

Miss Edythe R. Bond Winner of Contest

The first correct solution of the Jumbled Flowers came from Miss Edythe R. Bond, 1833 Kalamazoo road, The second correct solution received was from Mrs. Ruth Boyd, 121 Second street northeast, and the third was from Miss Margaret E. Campbell, 3331 O street northwest.

The past week was one in which the worm was certainly caught by the proverbial early bird, for after the receipt of these first correct rearrangements of the Jumbled Flowers there were a great many other successful contestants. While there were hundreds of answers containing blanks for certain numbers of the puzzle there were several dozen correct solutions.

Womankind is credited with a failing for saying exultantly when a certain prediction of hers come true: "I told you so!" I am inclined to use this trite

phrase in reference to the Jumbled Flowers when I look over my announcement of the contest, for did I not tell you that the Jumbled Flowers were easy?

Many contestants were prone to contradict me during the week, but the circumstantial evidence is in my favor. There has never been a puzzle contest on the Woman's Page to which there have been dozens of correct solutions as has been the case with the Jumbled Flowers. In addition to this there were fully a hundred who rearranged every number except No. 15, and as many more who came within two or three of having a correct rearrangement.

I want to make particular mention of the fact that among those correctly rearranging the puzzle the majority were new names to me. This should encourage those who have but recently become interested in the puzzles to try again this week, and to send their answers in as early as possible.

VIRGINIA TEMPLE.

CORRECT ANSWERS TO WEEK'S CONTEST

- 1—Intransuta Nasturtium
- 2—Khipseelnh Chinese pink
- 3—Yokelohh Hollyhock
- 4—Grymniugorol Morning glory
- 5—Refaignult Thunbergia
- 6—Lilrwafwoe Wallflower
- 7—Uxrethemma Xeranthemum
- 8—Beipiwnkl Periwinkle
- 9—Utlaperoa Portulaca
- 10—Masooiyt Myosotis
- 11—Eserohenimisp Chinese primrose
- 12—Nohondrrde Rhododendron
- 13—Ymreuhemanht Chrysanthemum
- 14—Spuniat Petunias
- 15—Byaremmsseuhnt Mesembryanthemum
- 16—Eignmtioe Mignonette
- 17—Sbttoounheaelr Bachelor's button
- 18—Aaunlemp Campanula
- 19—Mesatell Clematis
- 20—Lliaaardg Gaillardia
- 21—Dsiighat Digitalis
- 22—Ceebolsmo Cockscomb
- 23—Rlksaupr Larkspur
- 24—Elitioherp Heliotrope
- 25—Rbeblaenrethly Canterbury bell

Contest for This Week

As one of my friends of the Jumbled Flowers expressed it last week, I am going to give you "another week's sojourn in the fairland of flowers." In no contest has anything seemed to give the Times readers so much pleasure as the Jumbled Flowers.

It would hardly have been well to have granted the many requests for another list of flowers with letters jumbled. You are so familiar with them all, from your exhaustive study of seed and flower catalogues last week that it would be hardly a puzzle at all to untangle another just like it. But Mrs. Bailey's Flower Puzzle is equally as interesting, and I am sure that you will find as much pleasure in answering her cleverly put questions with the name of a flower, as you did in rearranging the jumbled list of last week.

Her questions are very clear, and none of them is vague or misleading. The answer to each question is the name of a flower, a flower so familiar that you will have no trouble at all in thinking of it. There are no "Mesembryanthemum" in her puzzle, nor is there an "x" in No. 7 this time to jumble your brain.

No Hint
Of the Answers.
No one except Mrs. Bailey and I know the answers to the "Mystic Flowers," and neither is going to give you so much as a hint of what they may be. I have Mrs. Bailey's word that she will tell you nothing, and you have my word that I will tell you nothing, so there you are!

There is, however, no discouragement in this, for the puzzle is not a difficult one. You will remember that I said as much for the Jumbled Flowers, and I have only today boasted to you of the correctness of my "I told you so."

