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### A MATTER OF BUSINESS.

Mary Ann Was There with the Documents and Could Make a Strong Case.

Perhaps it is the result of environment, perhaps it was only an individual tendency that shocked a grave magistrate in Custer county, in the Indian territory, recently, but the facts seem to bear out the assertion that love is not as disinterested out there as it is in some other parts of the country. An old lady and her daughter, Mary Ann, called on the judge, seeking advice relative to a breach of promise case in which Mary Ann was the plaintiff. The judge, with his suavity, asked: "What evidence have you got?"

"Mary Ann, produce the letters," commanded the mother, and the girl took the cover off a willow basket and remarked that she thought 927 letters would do to begin on. The other 651 would be produced as soon as the case was fairly before the court.

"And outside of these letters?" queried the lawyer.

"Mary Ann, produce your diary," said the mother. "Now, turn to the heading of promises and tell how many times this marriage business has been talked over."

"The footing is 214 times," answered the girl.

"Now turn to the heading of 'darling' and give us the number of times he has applied this term to you."

"If I have figured it right, the total is 9,254 times."

"I guess you counted pretty straight for you are good in figures. Now turn to the heading of 'Woodbine Cottage' and tell us how many times he has talked of such a home for you after marriage."

"The footing is 1,385."

"Very well, this lawyer wants to be sure that we've got a case. How many times has Charles Henry said he would die for you?"

"Over 11,000 times, mamma."

"How about squeezing hands?"

"Over 384,000 squeezes."

"And kisses?"

"Nearly 417,000."

"There is our case, sir," said the mother, as she deposited the basket and diary on the lawyer's table. "Look over the documents, and if you want anything further I can bring in a dozen neighbors to swear to facts. We sue for \$10,000 and we don't settle for less than an 80-acre farm with buildings in good repair. We will call again next week."

### OXYGEN FOR WORRY.

Breathe Deeply and the Little Troubles of Life Will Disappear in Air.

The conviction of the present writer after a prolonged consideration of the subject, is that worry is a lung disease and is caused by lack of oxygen. I have yet to meet the man or woman, writes Ethelwyn Wetherall, in Good Housekeeping, who could breathe deeply and worry at the same moment. Do not take my word for this; test it for yourself. When the preserves are burning, or the just filled clothesline falls in the mud, or the baby eats up a box of pills under the impression that they are candy, what is the first thing you do? Fly to the scene of disaster? No, that is the second thing. The very first thing you do is to hold your breath, and it is safe to say that for several hours after the annoying circumstance has occurred you breathe just as little as possible.

When "things go wrong" for an entire day you take in about enough oxygen for a medium-sized canary. When you insist that you do breathe, else you wouldn't be alive, I can only reply that there are different degrees of "aliveness," and the chronic worrier is not at the head of the class.

Everyone has heard the saying, "The coward has a narrow chest." Whether we consider fear to be the cause or result of a contemptible amount of breathing capacity, it is certain that this particular moral and physical defect—these two birds of a feather—are frequently found in company. Fear is the essence of worry.

It is difficult to benefit the body without helping "the body's guest," or cultivate the mind without improving its clayey tabernacle. Regard worry as a physical infirmity, and it can be successfully treated by plain eating and outdoor living, aided by special exercises for the cultivation of the chest; consider it as purely a mental or moral defect and it may be cured, not by preaching or exhortation, nor by the reading of little books, which point out that we're lying in a vale of tears, but by the rational cultivation of one or more of the mental faculties.

**Stuffed Turkey Legs.**  
Remove the bones from the "dumplings," all except an inch or two of the smaller end, and take out the arteries. Make a stuffing of a little minced bacon or sweet salt pork with thistles of the turkey or any convenient meat, seasoning highly, and use a raw egg beaten to bind it together with a half cupful of bread crumbs. Stuff the legs up, keeping them in shape as long as possible. Put in a baking pan with a little water, and bake for half an hour. These are good either hot or cold; they may be "devilled" by broiling just enough to make crisp bars.—(Ntry Gentleman.)

**French Panoucke.**  
Mix and sift one cupful flour, quarter teaspoonful baking powder, either. Add three-fourths of a cupful milk or thin cream and one egg beat very lightly; add one tablespoonful butter and one-third cupful of currants, previously washed and dried. Fry same as griddle cakes, but lightly and spread with currant jelly, sprinkle with powdered sugar and roll jelly roll; sift powdered sugar over and serve at once. The jelly should be beaten with a silver fork before spreading on cakes.—Boston Budget.

