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LOAF SHRINKING; COST MAY JUMP

Bakers Cut Weight to Between 12 and 16 Ounces.

IS TALK OF CONFERENCE

Confab Promised to Decide on Proposed Boost to 6 Cents in Washington.

High prices of wheat have resulted in Washington consumers receiving several different weights of bread loaves. Investigation at several bakeries yesterday showed that bread was being sold in loaves weighing from twelve to sixteen ounces, the full pound being put out by but a few establishments.

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Smart Paris Street Costumes



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HERE is a characteristic Parisian street costume in a rich dark tete de negre velvet; the ripple movement in the skirt being accented by a cluster of pink bands.

THERE is nothing extreme in the street costume of the Parisienne. The fullness in this black velvet skirt has been modestly obtained by a cluster of plaits and the somberness relieved by white caracul.

WHAT SHALL I DO?

MILLINERY?

One of the Three or Four Most Lucrative Vocations at Present Open to Women—The Training Even a Born Milliner Needs—Pay Apprenticeships and the Advantages of Both Systems—Positions Open to the Girl Who Has Finished Apprenticeship.

By MARY MARSHALL. "Good milliners are not trained; they are born." Such, in brief, was the unanimous answer of a half dozen prominent milliners who asked to give their advice as to the best way for a young woman to train herself for the millinery profession—one of the three or four most lucrative vocations at present open to women.

The above statement does not mean that milliners do not have to go through a certain course of training; but it does mean that unless a woman has an in-born, unmistakable taste and aptitude for millinery all the training in all the millinery training schools in the world and dozens of years of apprenticeship under the foremost milliners of New York, London, or Paris would not make her worth anything as a millinery designer.

One of the best things about this vocation is that the training for it need cost nothing for experienced milliners now in business seem to think that the best way for a young woman to begin her millinery career is to start in as an apprentice.

This apprenticeship, if possible, should be served in a large city, either in a millinery shop or in the millinery work of a department store.

The "no-pay" apprenticeship, such as is offered in some of the fashionable millinery shops is not the sort of up-hill struggle you might suppose. An apprentice who is paid even a slight wage is supposed to run errands, answer telephone calls, carry bundles, in short, earn her wage. But the no-pay apprentice is looked upon more as a pupil than as an employee.

The employer—the "madam," as the woman who runs her own millinery shop is usually referred to by her employees—is in duty bound to give her no-pay apprentices a good deal of help and direction in payment for the services they give her.

The hours of work for the apprentice are usually from 9 to 5 o'clock six days a week—long hours, to be sure, for the young woman who has been used to the leisure of her own home; but every hour spent in this work is just so much more knowledge gained.

Suppose you cannot afford to take eight or nine months no-pay apprenticeship—which, though it costs nothing for tuition, means, if your home is not in the city \$400 or \$500 outlay for board and expenses—what then?

There are pay-apprenticeship positions in all except the most renowned of the mil-

wants to have a millinery shop of her own in good stead. (Copyright, by Mary Marshall.)

Next Friday Miss Marshall will talk about kindergarten teaching as a vocation for women.

Miss Marshall has spent much time investigating the opportunities for women in various lines of work and is now giving the results of this investigation to the women of Washington, as she has already given it to women in many other cities. If you are puzzled about the line of work which you are to enter, the preparation required, the chances for success, the money return to be expected, or the experience of other women in the same line, read these articles which are to appear in the Woman's Herald every Friday. If they seem promising to you, state your problem to Miss Marshall and she will gladly give you the best advice for which Miss Marshall cannot undertake to secure employment for any one.



February 5—Marquise de Sevigne.

The queen of letter writers, Marie de Raubutin Chantal, Marquise de Sevigne, was born 293 years ago. Her father, Baron de Chantal, a reckless, fascinating soldier, who fought many a duel and was finally killed on the battlefield, gave her wit and her deep delight in life. From her grandmother and her uncle, a goodly abbe, who acted as her foster parents during her girlhood, she learned to curb her high spirits and to soften her brilliance with dignity and sweetness.

At eighteen she was in possession of a large fortune, unusually well educated, brilliant conversationalist, and possessed of a good share of beauty. She married Henri, Marquis de Sevigne, who had her own apartments done in blue, which was also a new idea in interior decorating in those days.

The Marquis de Sevigne was killed in a duel, leaving a widow just past twenty-five and two children, Charles and Françoise. The marquise never remarried, but devoted her life to the good of her children and to the art which made her famous—letter writing. The first of these wonderful letters was written before her marriage as replies to the letters of a rejected suitor, but it was the letters she wrote to her daughter Françoise which rank highest. This daughter, who was exceedingly beautiful and was married young, received during her separation from her mother letters which have made the name Sevigne forever famous. But the daughter did not well merit this honor, for she painfully neglected her gifted mother. When at the age of twenty she was married to a man of smallpox, her daughter would not go near her for fear of exposing herself to the disease. As if by an evil fate, before her marriage she had neglected the beautiful daughter nine years later died of the same malady.

