

THE HOME, ITS PROBLEMS AND INTERESTS

THE SERVANT PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED AT LAST New Scheme Now on Foot Which Promises Gratifying Results.

A number of prominent women in Washington are interested in a new school of housekeeping, which promises, in a great degree, to solve the servant problem here. For more years than many Washingtonians can recall this question has been one to worry the soul of housekeepers, and many have been compelled to accept the most indifferent help, because of the lack of good material.

The new school is under the direct supervision of a number of influential and well-established colored people, who have made a study of the local situation, and are genuinely anxious to give aid to Washington hostesses, as well as to deserving members of their race.

Suitable House to Be Leased.

A suitable house will be leased in the fall, properly furnished, and maintained under the care of a corps of instructors. It is the purpose of these women to take into the school girls who have no other means of earning a living except in being servants. School girls, with opportunities for other careers ahead of them, will not be admitted, but pupils will be gathered from the outlying districts of Washington and from the country. The course of instruction will be for ignorant girls who will be thoroughly trained in every line incident to good housekeeping.

The most important feature will be the cooking department, for it is believed that Washington housekeepers are more in need of good cooks than any other

kind of servant. Not only will the girls be taught to prepare food properly, but to serve it as it should be served. For this department the services of one of the finest cooks in Washington have been obtained.

Thorough Training Given.

In the housekeeping department the girls will be taught the care of an entire house and means of economy in fuel as well as in cooking material.

The earnest spirit shown by the women practically at the head of the venture has induced many women of Washington to lend the material support which will, of course, be necessary. A recent demonstration of the kind of cooking which will be taught in the school was given in the rooms of the Clarke school of dressmaking, Twelfth and U Streets northwest, and it is a happy solution of one of the most discouraging problems Washington has ever known.

First-Class Servants in Demand.

It was said recently that a woman in Washington was willing to pay almost anything for a good cook, but that it was impossible to find one in Washington. It is for the purpose of meeting such situations that these women are working for the establishment of the new school. No pupil will be admitted who has any other purpose in view than becoming a first-class servant.

A course in cooking will be given all summer at the headquarters of the school, Two and a Half Streets northwest, and the directors hope to be in their home by October 1.



Here is the model of a smart little Russian suit for a boy from five to eight years of age. It is of brown linen, with white collar, cuffs, and belt, which are trimmed with rows of brown linen braid.

scenes of farewell that come spontaneously to audiences overflowing with good will.

Academy—New Play Announced.

A new play is announced for production next week by the Academy stock company, when the patrons of that playhouse will have an opportunity to view "A Man of Mystery," a melodrama in four acts. For the making of this play the author has called into use one of the most striking themes for strong dramatic action—hypnotism. Next in point of interest in these character studies is Lucifer, a detective whose astuteness in ferreting out crime is said to suggest the genius of a Sherlock Holmes.

Friday night of this week will be a souvenir night, when every lady attending the performance of "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde" will be presented with a handsome photograph of Miss Carol Arden, the leading lady.

CAVALRY BAND CONCERT.

The following program will be played by the Fifteenth Cavalry Band, Charles Burger, chief musician, this evening, from 6 p. m. to 7:30 p. m., at the Franklin Park: March, "The Flag of Victory"; Overture, "Crown Diamonds"; (Auber); waltz, "Love's Promises"; (Tobani); selection, "Mamselle Napoleon"; (Luders); "Creme de la Soke"; (Aroid); fantasia, "Creme de la Creme"; (Bendix); patrol, "The American"; (Menscham); finale, "The Star-spangled Banner."

