

LADIES' DEPARTMENT.

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Sweet Marjorie Fleming, the pet of Sir Walter Scott, and the story of whose brief life is so pathetically told in Dr. Brown's "Spare Hours," in one of her confidences wrote that while the multiplication table was a vexation seven times was "the devil's best" thing in nature.

Dear little soul, always repeating of some gigantic want of conformity as get forth in the Westmaster catechism, she did not know the caprices of Dame Fashion nor the consequent vexation that comes to an amiable writer on modes.

Only a short time since an assertion was ventured that the folly height in sleeves having been reached, autumn would bring reduction; not so. Says the latest authority, sleeves in extension will threaten the ears, and as velvet is to be a favorite material just how the wearers of these enormities are to avoid appearing ridiculous and furnishing models for donkey allouettes is not exactly clear.

At this season the flower that nature makes fashionable is the golden rod, and in regions where it abounds it is seen on corners of halls and drawing rooms, decorating a dinner table and serving as a foil for beauty at mountain resort and country retreat.

Reception dresses are frequently of yellow, white and white with a Josephine bodice and trimmed with violets, while others who would modify the glare use yellow silk as an underdress for black or white lace. Among those who still linger in the "long path" or gather shells along the shore, white tulle is still to be seen.

A combination of velvet and crepe de chine is among the advance styles. When used the corsage is with a pearl clasp. The jacket fastened with large pearl buttons. Her shoes were of white canvas, her hat a white straw, with white ribbon bands with which she wore a white veil.

The world of wisdom in women gear is much divided on the dress reform movement. This is a question of convenience that every woman must determine for herself. One lady who wears the divided skirt says she will never wear any other style, while another who has been persuaded into the purchase of a bifurcated garment pronounces it a delusion and a snare.

After stating that she began business life with the drawbacks attendant upon orphanage, poverty and want of education and that she has never felt "manacled" and now earns \$300 a month; she declares that if she could be prevailed upon to marry she would undoubtedly give up business; that far from considering it ignoble to attend to the home life and to raise children, she believes it to be the highest and holiest duty of a woman's life and in devoting herself to posterity she is doing a grander work than man is able to do.

Then are the duties that cluster around home only "trivialities"? Is it for naught that a woman strives to fit herself physically and mentally faithfully to discharge them? "Little things" stand by the track and watch that loaded train pass by. It bears in safety or to swift destruction hundreds of lives, or it may be values that reach hundreds of thousands.

So it is in home life; woman is the inspector. Hers it is to know what is essential, and to see that there is nothing missing. Her finger holds the valve, her eye discerns danger and hers the hand to avert it.

Let mothers and wives give over heart burning and all envious, let them know that women in the world of business, whether they are in the home or in the street, are actually seen happy and contented with their lot in life.

Chocolate jelly—Take seven spoonfuls of grated chocolate, the same of white sugar, one cup of sweet cream; mix together, and set over the fire and let it simmer for ten minutes, then add a tablespoonful of starch pudding or put between layers of cake.

Sweet potato croquettes—Boil, peel and mash four good-sized potatoes, add two ounces of butter, a half teaspoonful of salt and a dash of cayenne; beat until smooth; form into cylinder-shape; croquettes. Dip in egg and then in bread crumbs, and fry in smoking hot fat.

Sliced green tomato pickles—Slice one peck of green tomatoes, sprinkle one cup of salt over, and let stand for four hours, then drain; boil them in a gallon of good vinegar until tender, then take out and place in a jar. Put one teaspoonful of sugar, one teaspoonful of horseradish, one large spoonful of cinnamon, one of allspice, half a tablespoonful of cloves, and a teaspoonful of black pepper into the vinegar in a bag, and boil down to three quarts; turn over the pickles.

Milk toast—Toast the bread—either Graham or white—to a golden brown. Have a shallow dish on the back of the stove more than half full of boiling water, in which the bread is to be soaked. As each slice is toasted dip it into this for a second, lay it on the deep heated dish in which it is to be served, and sprinkle it lightly with salt.

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of the guests. As I did not understand Turkish, I tried to talk to some of the women in my bathing Arab, and was not sorry when Mme. Hekekyan Bey told me that we were to have dinner. Little did I think of what an ordeal my first Turkish dinner was going to be. Sitting cross-legged in a heap is not difficult for a short time, and on a low divan one leg can be put down for an occasional rest; but at dinner I was obliged to sit close to the little invalid table under pain of pulling the food into my lap, and cramp was the result.

Marriage Princes. Paris Edition of the Herald. An American writer maintains that American girls marry princes because their hands are turned by the early reading of monarchical fairy tales, in which princesses frequently marry peasant girls. Are we also to believe that American girls marry divorced men and widowers because they have read "Blue Beard," or that they want to marry beards after reading "Beauty and the Beast," or that they desire tall men because the giants of fairy tales are as a rule vicious? There is no mystery involved in the occasional marriage of an American girl to a prince.

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