Will Discuss "Safety First." The "Safety First" movement will be explained to residents of Finley Branch by William F. Peabody, president of the Washington Safety First Association, in the Iowa Avenue Methodist Church tonight. F. W. Fitzpatrick also will speak. Both talks will be illustrated.

HOUSE-WIVES DAILY ECONOMY CALENDAR DRESSED-UP CAKE BOXES.

Have you seen the new dressed-up cake boxes in the fancy-work shops and in the exclusive little gift shops where all sorts of novelties can be bought? They are rather expensive little novelties and not within the reach of every housewife who must be economical. But it is so easy to make them and there are so many uses to which they can be put that we all ought to know about them.

Many of them are the size of cake boxes and they are made of tin and have covers that fit down tight. Then the box and its cover are both covered with some quaintly designed chins held in place around the edges with French gold braid. These boxes are used for crackers, cookies or wafers and are very useful for the tea table or for the woman who boards and wants to have a neat but dry place to dispose of cakes and wafers.

Several of the more expensive of these boxes are covered with brocade silk, but whether covered with chins or cretonne they should be laid on a very neatly and drawn into place, then pasted into shape. Then when the edge of the fabric nearly cut off a narrow gold which should be pasted or glued into position.

Any size box can be used. Round boxes such as marshmallows come in or wafer boxes make very dainty foundations for fancy candy or wafer boxes. For 10 cents tin cases designed to hold four can be bought and these may be converted into very acceptable gift boxes.

Another interesting box that is sold in the fancy-work shops is the old-fashioned sugar bucket transformed into a most delightful looking storage for cookies, crackers, cookies and candies. So if you have one of these old-fashioned receptacles in the attic or in the kitchen get it out. First the bucket is thoroughly dry and the lid is removed and have any rough splinters rubbed off, and any nail holes filled with putty.

After the box has dried thoroughly apply a generous coat of some enamel finish paint. White, light, bright blue, a light green or buff would be a good selection. When this is thoroughly dry you can add the decorative gold which may be either a neat stripe painted in another color around the rim of the box and over the handles or it can be a design painted on in a contrasting color by means of a stencil.

Old butter boxes can be painted in this way so that they are very useful and pretty. The quality of the paint used is very much in keeping with the present tendency in decorations and with a little ingenuity and a careful use of the paint brush an amateur can save a good deal of money by making his own boxes that cost practically nothing and paint that costs perhaps only 25 cents a box that would cost at one of the specialty shops as much as 75c or more. (Copyright, 1915.)

HOROSCOPE.

The stars incline, but do not compel." Friday, February 5, 1915. Astrology finds this a rather fortunate day. While Venus, Jupiter and Saturn are strongly benefic in aspect, Neptune is adverse.

This is a sign read as most promising to the affairs of women, who will achieve great things, or many tribulations. While they will attain political equality they will have to shoulder heavy responsibilities, owing to demands on them because of the world war, that they will find little time to exult over the possession of a new freedom.

This is not a lucky day for weddings as Venus is sickle, changing to a sinister influence after a friendly opposition as Venus is sickle, changing to a sinister influence after a friendly opposition as Venus is sickle, changing to a sinister influence after a friendly opposition.

The death of a woman whose name has been associated with progressive movements is prognosticated. Peril for New York City is prophesied again and again by the astrologers who give only indefinite information regarding the disaster they foretell. Loss of life and destruction of property are denoted, they declare.

Denmark has a possibility of great troubles, both internal and external. The planets Mercury and Venus conjoined in the King's horoscope indicate disputes with ministers and with foreign powers. Persons whose birthdate it is may have financial worries during the year, but they should be happy in the domestic circle. The young will become engaged or will marry.

Children born on this day may be exceedingly fond of amusement, but they are likely to indulge their inclinations without interfering with business affairs or domestic responsibilities. (Copyright, 1915.)

Citizens to Erect Town Hall.

President C. A. Barkin of the Randall Highlands Citizens' Association, has named the following committee to have charge of the proposal to erect a town hall in the suburbs: H. T. L. Hoyler, chairman; Col. A. E. Randie, T. W. McCubbin, J. R. Corryell and S. E. Snyder. This committee is organizing a stock company to finance and assume the responsibility of the proposition, to draw plans for the structure, and to superintend its erection.

Victoria, N. B. W., now has over 5,000 factories, employing over 116,000 persons.

To Remove Blotchy, Rough or Chapped Skin

To remove roughness, chaps, freckles, blotches, or any complexion difficulty, the best thing to do is to remove the skin itself. This is easily, painlessly, and inexpensively done by the application of ordinary mercuric wax, procurable at any drug store in the original one-ounce package. The wax absorbs the defective outer skin a little each day, gradually bringing the second layer of skin to the surface. The pores enlarge and the skin becomes soft and smooth. Just apply the wax as you would cold cream, only not rubbing it in. In the morning or at night wash with soap and water. This is the most effective complexion treatment known.