Let the past contest be a warning to you to send your solutions early in the week as possible. While the contest remains open until Friday at 3 o'clock, and while it is entirely possible, as has been proven during some other contests, that a late solution will win a prize, at the same time a chance is taken when solutions are held until the very last day. As soon as you have answered as many numbers of the few puzzle as you can, send your solution.

First Most Nearly Correct.
Because so many correctly rearranged the Jumbled Flowers last week, it does not follow that there will be any altogether correct answers to the Mystic Flowers. As is the rule, the first most nearly correct solution will receive a prize of \$5, the second \$3, and the third \$2.

While I am confident that you could extract no information from Mrs. Bailey (unless, perhaps, you put her

"MYSTIC FLOWERS."

- 1—The most patriotic blossoms...
- 2—An abbreviation and a consonant
- 3—A boy's name and an ornament
- 4—A lad who fell in love with himself
- 5—A musical instrument and a couple of letters
- 6—A fop and an animal
- 7—A flower for which a book has been named
- 8—A flower significant of indolence and forgetfulness
- 9—The most popular flower in June
- 10—The most industrious flower
- 11—A noted martyr's favorite flower
- 12—A policeman and a consonant
- 13—A girl's name, a lion's home, and a sly animal
- 14—A fortune teller
- 15—A fragrant vegetable
- 16—A command
- 17—Something everyone has
- 18—An article of food and household necessities
- 19—A spice and a letter of the alphabet
- 20—The most religious flower
- 21—Often used as a salad
- 22—Something precious and what Aaron had
- 23—Two proper names combined
- 24—A queen who got up

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1733 Columbia road northwest.

under an anesthetic) the usual requirement will be exacted that each contestant add a postscript to her solution stating that she is in no way connected with the author of the "Mystic Flowers," and had no foreknowledge of the solution of the puzzle.

I wish you a cool and happy ramble along the paths of the new flower garden.

VIRGINIA TEMPLE.

TEACH BOYS COOKING.
In some Norwegian schools cooking is taught, and not only to girls, but to boys, on the ground that many occasions may arise in a man's life when such knowledge is useful.

Every Flower in Puzzle Contest



When the Jumbled Flowers Contest closed every flower in the puzzle was upon the desk of the Editor of the Woman's Page, through the courtesy of George A. Comley, and also of Mayberric & Hoover, florists. These firms had every one of the old-fashioned flowers in their greenhouses, and sent them to the Puzzle Editor, in compliment of the contest. It was to Mr. Comley that Miss Margaret E. Campbell (who is one of the prize winners) telephoned her perplexity concerning "number seven with an x in it."

Summer a Deadly Foe to the Complexion of Women

By VIRGINIA TEMPLE.

The complexion that has successfully passed through the rigors of winter will not infrequently become pimply, rough or greasy in the hot weather. The reason for this is simple. Both dust and the scorching rays of the sun are deadly foes to the velvety smoothness and beauty of the complexion. Dust accumulates in the pores of the skin and is not easily gotten out. The sun burns, cracks, and makes the skin muddy.

It makes no difference how regular a woman's features, how symmetrical her form, she is not a beautiful woman unless her skin is soft and clear and healthy. There is nothing so detrimental to charm of personality as pimply skin or a sallow, muddy complexion.

There are some things we can't help, but when a woman lacks a beautiful complexion it is her own fault. It might be well to remind you that the skin consists of three layers: the subcutaneous connective tissue, the lowest of the three; the corium, or true skin, which comes next to this; and the epidermis, or scarf skin. Each of these layers has its subdivisions. Did you know that the skin has the power of respiration, that it breathes the life-giving oxygen to a certain extent, and that, to an equal extent, it eliminates the noxious products of the body in the form of carbonic acid gas?