Chase's—Close of Season. Chase's sixth polite vaudeville season will end in its usual brilliant manner next Saturday evening and the theater will remain dark until the resumption of amusements in the fall. The farewell period is one of which the Chase patrons avail themselves to testify by their attendance and appreciation of the liberal and progressive management. The attendance is large, and the fine bill embodies the ideals for which the Chase theater stands. The program presents Amelia Summerville, Harry Davenport, Janet Melville and Evie Stetson, Taffy's dogs, Edward Marsh and Rose Bartella, Ed Gray, the Yamamoto Brothers and the motion pictures, showing the production of "Faust," as made at the Grand Opera House, in Paris. The advance sale for the balance of the week indicates that the concluding performances will be marked by those friendly

MRS. GOULD BUYS WAGON; PRAYER MEETING WAITS

Had Only Ten Minutes and Broke Up Religious Assembly.

MARGARETTEVILLE, N. Y., June 16.—Mrs. George J. Gould, who is at her summer home, Furlough Lodge, near here, was in Margaretteville yesterday, and unwittingly broke up a prayer meeting to purchase a wagon of the dealer.

Mrs. Gould went to the carriage repository, and not finding the proprietor there, was directed to his residence. Not getting a response to the bell, she went to the back door and rapped loudly.

The dealer was leading a cottage prayer meeting, and at the moment was praying. He stopped his prayer and went to the door. Mrs. Gould said: "I have but ten minutes."

The dealer made the prayer meeting wait and went with Mrs. Gould. He sold her a wagon and then returned to the meeting.

Coming to the Theaters

Next week's contribution to the series of musical productions by the Aborn companies at the Lafayette will be a splendid reproduction of the greatest of all fairy extravaganzas, "Jack and the Beanstalk," presented by the most favored members of this week's company now playing in "The Belle of New York." Harry Short, Elsie Janis, Beatrice McKenzie, J. Francis Sullivan, Hughey Flaherty, Hugh Hickman, R. A. Lathrop, Al. H. Weston, and other popular artists seen at the Lafayette this week will be retained for "Jack and the Beanstalk," as well as the entire chorus. Two welcome additions will be Miss Sabery D'Orsell, the charming little prima donna soprano who made a decided hit here last summer in "Wang," who will have the role of Contrary Mary, and Miss Hattie Arnold, one of the best known comic opera comedienne on the stage. The entire Klaw & Erlanger production of scenery and costumes originally used will be seen in the Aborn presentation of "Jack and the Beanstalk" next week.

Columbia—Last Night Prospects.

Saturday night will be a gala one for the friends and admirers of the popular company at the Columbia headed by Edwin Arden, when they will turn out in full force to say good-by. This organization has, during the past six weeks, been giving Washington theatergoers a series of standard plays which

have proved the most delightful performances ever given by a stock company in this city. It is, therefore, with much regret that the patrons of the F Street playhouse will be forced to say good-by.

"His Excellency, the Governor," is the play now being given by this popular company, the acting of which is equal, if not surpasses, former efforts. The gowns worn by the women are stunning. Mr. Arden and Mr. Lewers look particularly handsome in their becoming uniforms, and the stage settings are unusually attractive.

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COMMENCEMENT AT THE MCKINLEY SCHOOL

Exercises Will Be Held Tonight in National Theater—Exhibit of Manual Work.

Commencement exercises of the McKinley Manual Training School were held tonight in the National Theater when diplomas will be given to the graduates by Mr. Gardner, principal of the school.

Many visitors went to the school yesterday afternoon and evening to view the exhibit of work by the pupils. It was one of the most interesting exhibits ever shown in a Washington school, and an innovation was offered last night when the pupils attended and participated in the class of work they have been studying during the year. In the boy's department there were specimens of work in wood and iron and many interesting drawings. In the girl's department exhibited a number of articles made in the dressmaking school. Among these were the "maquette" commencement dresses, which were made by the young women themselves.

CLASS DAY EXERCISES FOR ARMSTRONG SCHOOL

Class day exercises of the graduating class of Armstrong Manual Training School were held last evening in the assembly hall of the school. Hundreds of guests were in attendance, and an interesting program was given by the students. An address was made by John A. Chamberlain, in which he spoke in high praise of the work of the class.

