil that good might come,' and repudiates it indignantly.

Once Popular Ballad "It is many years since I heard my mother sing this ballad. It may not be the one your correspondent wishes for, but I hope it will bring back as pleasant memories as it does to me. I have no doubt forgotten some of it, but this is as I remember it.

"CONSTANT READER." The ballad, "The Dark Eyed Sailor," was evidently a prime favorite a half-century or so ago. As we have notified other members with like reminiscences by yourself and impudently by way of song has gone to the person who asked for it. She will also receive your copy.

Making a Household Budget "My problem is how to make a family budget. We are a family of two, husband and self. We are not extravagant, but we like an atmosphere of refinement in our daily life—a nice apartment (in a good neighborhood); simply but harmoniously furnished; a good table with good dishes; a good collection of good clothes, not an extravagant collection of them; a new book occasionally; the theatre now and then; social intercourse on a modest scale with friends, without being bridge fiends or dancing dervishes; and I do want a maid. How can we have this in best proportion on a fixed income of \$450 a month? How can I do it? I want to know the best way to do it. If you can help me on this and print it in the Corner, I believe it will be a great help to thousands of women like me, who are not pinching poor, but who must spend carefully. J. K. M."

I take the liberty of quoting from one writer in this: "A budget was carefully planned. The total for a month was divided into four parts. These, a series of small envelopes were marked with their respective items—rent, bank, etc.—and each week the money placed therein. How do I save? By paying cash; by personally doing the marketing; by having up-to-date utensils, such as a double boiler and triangular pans, which will cook two or three things over one burner; by checking up my bills, so that I know that the merchant has made no mistake; by utilizing leftovers."

This is the merest outline, of course, but there are points in it worth consideration. To begin with, the envelope system, which has been a marked success in church collections, may be used in the home to advantage. Then divide in your calculations "must haves" from "may haves." Your rent is a necessity. A good general rule is that it should not exceed one-fourth of the income. Some insist that a fifth is a wiser appropriation. Settle this to suit your own views. Then set down as an unchangeable law that nothing be wasted, and see for yourself that this is obeyed. Unless you have a storeroom, do not buy at wholesale. I have before this commended the economy of buying domestic supplies in small quantities. Do your marketing personally. Even to things before an order is given, inspect your pantry and refrigerator, and with your own eyes "take account of stock." Pencil and paper in hand, make out the "must haves" of the day. I wish I had room to enlarge upon the essential propriety of personal supervision.

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vision on the part of the mistress. In my long period of housekeeping I have never had a servant who objected to this part of the daily program. On the contrary, they have, in the main, proved themselves efficient coadjutors in the problem of evolving palatable dishes out of "left-overs," and when bills are unusually large one week, in devising clever schemes by which they may be cut down the next week. I have never had a servant who has solved the problem for herself, write briefly but pertinently in reply to our queries?

Two Dark Cakes "As I saw a request in the Corner lately for dark cakes, I will send you one which I think is just grand. I have copied a few recipes from the Corner, and think it is about time for me to help its readers. Chocolate fudge cake: One cup of flour, two eggs, one and one-half cups of sugar, half cup of butter, half cup of sweet milk, one and one-half teaspoons of baking powder, half teaspoon of vanilla, two squares of unsweetened chocolate. Here is another for dark cake, called Prince of Wales cake: Four eggs (reserve whites of two eggs for frosting), two cups of brown sugar, two-thirds cup butter, one cup of sour milk or cold coffee, one tablespoon of soda, three tablespoons of black molasses, one teaspoon of cloves and cinnamon mixed, one cup of chopped raisins, three and one-half cups of flour. Bake in three layers. Filling: Whites of two eggs, two eggs, one and one-half cups of sugar, two cups of sugar with just enough flour, in cold water will crisp. Lastly, stir in the whites of two eggs, beaten to a standing froth. MRS. M. F."

Trouble With Stove Polish "Can you or any one tell me why stove polish will not stick to the stove? It goes on all right, but as soon as I apply the polishing cloth it all comes off. I have been told to wash the stove in strong vinegar, but it did not remedy the trouble. "K. D. S."

Referred to the practical housewife who has had the same trouble.



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KITCHEN CHEMISTRY

When You Pay for Coffee, Do You Get It? Is There Turmeric in Your Mustard? Is Your Lemon Extract Lemon? Test It to See

By VIRGINIA E. KIFT the coffee served at a number of well-known restaurants in this city because it was over half roasted cereals and chicory. It would be well to test your house-hold brand and see what you are serving your family.