Skin Expects
All Foreign Matter.
The skin expels acids, bile, and solid matter in solution. Whenever the liver or kidneys are inactive, extra work is thus thrown upon the skin. And as it is a matter under individual control, it follows that to neglect it, to fail in keeping it in a clean, healthy condition, means disease and ugliness.

First of all requisites for keeping the skin free and active, is constant vigilance in bathing and friction. A bright, blooming complexion, with a general sensation of vital force, can be obtained through this simple means, when it is understood just when and how to bathe, and in what way to apply friction.

The sebaceous glands and their ducts, the sweat glands and their ducts, can be kept in a state of activity and purity if you will give yourself just a few minutes a day for cleanliness and a few more minutes for fresh, pure air. A bath once a day is an absolute necessity to the beauty and freshness of the skin, but hot water should not be used upon the face more than once a week. The effect of hot water is to open a thorough scrubbing with hot water and a good soap for the dislodgment of the foreign matter that has found its way into the pores. The tonic effect of hot water is not nearly so great as that of cold water. It will open the pores of the face, enlarging them, and it tends to make the skin flabby. If employed excessively.

There is this to remember in the daily bath for health and beauty: No one bathes thoroughly who does not get beneath the surface with results. The ordinary wetting of the skin that passes for a bath is not sufficient either to cleanse the skin or to act as a tonic upon it. I have seen many a mother with a dirty, greasy, sallow-looking face, who needed only a series of regular, careful baths to obtain a clear and beautiful complexion.

Purpose of Bath Is Purification.
The purpose of the true bath is purification, invigoration, and stimulation, and in order to obtain these it is necessary to reach through the scarf skin, and every layer of the true skin beneath this, on to the tissues below even this.

Another essential to a beautiful, clear skin, and to vigor and vitality, is the air bath. The fact that the skin breathes, though as old as Adam, seems to have but in recent years found its way into the comprehension of mankind. It is certain that women have only recently realized the meaning of the term to "breathe individual beauty."

Queen Victoria of Spain is a firm advocate of teaching the skin to breathe. So likewise is the Queen of Roumania. Some time ago the Queen of Roumania became excessively nervous, and her complexion was bad. She appealed to Mendon, one of the most celebrated physicians in Europe. "Take off your shoes and stockings, and let your feet breathe," was the advice he gave her. "The Queen would sit for an hour on a rug in the sunlight. Soon she began to mend physically." This was three years ago. She has kept up the treatment ever since, growing younger, stronger, and more beautiful, as a consequence.

Don't let the skin become "loggy" by a mere failure to open up the pores with thorough bathing and friction. There are plenty of flesh brushes that will do the rest for your nerves and the awakening of your skin to vigorous life and beauty.

Sun Cure Is Considered Fine.
For the mother who worries or has a great deal of work upon her shoulders, for the woman who feels that each day holds more for her than she can accomplish, there will never come an opportunity for such economy of time as is presented to her through the sun cure.

If it does consume a half-hour each day, you will find, mother dear, that you will gain strength and vitality sufficient to make it up a good many times over.

The bathing is important, but just as important to the health and beauty of the skin is the daily sun bath. The sun wakes up the skin, keeping it full of life and color. Let go of every muscle in your body, and see what it will do for the upbuilding of your physical and nervous force, as well as for the development of perfect beauty.

MAKE YOUR OWN FOUR-IN-HANDS
Among the smartest of the new fashions to be worn with the tailored shirt waist is one of pique cut in the shape of a four-in-hand, but with the points shaped and embroidered.

The ties can be shaped from a man's four-in-hand, and can be either made double or the edges down to the shaped ends can be turned back in a narrow hem, stitched on a machine in a color to match the embroidery.

The ends can be finished in any desired shape. Some of them are oval, finished with a straight line of button-holing with a small notch of eyelets and scroll on the inside. Others are wedged shape with an edge of Venetian ladder work and a round medallion on the ladder work in the center.