Following the exercises, the visitors were given the opportunity of inspecting exhibits of the work of the school. These included exhibits from the millinery class, free hand, architectural and mechanical drawing, woodwork, stenography, typewriting, mechanical engineering, and the scientific and academic courses. A silver water pitcher was presented to Emily A. Harper, principal of the school, by Miss Harper, who has resigned her position in view of her contemplated marriage to W. T. B. Williams, of the Southern educational board. The program included addresses by Corine Brodie and Ada Tucker; salutatory address by David Greene; class history, John Wilson; class statistics, Florence Chapman; class poem, Horace Anderson; class song, Richard Jones; class prophecy, Adah Hawkins; last will and testament, Stephen Nunley; valedictory, William Thomas.

CLASSIC LOVE LETTERS OF FAMOUS MEN AND WOMEN

XXVII. AUGUSTUS, DUKE OF SUSSEX, TO LADY AUGUSTA MURRAY.

An unusual instance of loyalty to a principle appears in history in the case of Augustus, Duke of Sussex, son of George III, who married Lady Augusta Murray, daughter of the Countess of Dunmore, in Rome in 1793, and again in England at St. George's, Hanover Square, London. They had two children, a son and a daughter, and when the son laid claim to his father's title in 1813, on the death of the father, he was refused, as the marriage was in violation of the Royal Marriage Act. Their letters were made public at the trial in 1844.

26th March, 1793. Do, my dearest Augusta, trust me; I will never abuse the confidence you put in me, and more and more will endeavor to deserve it. I only wait for your orders to speak to Mr. Gunn.* Say only that you wish me to do it, and I will hasten to get a positive answer.

See, my soul, it only depends upon you to speak; thy Augustus thou wilt find ready at all times to serve you. He thinks, he dreams of nothing but to make thee happy. Can he not succeed in this, all his hopes are gone; life will be nothing to him; he will pass the days in one constant melancholy, wishing them soon to conclude, and finding every day longer than the other. Indeed, my Augusta, that cannot be the case; my solemn oath is given, and that never can be recalled. I am, yours, my soul, ever yours.

*The clergyman who married them at Rome.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

- Oran T. Moore, 25, and Elizabeth Foster, 25.
- Norman E. Harman, 25, and Harriet A. Roberts, 19.
- Ernest Gant, 25, and Alberta Walker, 22.
- John W. McKittick, 34, Columbus, Ohio, and Catherine T. DeLucia, 23, District of Columbia.
- George W. Fleckenschildt, 24, and Robert A. Dobbins, 21, both of Baltimore.
- W. A. O'Meara, 27, and Annie Brown, 27.
- Edward E. Breitenbacher, 25, of California, and Helene Roberta de Moil, District of Columbia.
- Clarence B. Mough, 23, and E. May Suit, 18, both of Lehigh, Md.
- William A. Hasler, 24, and Claudine M. Barrett, 22.
- Sarah H. McCauley, 23, and Nicola N. Barrett, 22.
- John J. Harper, 29, and Mamie Moore, 19.
- Richard Edmonds, 74, District of Columbia, and Clara L. P. Moffit, 65, Wilmington, Del.
- Francis J. Mulhall, 30, and Mary E. Brown, 25.
- J. Myers Hedlan, 31, Baltimore, Md., and May C. Crown, 29, District of Columbia.
- S. B. D. Rollins, 39, and Emma V. Clark, 22.
- Samuel Scott, 22, and Mamie E. Turner, 20.

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Many have started out in good faith and with the necessary amount of persistence, but success has never crowned their efforts, and they have given up in hopeless despair. Good garments are tucked away in dark closets when they become stained or soiled, simply because no effort is made to get the material to clean them.

The work is simple to do, and a little everyday common sense usually wins out if the undertaking is within an amateur's reach.

Cleaning With Gasoline.

Caution must be exercised when using gasoline. It should only be employed in the open air or in a room where the windows are thrown open. Never under any circumstances use or leave it in a room where there is gas.