BALMY SPRING ARRIVES WITH BLUE SKY, FLOWERS AND SMILES Store Windows Shine, Dressed in "Preparedness," Children Romp in Parks, and "Hokey Pokey" Man Appears

SPRING is here all right, all right. A stroll up Chestnut street from 4th to 15th streets today revealed to it was hard to see in the costumes of passers-by, excepting the summer hats worn by the ladies have been wearing since December last, much of winter clothing was still in evidence.

Floor Cushions Floor cushions are the latest thing. They may be made in almost any design, tone of velvet, plush, or linen, according to the season. The long sausage-shaped ones gathered in at the ends are smart. These may be decorated with painted motifs if one is artistically inclined.

Protect Paintings You will keep nice off your pictures from this summer if you give them the treatment adopted by one woman. She takes several large onions and boils them in a pint of water for a short time. She then cuts a large canny's hair brush and applies the fluid. It keeps the dirt away and obviates all necessity to remove by specks. Oil paintings should be cleaned with half of a raw potato. It makes them clean and brings out the colors.

TAKE OFF YOUR WOOLENS WHEN YOU FEEL LIKE IT, IS THE RIGHT WAY

By WILLIAM BRADY, M. D. Personally, we like to be warm just like other folks, but we have a cowardly fear of being too warmly dressed or occupying a too warmly heated room. Knowing that too much heat ruins the health, that overdressing reduces the natural resistance to the respiratory infections, we just dodge all these factors of disease whenever we can. As to taking 'em off early, we don't do that, because we never put 'em on in the fall. We wear light, knitted wool-and-silk for about eight months in the year, for comfort.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS The Eyestrain Question A veritable shower of letters came in response to our request for the stories of readers who had had experience in wearing glasses for the purpose of relieving headaches. We gather this: That much depends upon the scientific care with which the glasses are made to the patient's needs, and that many disappointments are attributable to failure to use a mydriatic in the eye to temporarily relax the patient's unaccustomed strain.

How Much Water to Drink Can one drink too much cold water? What is your advice about the daily quantity? Answer—One rarely can drink too much cold water. We think every adult needs at least seven or eight glasses of water daily, other than that taken with food. But never ice cold. Drink when you are thirsty.

About Linings If you are planning your spring suit—and what woman isn't planning one right at this very moment?—be sure to give much attention to that important detail, the lining. The day has gone by when the smallest portion of a woman's toilet is unnoticed by her feminine acquaintances. So don't consider your lining as a second thought—it may be the only note of distinction on an otherwise plain tailor of navy serge or gaberdine.

Utilizing Left-Overs Casserole of beef is a good way to use up the remains of a cold roast. Cut the lean meat up into cubes, removing all fat and tough pieces. Break a quarter pound of macaroni into small pieces, wash in several waters, cook in salted water until tender and drain. Add gravy from left-over stewed tomatoes or add a few tomatoes to some gravy. Put alternate layers of macaroni and meat in the casserole, pouring gravy and tomatoes over each meat layer, and topping the whole with bread-crumbs. Allow one pint of gravy to each cupful of meat.

Odd Dessert A cup and a half of milk, boiled with vanilla pod, and 2 ounces of sugar, should be added to a package of plain white gelatine, unflavored. Then stir the yolks of two eggs into the mixture, turn into a pan on the fire and allow it to remain until the gelatine has softened enough to become quite thick. Strain well. The chilled dessert should be served with whipped cream and berries.

ASK FOR and GET HORLICK'S THE ORIGINAL MALTED MILK Cheap substitutes cost YOU same price. If You Love Flowers You Should Know The Century Flower Shop 11th Below Chestnut St.

Shirring on Underclothing

Shirring forms a pretty trimming on lingerie. If one does not wish to put too much money in plain underclothes, homemade combinations, nighties and camisoles may be made of shirred batiste. The shirring makes these useful things, and they come in mighty handy on hot summer days, for nothing is more delightful than sheer white batiste. The shirring may be used across the front of the articles, with hemstitchings at either edge. The effect is smart.

Hoops, My Dear! Hoops are pretty and decidedly chic, especially those which stand out in exaggerated curves on either hip and are quite flat in the front. They are more becoming to the delicate person than the barrel shape of the early Victorian frocks. The bird cage, that ribbed hoop arrangement of our grandmothers' time, is becoming popular, too. Many wear the imported hoops of passementerie, disguising the wiring underneath.

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Blaylock & Blynn Creations for Spring Millinery, Suits, Dresses For Women and Misses Not one of this wonderful variety is commonplace in style or appearance. B/LAYLOCK & BLYNN, Inc. 1528 Chestnut St. Fur Store Altered and Repaired.

The New Garden Tongue Slipper With Buckle Its novel, pleasing lines are as much in harmony with spring as are the buds on the bushes. Coming just when things outdoors are being planned, its welcome is assured. Clafin, 107 Chestnut