One good looking tie had ends with half-inch projections from each side of the hemmed vogue strips and the linen was cut down from the projections in two straight parallel lines for about two inches, stopping from there to a point. These ends were outlined with a tiny buttonholed scallop, in the center of each being a small dot worked in satin stitch. An oval medallion of dots was worked on the inner part of the ends with a few scattered dots above it, reaching to the half-inch projections.

Go into the privacy of your room, remove your clothing and lie on a rug in the sunlight and fresh air, letting every pore in your body breathe in the life-giving oxygen of the sun. For a half hour every day, with muscles relaxed, and the sunshine and pure air will do the rest for your nerves and the awakening of your skin to vigorous life and beauty.

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MAKES WAY EASY FOR SHABBY GIRL
I was the shabbiest girl at the office. It was my one's fault and no one's shame that we were poor; I had intelligence enough to know that. I knew, too, what a sacrifice mother had made to pay for my tuition at a business school. Still, the knowledge of my shabby clothes forced itself upon me, particularly my old black skirt.

Oh, if you knew how I hated that skirt! Mother had cleaned it and pressed it, pressed it and cleaned it, but it seemed "bent" with age, and all the office girls looked so fresh and pretty in their trim business suits.

I imagined all the first morning that they were pitying me, and felt them looking at my shabbiness, and during noon hour I was, so miserable. But when I went back the next morning I noticed that one of the girls had on nearly as old clothes as I did, and she was so nice to me. I found that she had given I had come because of our mutual poverty. Not until after I had earned enough money to buy some suitable, nice clothes and I realize that the "poor girl," as I thought her, had drifted back into the prettiest, most tasteful clothes worn by any of the girls.

EXCELLENT RECIPE FOR NO-EGG CAKE
One cup sugar, one cup thick sour milk, two cups flour, one-half cup drippings or butter, one cup chopped raisins, one teaspoonful soda dissolved in boiling water, one-half teaspoon each cinnamon, cloves, nutmeg, and salt. This is fine and keeps moist for a long time.

NO-EGG CAKE WITH SWEET MILK
One cup sugar, one cup sweet milk, two cups flour, two teaspoonfuls baking powder, one tablespoonful melted butter. Beat thoroughly; bake in a loaf pan with cocoa frosting.

CAKE MADE WITH CONDENSED MILK
One cup sugar, one egg, one tablespoonful butter creamed together. Dissolve two tablespoonfuls of condensed milk in nearly a cup of cold water, one and one-half cups of flour, with two teaspoonfuls baking powder. Bake for layer cake.

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Length of a Miss's Dress.
M. A. H.—(1) Your school grade has nothing to do with the length of your frocks. The proper length for the dress of a miss of fourteen is the shoe-top. If, as you say, you are unusually tall for your age, you must with propriety drop them to your ankles.

(2) I see no impropriety in your having friends of your own age and of opposite sex.

(3) It would be perfectly proper to take evening car rides with a company of young friends.

(4) Kissing games are quite out of date. They are very bad form. Your idea in regard to them is correct. I refer you to the "Answers to the Times" for suggestions for suitable games.

Orange Shortcake.
Mrs. K. W.—Pare six sweet oranges, remove the pith and seeds and cut into small pieces; cover with a cupful of powdered sugar. Make the pastry as follows: Into a quart of flour sift a scant teaspoonful of salt and two teaspoonfuls of baking powder, then rub in three tablespoonfuls of butter and mix into a soft dough with sweet milk. Butter two pans and on each place two layers, with a thick layer of butter between each. When brown spread the orange between and on top. Serve with whipped cream flavored with orange.

Sandwiches.
Mrs. I. G.—Novel sandwiches for afternoon tea are made by mixing cream cheese and shredded salmon steak. The mixture is spread on salt waters, hot buttered toast or thin buttered slices of rye bread.