A much soiled white feather was restored to a beautiful snowy white by placing it in a tall glass jar, the kind used for preserving purposes, which was filled with gasoline. The feather was allowed to remain in this bath for a half hour; it was then removed, tossed out of tangle, and shook in front of a register. The heat curled the tips of the lines and the feather was almost as good as new.

Soiled kid gloves and those of silk are successfully cleaned by placing them on the hands, and bathing them in gasoline, following the motions employed in washing. Pour the gasoline in a small basin and work briskly, as it evaporates very quickly. The front of a white silk blouse and pale cloth waistcoats, submit to the gasoline treatment; ditto ribbons and laces.

Removing Soils From Laces.

Experiments should never be made upon expensive laces. Only tried and true methods should be employed for these when the amateur attempts to do the work at home.

Quite the easiest and most successful manner of cleaning lace, which has stood the test for many years, is to place it in a basin of warm soapy water. There are several good soaps on the market which are especially used for laundering delicate fabrics.

Allow the lace to soak in the water for several minutes, then very carefully sop it between the hands, but do not rub or wring it dry.

When the lace is apparently clean, rinse in clear water to which has been added a little blueing; just the merest bit will do, as lace readily absorbs it. The front of white lace should be treated in this manner. A small pinch of soda may be added to the soapy water.

When the lace is much soiled. Press the lace between the palms of the hands, taking care not to pull or stretch it. Then place the right side down on a flat surface that is covered with flannel. Carefully pull out the edges and pin to the cloth.

Allow the lace to remain here until almost dry; then cover with flannel cloth and press with moderately hot iron, doing a small portion at a time. When the first cloth is of several thicknesses, when a rich, old-time tint is desired, use strong coffee a day old. For a pale tint, make only very weak coffee. Tea is also used, but this gives the lace a slight reddish color.

Continue pressing until every bit of moisture has run, otherwise each crease shows when it is allowed to dry. Laces are also successfully cleaned on a glass bottle covered with flannel. Insects are easily dyed by dipping them into coffee; when a rich, old-time tint is desired, use strong coffee a day old. For a pale tint, make only very weak coffee. Tea is also used, but this gives the lace a slight reddish color.

How to Clean Velvet.

White velvet may be greatly freshened by an application of chloroform. First brush and beat the velvet free of all dust. Pin the velvet out smoothly on an ironing board, or it may be stretched in an embroidery hoop, and have plenty of clean, white cloths at hand. Dip a cloth in chloroform, rub lightly over the spot until it disappears, then, with a clean cloth, rub over the entire surface of the velvet to remove all soils on the nap. Do the work very rapidly and finish by rubbing with another clean, white cloth. haste is absolutely essential because of the volatile nature of the cleaning fluid and also to avoid a stain.

For renewing the pile of velvet there is a special little tin device which is placed directly over the spot of the velvet which is being strenuously brushed which brings the pile up straight. Two persons are required to do this work satisfactorily.

Some Miscellaneous Jottings.

When washing silk waists, always iron them on the wrong side. French chalk, if allowed to remain on a silk stain for several days, will remove every trace of it.

A good cleansing cream to remove grease spots and other stains from clothing is made from one-half pound of white castile soap, one-half pound of lump ammonia, two ounces of spirits of wine, two ounces of ether. Cut the soap up fine and dissolve in one quart of hot water, then remove from the fire and add four quarts of cold water to avoid a stain. Bottle at once and cork tightly.

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These Friday Bargains

Concern summer goods, for those bent on a vacation and for those who stay at home. Whether you are going to join the army of go-aways or remain at home this summer these summer goods will go a great way toward making you comfortable.

Remnants of Silks. Worth 48c, 58c, and 68c, for 25c. We place on sale Friday remnants of Colored Satins, Colored Wash Silks, Pallette de Soie, Cyranos in plain and fancy; Pongee in figured black and natural; Colored Satin, Duchess, Striped Kaiki, Striped Habutai, Black Japanese, etc., that will be marked at

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