### MODERN DRAWINGROOMS.

They Show a New Era of Simplicity and True Artistic Sense in the Home.

How different is the drawing-room now from that of a generation ago—even of half a generation! Writers in the women's newspapers in England are commenting on the fact with keen appreciation of the change, and in this country it is even more in evidence than across the sea, says the New York Sun.

The wax fruits, the woolen antimacassars of the last generation passed away with the stuffed birds and the wealth of artificial orange blossoms under glass cases long ago. The present generation has almost forgotten them.

It does remember better the chandelier monkeys that used to climb over the gas fixtures on the walls, the yards upon yards of art muslin that used to be turned over chairs and flower pots, and the sofas that came in when the horse-hair period expired. And it regrets them and the array of Japanese plates on the wall even less.

"That period of eccentricity in decoration has passed."

"The modern drawing-room," said a man interested in the development of domestic art the other day, "is, under proper auspices, now a picture of refined simplicity, an epitome of art and a real haven of rest."

"The furnishes and decorators have combined with housewives of more developed tastes and better ideas than their predecessors to make it so. They have borrowed from the past all the best ideas it had, and they have added them to the convenience of the present."

"Take the taste in wall coverings. Crudely colored, gaudy papers, displaying impossible flowers and grotesque semi-conventional designs, have been abandoned in favor of self-colored papers, striped ones showing variants of one color, silken hangings, tapestries and stenciled sackcloth arranged in panels after the old method."

"Then the carpets. Where beautiful rugs, the highest development of the weaver's art, have not replaced them we have velvet pile, with a border repeating the main color in many tones."

"And for chair coverings we have kept the old-world chintz, redolent of an age when women wore white, lavender or cinnamon, pale blue and simple pink, and dressed their hair in ringlets."

"Taking the drawing-room as indicating the artistic sense of the period, surely we have every reason to be proud of the progress of art in the home."

### FASHIONABLE FRILLS.

Fresh Feminine Finery in Vogue Among the Devotees of Dress.

Your buckles are the latest, says the Lynn Life.

Shoe tips show a pointed tip of jet attached to the quill.

A touch of color prevails in millinery, bright cerise and violet among the hats.

A touch of tangerine or flame color forms an admirable addition to a coat of moleskin or seal.

Moleskin composed the buckle that caught the drapery on a white beaver toque recently exhibited.

Ombre effects are popular in millinery. This is especially the case with ostrich feathers, which are dyed in a whole gamut of tints.

Orange and green chenille ornament and fringe distinguished one short bagged coat of the finest breitchswanz brought out this season.

For wear with the high-heeled shoes that are now the vogue, a special style of rubber sandal with elongated strap at the back has been introduced.

Many of the fur coats have simulated coats of pomegranate embroidered velvet, and a touch of this embroidery is introduced on the hat or toque.

Applications of painted velvet, the prettiest designs representing wreaths and bouquets of crimson roses, are the latest adjunct to a black crepe de chine gown.

**Cranb Pie.**  
For a quick pie, quick in baking as well as in making, this is a prize. It is also well liked among our children. Line a pie-tin with good crust, fill half full (a good big pint) of nice bread, cracker or cake crumbs, grate nutmeg over, then fill with sweetened cream. It is good hot or cold, fresh or old. When cake crumbs are used, the cream need not be sweetened.—Orange Judd Farmer.

**Oyster Rarebit.**  
Said one cupful of oysters in their own liquor; remove and cut off the muscle, save the liquor; put two tablespoonfuls of butter in the frying pan or chafing dish; when melted, add half a pound of grated cheese, salt and cayenne to season; beat two eggs, add the oyster liquor, then add this to the cheese mixture, add oysters and serve on toast.—People's Home Journal.

**To Improve Flavor of Duck.**  
The flavor of a duck is much improved by roasting with an orange and an onion in the body. An excellent accompaniment for duck is a brown sauce, with half a jar of orange marmalade added.—Good Housekeeping.

**A Good Sale.**  
"Jones has sold all of his manuscripts and decided to stop writing." "I should think selling them all would be an incentive to him to write more." "But he sold them to the junkman."—Brooklyn Life.

**To Keep Lemons.**  
Lemons will keep for a long time if placed on a shelf in a cool, dry place and covered with glass tumblers.

**Baking Powder Biscuit.**  
To be just perfect, baking powder biscuit should begin to rise the minute the pan is in the oven.

