

NEWS OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO WOMEN READERS OF THE STAR

16 STOCKINGS AND A DARNING NEEDLE

Her Only Weapons, Besides Her Wits, But They Were Enough to Win Her a Decision in a One-Round Bout With a Powerful Corporation.



MISS MARIE MATHIAM

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Nov. 12.—Miss Marie Mathiam did not need an electric light pole in front of her home on Mission st. The San Francisco Gas & Electric Co. was asked by a woman's ready wit and a woman's ready needle, she won. Here is how she did it:

The 12 husky employees of the utility corporation arrived to see the pole in a hole previously dug through the sidewalk. They and the pretty brown haired miss sat comfortably in a rocking chair, placed directly over the excavation. She was darning stockings and seemingly was so engrossed in her task that she took no notice of the attention she attracted.

"Please you will have to move," said the foreman, authoritatively. Miss Mathiam rose for a moment. With her pretty little chin quivered, she looked the foreman straight in the eye and said:

"Please again?" Then she sat down again. "All he did. He 'guessed' for the next two hours, while a huge crowd of bystanders roared at his discomfiture. Threats were used in every direction. Through it all she was unconcerned and smiling happily plying her needle, mending the stockings one by one.

Three hours. Miss Mathiam was still on the job. Holes still remained in the stockings, and the men remained in the ground. Then the policemen for whom the foreman had telephoned, came bounding up. They discovered that a slight woman was the center of the storm and they refused to have anything to do with the case. No statutes, so the blues explained, existed which would allow them to place her under arrest.

Then the electric light men set down to a game of freeze out and the woman won.

When the 8 o'clock whistle blew

No Baking Powder is purer and better than CRES-CENT egg-phosphate—it costs 25c per pound, a fair price and a full pound.

Whole Wheat Gems. Three-fourths cup milk, three-fourths cup water, two cups whole wheat flour, sifted with two teaspoons baking powder, scant teaspoon salt and one tablespoon sugar. Add two tablespoons melted shortening. Beat well. Bake 20 to 30 minutes. Sifted Graham flour may be used in place of whole wheat flour.

Oysters and Sweetbreads. Blanch three sweetbreads in salted water. Trim them and parboil 20 minutes. Have ready as many oysters as will make half the dish. Scald them in their own liquor. Cut the parboiled sweetbreads into pieces the size of an oyster. Mix sweetbreads and oysters drained from the cayenne pepper, butter, chopped parsley and sufficient boiling sweet milk to cover them. Simmer 10 minutes and serve hot.

Plaids are coming into favor with leaps and bounds, for old and young alike. Even suits for street wear are being made of this attractive material. Alas, while we all like plaids, only the slender young girl and the tiny woman can wear them.

This smart little suit is of green and gray plaid, and is made with a pleated skirt, cuirass bodice and a long close fitting coat. The revers are of deep gray satin and the waistcoat is handsomely embroidered in Persian colors.

A white velvet muff with bands of white fur and decorated with one pink rose gives a delightful touch to this charming costume.

The hat is of white beaver, with gray satin about the crown, and a black and white coque feather trimming.

Out of the wisdom of CYNTHIA GREY

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Put a teaspoonful of powdered sulphur in a saucer and add a few drops of alcohol and ignite. Place a funnel over this, point upward. Wet stained linen and hold over point of funnel. Fumes will remove the most obstinate of stains. Good for fruit stains of long standing.

To clean brass faucets, one tablespoonful of salt, two tablespoonfuls of vinegar; rub with cloth, after which polish with flannel cloth.

MOTHER'S PROBLEMS

Keep the knees of the youngsters warm. The clothing should be arranged so that the knees will be well protected. Don't have them wear half hose just because they are fashionable.

Encourage children to drink water as soon as they rise in the morning, as well as on going to bed at night. Water cleanses the whole system and clears the blood.

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Cabbage Loaf. You will find this a very delicious dish, taking the place of meat. Take an oblong loaf of bread and remove the crust, scoop out the inside, leaving a case having walls half an inch in thickness; saute in butter; shred a firm, small, well-bleached cabbage, using a sharp knife; soak in cold water 30 minutes, drain and cook in an uncovered vessel in boiling salted water to which has been added a small pinch of soda. Cook 25 minutes, drain thoroughly and add salt, pepper and one tablespoon of butter. Fill the loaf with a layer of the vegetable and alternating layers of a mixture of bread crumbs and grated cheese, moistened with cream; finish with a thick sprinkling of grated cheese on the top. Place in the oven for 15 or 20 minutes; garnish with finely chopped parsley.



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A.—(1) Brush your hair with a clean brush night and morning. Shampoo every two or three weeks with castile soap suds and rinse well. Massage lightly each night.

(2) Give a family dinner for your cousin.

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Dear Miss Grey: When being introduced is it proper to merely repeat the name of the person introduced? MAY.

A.—Yes.

CYNTHIA GREY'S LETTERS

Girls are beginning to send in questions about the making of candies, fudge in particular. "E. B." "Frances" and "Interested" all ask for a reliable recipe for chocolate nut fudge, and I will give them my own long used rule. I boil together a cup of sugar, three teaspoons of cocoa or grated chocolate, a half cup of milk and a tablespoonful of molasses, stirring often. Try it in cold water, and when it hardens it is done. Remove it from fire, beat in a teaspoonful of vanilla and a cup of broken nut meats, and pour into a buttered pan.

"E. B." also asks for a maple fudge recipe. Break a pound of maple sugar into pieces and cook it with a cup of milk. Add a tablespoonful of butter and cook until it hardens when dropped into water. Remove from the fire and beat until it begins to sugar. Then pour into a buttered plate. When nearly cool mark into squares.

While on recipes I will answer "A. B." and "A. Housekeeper's" requests for mustard pickle recipe. Wipe four quarts of small cucumbers, put in a preserving kettle and add three large cucumbers cut in pieces, one quart of green tomatoes wiped and cut in slices, four small onions peeled and cut in slices, four green peppers wiped and cut in slices, one bunch of celery chopped and one cauliflower separated into pieces. Add one gallon of boiling water to which has been added one pint of salt, cover, and let stand over night. In the morning bring to the boiling point, and let simmer until the vegetables are tender; then drain. Mix one cupful of flour, one cupful of sugar, six tablespoonfuls of mustard and one tablespoonful of turmeric powder; then add slowly, while stirring constantly, enough vinegar to make a paste. Stir into two quarts of vinegar brought to the boiling point, add two tablespoonfuls of celery seed, and let boil five minutes. Add the drained vegetables, again bring to the boiling point and let boil 15 minutes.

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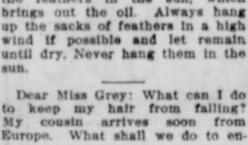


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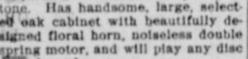
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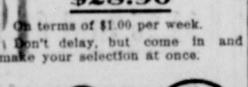
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