

THE MIDDLE AGED WOMAN.

She is Coming to the Fore as a Dangerous Rival to the Young Girl.

THE day of the very young woman is without doubt passing by. The possessor of a pretty face without wrinkles is not admired for that alone. She must have cleverness, wit, intuition and a certain fascination which, alas, seems only to come after the first blush of youth has departed. For this reason the woman well on toward middle age who has sense enough to preserve a youthful exterior will not lack admirers.

Indeed, a few wrinkles are not in the way. No less an authority than David Belasco says they show intelligence, sympathy and forethought and that they are the signs of nobility. Indeed, Belasco in a recent article encouraged the middle aged woman to go on the stage, stating there was a need for her and that never before was there so much opportunity in plays for the woman no longer in her first youth.

And this is a tendency in the right direction. The bright, capable woman grows more bright and more capable with every year of her life. Shall she be shelved because her hair is no longer golden or her cheeks no longer pink and youthfully curved? The middle aged woman, be she single or married, has a charm all her own, and this charm she should keep alive and cultivate by every means in her power. Just as she takes care of her health and keeps her mind bright and progressive.

Indeed, the middle aged woman at her best proves a dangerous rival to the young girl. The latter without knowledge of the world, without experience to draw on, falls socially flat compared with the brilliant woman who has studied life and who, though less pink and white, proves infinitely more interesting.

Make Their Own Perfumes.

The latest fad of society women is to make their own perfumes.

The really fastidious woman wants a perfume distinctly her own, and as there are comparatively few good extracts on the market she can only be sure of an exclusive fragrance by mixing her own. In many cases she has a little laboratory, where she distills the perfumes of her favorite blossoms and mixes them according to a formula of her own, or she uses oils which correspond to the perfume of the natural flowers and which she procures from the wholesale perfumery chemist.

Everything madam wears is scented with this original perfume of hers, and even in the lining of her hat there is a tiny sachet, while the ruffles of her petticoats are perfumed by means of bits of camomils, which retain the fragrance indefinitely.

The Corset Dress.

Anything to be thin and willowy nowadays. To wear as few garments as possible is the aim of every well dressed woman, for with gowns clinging like a postage stamp no humps or extra fullness can be tolerated.

The corset which is one with the lining is quite the latest, and this cer-



THE CORSET LINING.

tainly saves quite a bit of bunchiness, as will be seen by the illustration. The dress fastens down the back, allowing the corset to lace up quite in the ordinary fashion. This gown also has an advantage—it can be loosened at will.

The No Skirt Bathing Suit.

An attempt is being made to introduce into this country the continental type of bathing suit without the skirt. Women who swim declare it is the only kind, but the "powers that be" at the different beaches are emphatically against it.

A knitted bathing suit has been placed on the market. In this the skirt appears only as the lower half of the sweater-like upper garment. The knickerbocker portion is tight fitting and reaches exactly to the knees.

MAUD ROBINSON.

Irish Potato Cakes.

Equal parts of cold boiled potatoes and white flour are required for these. Knead well together with a little milk if necessary. Flour your pastry board well and roll out the mixture about half an inch thick. Cut into three-cornered scones and bake on a griddle. These must be eaten hot, with plenty of butter.

BOXES FOR BRIDE'S CAKE.

The Heart Shape Design a Popular Selection.

The statement that it is not what is done, but how it is done, that counts verges on the trite, but it is particularly applicable in the little things that contribute toward a pleasant time for wedding guests.

A wedding cake is no longer kept for weeks and weeks. It is cut into little pieces and sent or presented to the guests and friends of the happy pair. Just how to give this in an attractive form is sometimes a question that clamors for its answer in the rush of the last few days.

Boxes can now be purchased at stationery departments of any large store, and the accessories are within the reach of the majority of brides.

There is a charming little circular box that looks like a miniature wedding cake. When tied with white ribbon or with silken cords that reflect the color scheme of the decorations it is well worth having. The ends of the bow are gathered into the tops of tiny silver bells.

Perhaps the heart shaped box of white is more appropriate. This should hold a heart shaped piece of cake, and the top of the box should be tied down with broad ribbon, fastened under a rosette.

Square forms are always good. The addition of a card with the best wishes of the bride and bridegroom is a little personal touch that is well worth while. Through the knot of ribbon a spray of asparagus fern can be slipped. It lasts for weeks and gives the freshness that is desirable, especially for boxes that are to be sent away through the mail.

To the friends who are present there can easily be given a spray of leaves with a blossom from the decoration of the table or rooms. Tied with a gold or silver cord, a long, narrow box will hold a fresh sprig of flowers. People like to carry with them some part of the festivities. The mania for souvenirs still prevails.

Of course the custom of having the cake cut by the bride herself can easily be observed, for during the reception following the small pieces can be boxed and tied by a special committee of friends and distributed to the guests before their departure.

As to the dreams that may come when the fair recipients sleep with the bride's cake beneath their pillows, who can tell whether they can vie with the pleasure of receiving it in so charming a form?

Tasty Summer Dishes.

It is difficult to find a more tasty entree for a summer dinner than baked tomatoes served on the plate with the meat or in individual ramekins. A little cold boiled tongue or ham mixed with the bread crumbs filling the tomatoes is a tasty addition. Plenty of butter should be used in seasoning cooked tomatoes of any kind, the butter neutralizing the acid of the vegetable. For the benefit of persons who have never stuffed and baked tomatoes it might be said that a slice is taken from the top of round, apple shaped tomatoes and the pulp is removed and mixed with bread crumbs, rice or macaroni with or without onion juice and minced parsley. Melted butter should be used to moisten the crumbs, rice or macaroni. The tomatoes should be put into a baking dish and be baked in a hot oven about fifteen minutes or until they are tender and thoroughly heated through.

