

LAVENDER BAGS FINE FOR GIFTS

Thoughtful Girls Beginning Now to Prepare for Christmas.

One girl has a happy inspiration this summer. She is visiting at a quaint old home where a bed of lavender thrives, and she is making the most fascinating little bags of lavender and placing them away carefully for Christmas gifts—especially to those young matrons who are glorying in the mysteries of a linen closet.

Lavender has such a quaint and unobtrusive fragrance that in poetry, you see, as well as in every day judgment, it is singled out as the appropriate perfume for household linen and lingerie.

The girl is making charming sachet bags of lavender silk, and these she covers with dotted swiss and ties with lavender ribbons; others are made of silk in the faintest of lavender shades and are left uncovered.

But the prettiest of all is the little bag of acrim upon which is worked in old-time cross-stitch a basketful of posies. This makes a quaint little gift for the newly installed matron.

To put with lingerie the lavender tied in a fair linen bag with lavender ribbon is daintiest.

We read that it is profitable to raise lavender, and what more delicate occupation for a dainty lady than to tend a bed of lavender?

Lavender is not difficult to grow. Plant it in the open—where the sun and air have full access—in light, sandy soil, which requires little fertilizing. It needs little water. In winter the plant must be protected from the cold. The cultivation of the little plant is a pleasurable pastime for its devotees, and small and all it responds so prettily to the slightest attention.

TO ENHANCE ONE'S BEAUTY NEATNESS IS DECIDEDLY AN ESSENTIAL

Neatness is an essential to beauty. The woman who is not critical as to her neck, the one who dresses her hair elaborately, but is careless about her blouse, the one who puts on a fine blouse and fastens it undiplomatically, so that the waist and skirt do not meet, and the woman who gets herself up without regard for the conventions of dress—one and all of these women will appear poorly.

"Plain, simple food; no fluids taken at meals, except the morning cup of coffee or chocolate; fresh air—lots of it; quiet, restful sleep, earned by out-of-door exercise; soap and water and a cheerful heart—that's the summing up in my guide to beauty." Mrs. Langtry, the actress, who has the most beautiful complexion in the world, informed an interviewer a short time ago.

Thin arms are often helped by being washed twice a day with a thick layer of soap, rinsed well, dried thoroughly, and then rubbed vigorously. This treatment will bring the pores into action and induce a healthy condition. At night a good cream may be rubbed in.

It will often be found that face pimples are caused by too coarse soap that has not been thoroughly rinsed off or has removed too much of the natural oil of the skin. Change your soap until you find one that agrees with your skin.

SHELLAC ON BRASS MAKES IT RETAIN ITS LUSTRE LONG

Most housekeepers know how soon the brass chandeliers and similar fixtures lose their brilliancy and beauty, and they will be glad to know how this may be prevented. When dry the shellac will be an invisible protection to the brass and is used entirely on brass beds, etc., by furniture dealers. Old fixtures may be improved and the frequent cleanings usually necessary be lessened by the use of the shellac.

First scour and clean them thoroughly, polishing with dry flannel. Then, while still bright and dry, paint them with the shellac and leave until it has set. They will not need attention again for a long time.

KITCHEN LIBRARIES.

"Have a little library in your kitchen," advises an English woman. "I always encourage my servants to read as much as possible in their leisure moments, for I have always found that a little light literature brings a pleasant sense of relief to the mind after the daily worries inseparable from looking after a house. A supply of entertaining books of fiction in every kitchen would do much to counteract the tendency to mental infirmities of those engaged in household work consequent upon the inevitable monotony of their duties." An American woman who has had much trouble with incompetent servants retorted, on hearing of the English plan, "I started such a library in my kitchen. The first volume would be 'How to Cook.'"

CORRECT TIME FOR BATHING.

The morning is the best time for a cold water bath, a tepid one morning or night, but a hot water bath should be taken just before retiring, inasmuch as it is relaxing. Never bathe just after a hearty meal. Bathe regularly every day.

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BATHING SUIT PRETTY GARMENT; IS SPOILED BY WATER, RUINED BY SALT.

There are many garments that have undergone an astonishing evolution in a short life. There are several that have begun humbly and ended in a blaze of glory, but none perhaps has changed its character more in a comparatively limited career than the bathing suit.

When the bathing suit was invented by some modest lady who liked to prance in the surf it was purely a utility garment.