### CUFFS, CLEEVES AND COATS.

Newest Designs and Materials Now Filling the Eye of Smart Dressers.

Green velvet is always good as a cuff and a collar material, but red is a little newer and is being used where green was used last year.

The plain round velvet cuff, not too deep, is observed upon many of the newest winter gowns and the same material is used for the lapels, says the Brooklyn Eagle.

The inoffensive turned-over lapel and the little plain round cuff is one of the features of the new gown, and is seen over and over again. Though not novel nor striking, it is again the vogue. The very newest tailor-made cuff is a little turn-over of red velvet, trimmed with very narrow black braid. The turn-over collar and the lapels exactly match. This is the tailored vogue of the season.

But there are others. One is the very wide flare cuff which is so fashionable. This is the cuff that is nearly a quarter of a yard wide, looking almost like an old-fashioned flowing sleeve. It is trimmed on the outer side with rows and rows of stitching, while its inner side is lined with silk. This very wide flaring cuff is extremely comfortable and is good over any house sleeve.

The best of the new sleeves do not properly show any cuff at all. But the sleeve flares gradually, without visible cuff and is stitched on the outside and lined on the inside, and is one of the smartest sleeves there is.

There is another way of treating the flaring cuff. Let it flare as wide as it will. And, in the inside, stitch a very deep ruffle of lace. Let it be at least two fingers wide. It must fall out of the sleeve and down over the knuckles. This lace, which should be of the heavy persuasion, can be taken out and laundered. It must hang far below the sleeve and in some cases it comes almost to the finger tips, like the lace upon a courtier's coat.

The three-quarter coat is lovely. Tight fitting, plain as Dick's hat band, without the suspicion of a wrinkle or a crease anywhere, it is the smartest thing of the season. True, it may be padded to preserve its shape, and it may be stiffened in the shoulders and made fuller over the bust, but when complete it is complete indeed.

The fashionable coats are now padded as to the shoulders, and though the shoulders are not puffed out into big puff sleeves, the uppers or tops of the sleeves are padded to give the wide-shouldered effect. So, too, with the bust which is stiffened to make it set out in smart style. Again across the chest is the coat padded, and when my lady slips her arms into it and buttons it across her chest she is putting on a garment which makes her figure much fuller and much smarter than it has ever been before.

The Eton jacket will be worn a great deal this winter and no mistake about it. Under the head of Eton and by the name of Eton is known all the coats that are cut off at the belt line and which button up the front or fasten in some manner in the front.

A woman who has made a study of health gives the following suggestions for the care of the hair, says the New York Tribune.

"Keep the hair as clean as the rest of the body."

"Let the air and sunshine have free access to it. Never wear a hat when you can go without it. It will retard the growth of your hair just as surely as covering up a plant would hinder its development."

"If you wear a wheat field, an aviary or a grape arbor on your hat, you must expect that your hair will suffer. Heat and weight are not conducive to growing luxuriant locks."

"Don't put a lot of strange nostrums on your hair. If you do, you will get a lot of strange results."

"Wash the hair in warm castile suds. Rinse it in cold water. The change of temperature stimulates growth. If you want to make your hair grow, this washing may be repeated every other day."

"When you dry your hair, do it in the sunshine. Besides helping the growth of the hair, it will produce beautiful tints and sheens that no artificial aids can bring."

"Don't twist your hair in a towel to dry it. You will break many of the hairs that way. Dry it carefully by gentle pressure."

"Don't change the direction of the roots of your hair often. If you wear it a top of your head in the day time, when you arrange it for the night braid it there loosely after its thorough brushing."

"Don't snarl your hair in combing it. The finer it is, the more care you must take. One snarl will injure more hair than you can replace by the care and attention of weeks."

"When you put your hair up, don't coil it tightly. It will grow better if the coil is loose and soft."

"Never use a wire brush on the hair. Use a good stiff bristle brush, that will bring a glow to the scalp."

**Lima Beans.**  
Take one and one-half pints dry beans, put on to cook with plenty of water. After cooking half an hour, take a parsnip one inch thick and slice in small pieces with the beans, and also a small onion cut fine. Let all cook slowly until done, then season with butter and salt. They smell and taste something like chicken, and make a fine dish for vegetarians.—Farm and Home.

**Gone Before.**  
"Your money or your life!" cried the villain as he held the revolver in the victim's face.

"You'll have to take my money," answered the man; "my wife has a mortgage on my life."—Detroit Free Press.