The dried pieces of the cheese box may be grated and mixed with rich cream seasoned with salt and paprika and left to stand and ripen for a day. The result is an excellent cream cheese which may be served with the salad course or for a supper. Sour cream may be employed.

For a timely luncheon dish cover the bottom of a baking dish with cooked fresh or canned asparagus cut into short lengths, turn over it some rich white sauce and then break on the top an egg for each person to be served. Bake until the whites of the eggs are set.

Electricity For Stains.

There seems to be no limit to the uses to which electricity can be put in the household.

The scientists are learning to harness it up into a first rate maid of all work and making it do everything, from washing the clothes to rocking the cradle, or they would if they had cradles in these up to date households.

But one of the newest uses to which electricity has been put is that of a speedy spot remover. A technical magazine says that a new electrolytic bleaching apparatus has been invented which enables a woman to remove within two or three minutes any accidental stains from articles such as tablecloths, lace, embroidery work, etc. Tea, coffee, wine, fruit, ink of any color, may all be effectively and inexpensively removed within a few minutes, and above all, the electrolytic method does not destroy the fabric of the article treated.

CARE OF HARNESS.

Should Be Used Properly and Kept in Special Room.

Very often a farmer is obliged to use the same harness on different horses, says a well known horseman, and if he makes the change in a hurry ten chances to one he does not readjust the harness to the second horse. If a harness is taken from a large horse and then used on a small horse without readjustment there is not only danger of injuring the beast, but the harness is sure to suffer as well.

Another thing that is very injurious to the harness is to pile the heavy parts on top of the bridle after it has been hung on the hook. The safest thing is to have a separate hook for the bridle, for this is the part of the harness that should be cared for the best. A stranger always notices this first, and a bridle that is fastened together with pieces of wire advertises the driver as a shiftless fellow.

The ideal way to care for harness is to build a harness room where the leather can be kept free from moisture. A good way to build this is to line it with building paper. There should be plenty of room. If it is impossible to have a harness closet the pegs should be as far away from the manure as possible, for the gases and dampness arising from manure piles rot the leather faster than anything I know of.

Every harness should be well oiled at least twice a year, so that it will be in shape to give the service that is expected of it. The oil works its way to the surface, and when the harness is exposed to a rain this oil is washed away. If the oil is not removed from time to time the leather will soon dry out and crack.

I don't believe in washing a harness. Washing does little good unless there is soap used in the water, and most soap has lye in it, which is hard on the leather. The oil soaks into the harness much more easily if it is dry than if it is damp. Of course the harness must be cleaned, but this can easily be done without moistening it.

THE IDEAL SHETLAND.

Can Be Raised With Profit When Properly Cared For.

Breeding Shetlands is a very profitable and important industry in several sections of this country. The little animals seem to thrive much better in the northern and middle western states. They get along better in the northern states doubtless because of their origin in the rigorous climate of the Shetland islands. This is true only with reference to their breeding, for the full grown Shetland is a true cosmopolitan, at home in all lands and in all climates, and is perhaps unequaled by any other animal in points of hardi-



A STURDY SHETLAND HEAD.

ness and endurance. A prominent breeder writes as follows in describing the Shetland's fine points:

"The head should not be too fine, and the eye should be prominent, the ears of good size and set well forward. The neck is thick and crested high up, so that the impression is conveyed that the crest extends right up to the ears. This gives appearance of great strength in the neck and, added to the broad shoulders, enables the pony to draw great weights. The neck should be of good length and the back, of course, short. The rib should be very well sprung, any indication of slab-sidedness favoring of the Icelandic. The quarters should be as round as an apple and the tail set on moderately high.

"In selecting a pony look for one that is short legged, sturdy in build, thick in the chest, strong in his neck, round in his quarters, pleasant faced and with a nice mane and foretop. The foretop should come between the ears from the top of the crest, and the pony's legs should be sound and strong. The pastern should be springy and the action as smart and trappy as possible."

Stalk Saved in the Silo.

By placing corn in the silo the stalk as well as the grain is preserved for feeding purposes and the whole corn plant becomes available. About 40 per cent of the feeding value of the corn plant is in the stalk, leaves and husks and the other 60 per cent is in the ear. In handling corn as commonly practiced much of the 40 per cent is lost. When corn is cut for silo before lower leaves are dry there is no waste. About twice the amount of dry matter can be stored in the form of silage as in the form of fodder. It has been determined that a cubic foot of hay in the mow contains about 4.3 pounds of dry matter, while a cubic foot of silage contains about 8.9 pounds of dry matter, a cubic foot of space in a silo being worth more than twice an equal space in the mow.

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Johnnie—I've got on my rubber boots.
Tommy—Me too.
Johnnie—Have you? Let's hunt a puddle.



DIGNIFIEDLY AMBIGUOUS.

Walking Pete—I ast de loidy for cold wittles.
Frowsy Ike—Bet she give ye de cold shoulder.



WHERE IT WAS NEEDED.

Barber—How do you want to be shaved, sir?
Man in the Chair—On the face.



AMONG THE FREAKS.

"I wonder," growled the Circassian beauty, "why the manager always comes to see me when he is drunk."
"Probably thinks you're a snake charmer," chortled the ossified man.

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