Evidently its inventor argued that one could not be expected to look pretty and wet at the same time. Also water, she doubtless remembered, spoiled the best laid plots of mice and men—and flannel; so what was the use of wasting work on a frock the mission of which was in no wise ornamental?

Modesty in Extreme. I have seen but one old-fashioned bathing suit, and that I was introduced to at a farmhouse. There was no bathtub and the family used the river instead of one. There was a maiden aunt in this family, and I shall never forget my sensations when I first saw her arrayed for the dip. She wore flannel pantalettes—I shall call them pantalettes for want of a better name—which came quite down to her ankles and were gathered about them snugly. Over this she wore a skirt which came well below her knees, the bodice of which was raised up about her ears in regular Nazimova fashion.

There had been no attempt made to fit this costume to its wearer, and so she looked as if she were encased in a very clumsy bag.

"This," said she to me, "is what I call a modest bathing suit."

"So do I," I returned heartily. "When did you have it made?"

"Oh, it is fashioned after one my mother had before the war!" returned the maiden aunt, and walked into the water until it reached the edge of her skirt, when she came out and returned to her room well pleased with her bath.

Since that time I have seen women at watering places abroad clad in the most hideous garments possible, and going out in bathing machines into the surf, so that by no chance could the eye of man rest upon them.

No Charms For the Eyes. As a matter of fact, any masculine eye wandering from home and chancing to light upon such a fantastic object as they presented, had it been a beautiful-looking object, would instantly have removed itself and gone in some other direction where it would find a more attractive object.

And so the bathing suit began as a utilitarian article; that it has ended as a snare to the unwary and a delight to the eye speaks well for it, and ill, according to the moralists, for the sex feminine.

I have been to a celebrated summer resort lately. It is a very gay resort, this playground of Uncle Sam, and there are those who, when they go there, leave their scruples behind and do not expect to be held responsible or any peccadillo they may commit in their short season of summer madness. At this place the bathing suit reaches perfection; reaches its highest point of development, its most giddy and distinguished form.

Never Went in Water. I saw one young woman clad in a princesse costume of golden-brown silk. The skirt was very short, barely reaching the knees; the bodice fitted perfectly and showed a V-shaped slit of the throat. With this were worn brown silk stockings and brown suede shoes—

BACHELOR'S EXCUSE IS WOMAN'S DRESS

Extravagance, Considered Purely Feminine Characteristic, Scares Away Would-be Suitors.

Extravagance and love of dress are generally considered purely feminine characteristics. Love of dress has been held responsible for much of the evil women are supposed to have wrought since the mother of us all first arrayed herself in leaty garments in the Garden of Eden. The modern bachelor shuns matrimony because he hears so much about the modern girl's extravagance.

He spends twice the sum he would provide for his wife's dress in masculine knick-knacks and odds and ends, but nobody dreams of accusing him of self-love and extravagance. Because woman's extravagance is a magnificent excuse for irresponsible behavior, an unanswerable argument for closed-fisted husbands, it has provided a stick for the chastisement of our long-suffering sex for centuries, and it is a myth that will survive as long as the human race itself.

Let it be granted that most women are fond of dress. There are women who do not care in the least for clothes; in nine cases out of ten they are dowds or slovens. They lack something; they are like the women who openly boast that they dislike children. Love of dress, provided it is not an obsession, is a desirable quality in all women. When it leads to extravagance and waste it is regrettable, like any other virtue carried to excess.

STUNNING SUNSHADES MADE OF PLAIN PARASOLS AND CRETONNE

A plain sunshade rivals the handsome of its kind when lined by mousseline de soie to which splashy cretonne roses are sewed.

When the parasol is folded, no one would imagine it to be anything but white, but when it is opened and the sun shines through the thin materials, the cover seems to have a faint design of roses, almost invisible and altogether alluring.

Any one can carry out the idea by buying a white parasol and lining it. Not many roses need be used; in fact, only a few—just a suggestion—give the prettiest effect. They are best placed in a row about three inches above the edge of the sunshade, and about two on each panel are quite sufficient. This makes sixteen in all for the average parasol.

For a more elaborate sunshade, the outer border might be formed of large roses, and toward the stick the flowers might become smaller, thus making a decoration for the whole. Great care must be taken in pulling the material, so that the effect is not overdone and made ordinary.

