

DOINGS OF WOMEN

Don't Break Down.
There would not be so many worn-out, fagged-looking women if we learned early the value of that ounce of prevention. With most of us prevention is like thunder—it comes after the danger is past. So much of the misery of life is preventable that it is pitiful how rarely the effort is made. We lose our looks, break down before our time, and either are snuffed out altogether, or hang on creaking hinges when we should be in the full flush of living. Most women act as if they were fatalists—what must be, must be. Then they groan when the inevitable occurs instead of living up to the true fatalist spirit of stoicism.

Perhaps you are one of the persons who never takes any rest. You look on life as a race to be run, forgetting that the strongest runner goes slow until the finish. Have you the foolish idea that to stop a minute to read the papers or to dip into a famous book is stealing time that should be devoted to husband or children? Are you charitable to every one but yourself, and look upon letting up in your mad pace as shirking.

Are you one of those misguided beings who think monotonous plodding is duty, and crush out young longings for an occasional matinee or social outing lest you fall in some chimerical duty? If so, readjust things. Learn to look on these things as "that ounce of prevention" without which snags are inevitable. It is continual plodding that not only makes life stale, but brings wrinkles and narrow minds.

Do you ever stop to think what a breakdown means? How many of the coveted pleasures or longed-for rests could have been had for the doctor's hire? Occasional flight from the grind is better than skilled specialists to keep one well, which is the sensible modern woman's reading of "that ounce of prevention."

To Keep Home Happy.
Learn to govern yourself.
Do not expect angelic qualities in your helpmate.
Beware of the first disagreement.
Also of meddlers and tale-bearers.
Never retort in anger. It is the answer which usually begins the quarrel.
Avoid moods and pets and fits of sulking.

Never conceive a bad motive if a good one be possible.
When the opportunity occurs for kind speeches make them.
Do not neglect duties which affect the comfort of others.
Remember that speech is excellent, but silence is sometimes more valuable.
Be gentle but firm with children.
Do not furnish boys and girls with too much pocket money; make them understand the value of a dollar. Do not say anything in their presence which you do not wish repeated. Beware of correcting them in an angry or petulant manner. Never allow them to stay away from home overnight without knowing where they are.



Syph bookers made in the princess form are designed of crepe de chine, with narrow lace beadings laced with ribbons. These are worn with elaborate evening toilettes. They are not always white; quite often they are made with white silk and, while scant, are elaborately trimmed.

As walking skirts are still worn short, one can afford to turn up the lower edge of the skirt where the material has been cut by wearing at least half an inch. This will make the bottom of the skirt look fresh and new and will not make the average skirt of last season too short for the present styles.

It is quite the fashion to trim the upper part of a satin empire gown with a spray of ivy leaves. This is part of the Napoleonic era in clothes. The modern ivy leaf, as it is worn today, is of black satin or velvet, usu-

ally the former. A spray of them in different sizes is worn over the right shoulder, some resting on the top of the arm. This is in keeping with the popular fashion of using a startling decoration on one arm and shoulder that is not repeated on the other.

War Against Hatpin.
A campaign against the murderous hatpin has been instituted by the newspapers of Berlin in view of a series of accidents which have already occurred during the busy period of Christmas shopping. Numbers of more or less serious injuries have been caused by these dangerous implements protruding from the huge hats of fashionable ladies. Last week a lady was permanently blinded in one eye when taking part in a rush at a "bargain sale." Two days later a lift attendant at a neighboring shop had his face so badly injured that it was necessary to take him to a hospital. Many cases of scratched faces are reported from many quarters.—London Daily Mail.

Stunning Luncheon Gown.



Broadcloth of the finest texture in a delightful shade of Copenhagen blue made the gown from which above illustration was taken and which was unusually smart in appearance. The line just above knee marks the tunic, running from back to foot of skirt in front. There is a generous train and a little bolero effect on the bodice opens over a charming chemisette of embroidered white mousseline. Black soutache braid is used on jacket and sleeves, the latter formed entirely of deep circular tucks and a band of black satin edges the jacket next the chemisette. Two black satin-covered buttons effect a closing at bust line. With this charming hat is worn a fur hat of white fox with long boa to match, the hat adorned with a gorgeous bird of paradise.

Don'ts for a Dinner.
Don't mix sets. Guests should have congenial interests.
Don't put the two brightest people together.
Don't put a man next to his wife, or on the same side of the table.
Don't have nervous maids.
Don't fall to be ready and in the drawing room five minutes before the time.
Don't confide any of your nervous anticipations to your husband.
Don't fall to overlook the table in detail before guests arrive.
Count the flat silver at each plate.
Don't allow conversation to be entirely between couples. Make it general at times.