To remove wrinkles it is a good plan to bathe the face once a day for awhile in a harmless solution made by dissolving a little of powdered salicylic in a half pint of witch hazel. There is nothing that will so surely erase the hateful lines—L.V.

Enlarge the Buying Power of Your Dollars. By Buying at our Stores.

N. F. Turner, 3426 Fourteenth Street Northwest, is now a member of this organization.

Table listing various grocery items and their prices, such as Fresh Creamery Butter, New York State Cheese, Fancy Sugar Cured Hams, etc.

These Prices Prevail for Friday and Saturday

LEAGUE OF CONSUMERS' FRIENDS PATRONIZE THE STORE NEAREST YOU.

Map showing store locations for the League of Consumers' Friends in various parts of the city, including Southwest, Southeast, Suburban, Northwest, and Northeast.

DATE FOR HEARING SET.

Commissioners Will Hear Complaints on Street Rule Feb. 18. The District Commissioners yesterday decided on Thursday morning, February 18, at 10 o'clock, as the date for the hearing on traffic regulations restricting the parking of automobiles on downtown streets, which has been requested by the Retail Merchants' Association and a number of citizens.

Special committees will be present representing the merchants' association and the Southeast Washington Citizens' Association. An exemption from the rule recently enforced that cars cannot be parked in H street northwest between Thirtieth and Fourteenth streets will be asked in favor of physicians attending patients at George Washington Hospital. The fifteen-minute time limit will be taken up with a view toward lengthening the period for which a car may be left standing in front of a store or office building in the business section.

The Dominion Textile Company, Limited, has reopened its ten cotton mills in Halifax and other cities of Eastern Canada. This means employment for 7,000 persons.

Advertisement for 'New Spring Model' dress, priced at \$22.50. Features include Dress of Crepe Meteor, Colors: Hague, Sand, Putty, Brown, Black, Navy, Battleship Gray. Wide skirt, shirred at top. Sleeves and vestee of Georgette crepe. Bottom of skirt finished with wide tucks or heavy cable cord. All sizes.

Tomorrow's Menu

That last cherry soothes a roughness of my palate. ROBERT BROWNING. BREAKFAST: ORANGE JUICE, BAKED EGGS, COFFEE.

DINNER: POTATO SOUP, CORNED BEEF, BOILED POTATOES, CREAMED CARROTS, SPINACH SALAD, BEHOLD PUDDING.

LUNCHEON: BAKED BEANS, FARMHOUSE EGGS, CANNED CORNED BEEF, FRUIT COOKIES.

Baked Beans—Soak two scant cups of dried beans in two cups of milk overnight and season with salt and pepper. In the morning add two tablespoons of melted butter, heat well, and pour a spoonful of catsup over it. With a spoon make six depressions in this foundation, add a little egg and drop an ounce in each depression. Bake twenty minutes.

Creamed Carrots—Put two cups of cooked carrots, coarsely chopped, in a double boiler, season with salt and pepper, add a cupful of white sauce. Cook twenty minutes and serve very hot.

Beef and Potatoes—Cream a tablespoonful of butter and add a cupful of milk, a pinch of salt, two cupfuls of chopped beans, half a cupful of onion, and half a teaspoonful of baking powder. Roll into a thick sheet, cut and bake in a hot oven.

FIELD WEDDING IS POSTPONED.

Bride-to-be Stricken Suddenly and Ceremony is Delayed. Chicago, Feb. 4.—The wedding of Marshall Field, 34, to Miss Evelyn Marshall of New York, which was to have taken place quietly yesterday in New York, has been postponed owing to the illness of the bride-to-be.

This information came today in a telegram from the prospective bridegroom to his aunt, Mrs. Henry Doble, of 100 Lake Shore Drive. Mr. Field's telegram did not state the nature or seriousness of Miss Marshall's illness, nor did it give the date of the wedding.

Billie Burke Under Knife.

New York, Feb. 4.—Miss Billie Burke, who in private life is Mrs. Florence Ziegfeld, Jr., is reported tonight to be recovering rapidly from the effects of an operation she underwent last night in a private sanitarium here. She expects to return to Boston Monday and resume her place as leading woman in the cast of "Jerry," in which she was playing.

Egypt's cotton crop is being bought up by government agents.

Advertisement for Nursery Chair, priced at \$1.50 to \$2.00. Special today, 98c. Cash or 30 days 88c. This High Chair, substantially built, lifting tray, a regular \$1.50 value. Special today - 95c. Cash or 30 days, 85c. Special bargains in every department during our February Sale. Charge accounts with easy terms. No notes or interest. Peter Grogan and Sons Co. 817 to 823 Seventh Street.