RIBBONED BABIES' SACQUE MADE AFTER PATTERN OF CIRCULAR KIMONO

An extraordinarily pretty baby's sacque to be worn on occasions is crocheted on the circular kimono style. Afterward narrow wash ribbon is run through the stitches radiating from the collar line. The ribbon bands keep the crocheted fabric from stretching out of shape, and the little bows that finish the ribbon at each end do their part toward decorating the diminutive garment.

of the beauties of knitted and crocheted garments is that ribbon may be run through any of the stitches without the least risk of pulling the individual parts out of shape.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS. Use adhesive plaster to fasten labels to cans or bottles. It is dangerous to leave either without being plainly labeled.

Writing a cloth from vinegar and wrap it several thicknesses around cheese to keep it from molding or drying.

Add half a teaspoonful of salt to two quarts of water, or in that proportion, to the lower compartment of a double boiler, less time will be required to cook the contents of the lower one.

To clean painted walls dissolve two ounces of borax in two quarts of water and add one tablespoonful of ammonia. Use half this quantity to each bucket of water, and rub the wall with a small amount of the paint at a time, and rub dry with a clean cloth.

A small button of garlic in a quart of vinegar will give it a mysterious, delicate flavor, and it will immensely improve salads or anything in which it is used.

Knives which have heavy handles which have become darkened should have the handles rubbed with half a lemon which has been dipped in salt. After treating them thus wash in warm water.

Use half eye and half wheat bread; rub over the rug as scrubbing, and when through sweep thoroughly. The rug will be like new.

APPLE PINCUSHIONS. Useful and pretty pin cushions are made in the shape of an apple, and covered with a silk tulle to represent the red and green of the familiar fruit. They are round and rather flat, giving a wide area to hold the pins, and they are stuffed with raw wool, which affords but little resistance and does not pack so tightly as cotton.

The strong thread sewn through the center of the cushion makes the depression on each side to represent the core, and all the finishing gathers of the silk are hidden under the green stem.

OLD WOOLEN STOCKINGS. It is said that old stocking legs make useful petticoats for children. It would undoubtedly take much careful sewing to keep the unfortunate from resembling an animated patchwork quilt. But if the pieces were carefully sewed together, and if the stockings were originally white wool, a really useful and well-fitting winter skirt might be made.

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Times Reader—Women were used as soldiers in China in the Tso Ping rebellion, which commenced in 1850. An army of nearly 500,000 was raised. They were used mainly for garrison duty. There is no record of any actual battles they participated in.

Population of the United States.

F. A. G.—The population of the United States, according to statistics issued by the Bureau of Commerce and Labor, for the year 1907, was 83,817,222.

Women Officials in England.

A. H. L.—In 1907 the British Parliament passed a bill making women eligible as town and county councilors and aldermen.

Attention at Jamestown.

W. K. M.—The total attendance at the Jamestown Exposition was 2,500,000, of which 1,500,000 were paid.

Churches of the Candidates.

Interested—Mr. Bryan is a Presbyterian; Secretary Taft is a Unitarian.

Appointment As Letter Carrier.

G. H. N.—The loss of an eye will prevent your appointment as a letter carrier.

German Savings Banks.

M. D. H.—There are over 19,000,000 depositors in the various savings banks of Germany. The deposits of most of these banks are guaranteed by the municipalities in which they are situated.

CORONATIONBRAID POPULAR AND MAY BE USED FOR MANY PURPOSES

Coronation braid is a familiar material, but few know that it is made in charming pastel shades. Formerly it had been extensively used in white to form a design for blouses, collars, sofa cushions and table centers. Now its use may be extended.

Beautiful linen belts are made with a chrysanthemum design worked out in palest pink braid, and as the braid in itself is so artistic and pretty it takes little sewing to get the best results.

White linen sunshades are also decorated with borders embroidered with coronation braid in pink or blue, and even plain linen hats, embroidered with the tinted braid, are so ornate that they rival their sisters of the lace and lingerie variety.

NICE SUMMER CARD CASES ARE MADE OF LINEN AND CRETONNE

Card cases of cretonne or linen are useful and pretty with summer dresses, and they are very easily made at home. Most of them are lined with linen, although others are finished with taffeta. All are stiffened by a piece of tailor's canvas, placed between cover and lining. The linen must, of course, be cut straight—not bias—and turned back on the lining side at either end, to form pockets. Such card cases are usually bound in braid or stitched bands of the material, but, should they be of white linen, they are very attractive when buttonholed all round the edge.

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