### HOME FOR THE BUFFALO.

Plan for the Setting Aside of a Vast Game Preserve in Oklahoma Is Made.

Before it is too late it would be well for the people of Oklahoma to interest themselves in the scheme to establish a big game reserve in the Wichita mountains, says the Kansas City Journal. There is a great forest reserve in the hills of southwestern Oklahoma set aside by congress many years ago. It contains 58,000 acres of land excellently adapted for the big and little game which formerly was so plentiful in America. There are broad pastures in this reserve and thickets of scrub oak, heavy timber, clear and ever living streams of water and rocky fastnesses. Vegetation is abundant; the climate is salubrious. Apparently nature has done its best to make these 58,000 acres a congenial haunt for game animals and a grand, attractive park for sportsmen and the seekers after rest and recreation.

Many of the bears and birds which abounded in plain and wood in this country a short time ago are doomed to an early extinction unless the state and federal governments take the proper steps to assure protection. Except for the few head still remaining in public or private reservations, the buffalo has been practically wiped out of existence.

For some unaccountable reason civilization took a prejudice to this noble animal. Its value was never given a fair test until within recent years. It has now been found that the buffalo propagates quickly, grows rapidly, is hardy and self-sustaining upon the plains, its hide makes fine leather, and its flesh is equal in flavor and strength given qualities to that of ordinary beef. In fact, the buffalo is the native cattle of this country, just as the Hereford, the Galloways and the Holsteins are the native cattle of Europe.

The buffalo is a docile creature, easily domesticated, and very probably had not been so attached by custom to European things we should have developed it into the regular beef producer of this country. Wherever it has been interbred with domestic cattle, an improved product has resulted, more able to resist disease and withstand the inclemencies of American weather.

The chief purpose of the men who are striving to have the Wichita forest reserve turned into a game preserve is to secure a place where the remnants of the buffalo herds can be collected and saved from extermination. It is to be hoped that they will obtain favorable action from congress in aid of this laudable undertaking.

**BLANK BALLOT MYSTERY.**  
How the Thousands of Them Lost at New York Elections Are Accounted For.

At the recent election 2,100 citizens of New York county and 1,200 voters in the other counties of the Greater New York cast blank ballots. There are usually about 3,000 blank ballots cast, reports the Sun of that city.

It may seem peculiar that several thousand citizens each year should take the trouble to appear at the places of registry to answer the questions necessary for the enrollment of their names, to attend the polling place on election day and all for the apparent purpose of casting a blank vote, counting for neither party nor for any candidate, when precisely the same result could be attained by remaining away from the polls for registration of voting.

A blank ballot, as defined by the election code, is one which contains no mark of indication whatever of the purpose or intention of the voter. It is a ballot which is returned to the election inspectors in precisely the same condition as it was given to the voter.

Why do 2,000 or 3,000 persons each year in New York go through the unnecessary formality of voting blank ballots? It is one of the questions which no one has been able to answer, though there are some explanations of it which are at least reasonable.

There are some illiterate men who are timid about revealing their illiteracy, and they avoid the risk of doing so by voting blank. Then there are citizens unconcerned in the outcome of an election who are induced to register and to vote. They do vote, but their indifference to the result is revealed in a blank ballot.

There are, again, those who become rattled in the polling place and find escape from their perplexity by returning the ballot given them folded but unmarked to the inspectors.

Three thousand blank votes in a total of 600,000 is half of one per cent. of the whole vote cast.

**Russian Industries.**  
According to official statements just published, there were in Russia, at the beginning of 1902, 17,786 industrial establishments, employing 1,710,735 persons, of whom 73.2 per cent. were males and 26.8 per cent. females. The female employees have increased in number especially in the establishments engaged in the manufacture of cotton textiles, matches and cigars and cigarettes. The Russian factory inspectors during 1901 made examinations of 70 per cent. of all industrial works.

**Threw That In.**  
"Boy—My mother says there was a pound of sand in the last box of prunes you sent up."

**Grocer—**Well, you tell your mother that that was the best scrubbing sand. She is a good customer, and I threw it in.—Philadelphia Record.

**Pleased at Last.**  
"Was your last mistress satisfied with you?"

**Servant—**Well, mum, she said she was very pleased when I left.—Stray Stories.

**Don't Explain Too Much.**  
Too much explaining spoils the best story ever told.—Washington (la.) Democrat.