More Important Than Beauty.
Miss H.—When we profoundly understand a soul, when a heart beats true and a hand clasp is sincere, the bodily shape becomes beautiful and little defects are overlooked. While it is vitally

important that a girl be neat in dress, that she possess grace of movement and that her complexion, hair and hands show the result of care, the really great matter is sweetness, honesty, and character.

Luncheon Dish.
Mrs. J. V.—For an appetizing luncheon dish boil eggs hard, take off the shells while they are still hot and remove the yolks without breaking the whites. Mix cold fried halibut with the yolks and season with a little lemon juice, salt, pepper, and a little mustard. Fill the whites with the mixture and stand them in a nest of hot boiled rice. Turn over the dish a cream sauce made by mixing mushroom ketchup with minced parsley.

Question of Tact.
Miss R.—Every lady who needs powder uses it, and without the sensation of doing anything wicked. Perfume must be used for subtle and delicate else it is offensive.

It is difficult indeed to make a choice between the man you love and the father parent to whom you are devoted. Therefore, why make one choice? Can you tactfully bring them together? A sweet girl with a clever brain and charming manners can make the whole world listen to her. Go to your uncle and aunt and say: "Haven't you a wrong opinion of the lad?" Try to convince them, not with fear or meanness, but with fine strong argument.

Rest When Fatigued.
Mabel—Nervous individuals are usually workers. The slow-moving, slow-thinking person is seldom a great power. The alert mind usually accompanies an alert body. The slow-moving, slow-thinking person is seldom a great power. The alert mind usually accompanies an alert body. The slow-moving, slow-thinking person is seldom a great power.

Home-Makers Exchange
White pepper will be found preferable to black in seasoning chicken soup.

For cleaning down stairs, a stiff, plain brush is better than a whisk broom.

A few chopped almonds added to a custard or bread pudding will greatly improve its flavor.

A cereal pan is much more easily cleaned if cold water is allowed to run in it as soon as the cereal is finished. Hot water hardens the mixture.

Canvas shoes may be cleaned with soap and water, if one works quickly, so that the moisture does not penetrate the canvas. Make a thick lather with pure white soap and warm water.

To clean white marble wash it thoroughly with soap and water, then brush it over well, especially in the crevices, with whitening mixed with a little blue, as used for ceilings. Allow it to dry thoroughly, and then polish with a clean dry cloth.

To clean suede gloves put the gloves on "trees" or on your hands, and rub them with fine line oatmeal, which should finally be brushed off with a soft nailbrush. Any obstinate stains may be removed with benzine, applied on a piece of cleanannel.

If you find the hardwood floor is sticky after being treated with the usual preparation of boiled oil and turpentine, get a pail of strong clear cider vinegar, wring a cloth out of this, and wipe the floor with the vinegar. It will improve it in a short time.

When heating eggs to use for dipping croquettes, a teaspoonful of water added to each egg will avoid any stringiness.

When using cornstarch or arrowroot for thickening, always wet it well with cold milk or water before stirring it into the hot liquid.

A little vaseline may be rubbed over kid shoes at night, and rubbed off with a soft cloth in the morning. Thus a good polish may be obtained, and the kid will be preserved by the vaseline.

When the shoes are shabby, vaseline will still be a good dressing for them, if little lamp black is mixed with it.

To clean swansdown, lift it up and down in warm sudsy water with white soap. Wash a second time in bluing water, rinse and shake dry before an open fire in the sunshine. It must not be permitted to dry without shaking it all the time, for this makes it light and fluffy. Oftentimes it can be cleaned with gasoline.

Always keep the pieces of wallpaper left after papering a room. Roll the pieces together and keep in a paper box. If the paper gets faded or torn it can be replaced with new. When faded, expose a piece of paper to the sunlight to fade the tints until they match perfectly, then match it against the paper, and you will not regret saving the patches.

A hired housekeeper dented a tiny V at the top of the wire carpet beater and used it to slip under picture wires to lift them from the wall. It was also used to replace them with. The heaviest pictures could be lifted down in this manner.

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