A Valuable Tip.
Here is a tip for making the lingerie waist wear better than is its wont which is worthy of the consideration of the home dressmaker. When a quantity of insertion is used upon a blouse the lace should be reinforced with a strip of net set in under it. Any kind of wash net of good quality will answer the purpose. It can be sewn on with the lace or afterward by hand.

As to Picture Hanging.
Women who have crazy quilt walls, with the pictures hung in medley fashion all over it by invisible wires, will be interested to know that art dealers are trying to overcome the bad effect by asking permission for their men to hang the pictures, and these men will also make suggestions about other pictures

on the walls. It is no longer considered good taste to use the invisible wire, chains or heavy wire taking its place. The dealers say that as soon as people begin to use the chains or heavy wires they will immediately go to the opposite extreme and want something like a rope for a picture hanger.

The New Type.
There is the new type. The "distinguished-looking" men and women of slight build, with small heads, hands and feet, and with delicate features, are seldom met with now. They are being rapidly replaced by thick-set men and women, with massive heads, huge hands and feet, coarse-featured, and having a broad mouth with thick lips. Is it that nature is providing for the increased wear and tear of life, or that circumstances are removing those constructed on the old pattern?—London Truth.



There is a rage now for cream white suits, worn with hat and accessories of nut brown.

Mousseline voiles will be faddish this season and will be made into very stylish evening robes.

Frocks may be buttoned down the front as well as the back. Fashion has suddenly become most liberal-minded in that respect.

Bridal dresses have been chiefly remarkable during the last few months for the marvelous laces with which they have been trimmed.

The black sash, with bow and ends at the side, is worn even with the separate waist and skirt, although preferably not with the plain tailored waist.

Black velvet bonnets are flourishing in the land; big and little, simple and elaborate, but black velvet. There is also a hint of the poke in spring millinery.

The full line of the neck is shown and when the long neck is not natural the collar is placed low upon the bodice and fits well under the ears and chin.

Color embroidery on white, black, cream and ecru will be much used, as well as white on color. Most of the embroidery seen now in the shops is machine made.

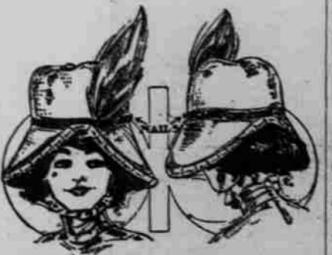
The separate waist and skirt has almost disappeared from view. The one-piece princess dress is taking its place. This princess style means curves and a waist again.

The long, tight skirt is giving way, for walking purposes, to the short, tight skirt, worn with a long and much-braided coat, the whole costume being often trimmed at hem and wrists with fur.

Employed more for evening than day wear are the deep, rich shades. The reason for this reversal of old-time custom is that these tints are so successful in setting off a beautiful neck and arms.



The Crusader's helmet is the very latest thing in millinery. Fair votaries of fashion in quest of new sensations in toilet have gone back several centuries to medieval times, borrowing the garb of monks and crusaders. The new helmet headgear, herewith pictured, is built of rough hemp straw. The crown is dyed bright green, while the brim, which is cut up alike in the back and front, is of dead black. Square, broad top and stiff cleft brim



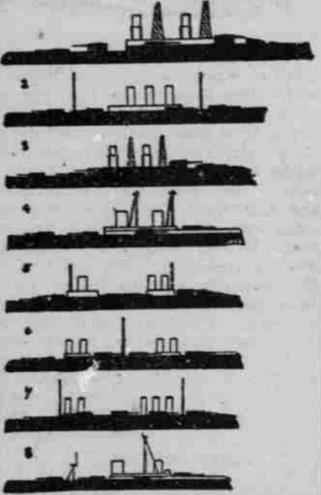
have the appearance of being held together by nails with rough finished, barbaric looking heads of iron, copper and hammered brass. Large jet cabochons sometimes take the place of the metallic heads. A fine large aigret of green rises straight up at one side of the front.

THE WORLD'S DREADNOUGHTS.

How We Compare with Other Countries in Monster Battleships.
The silhouettes, says the London Graphic, show the size of our original Dreadnought, compared with later Dreadnoughts and Super-Dreadnoughts designed for our own and foreign navies. With the Neptune we shall complete a group of eight homogeneous ships.

The Germans, like ourselves, have eight vessels in hand of one type, but of displacements rising from 17,000 to 19,000 tons. As regards their armament, it is said that they will mount twelve 11-inch-guns, eight on the center line and four in turrets placed on echelon, as in the Invincible class, so as to fire on either broadside. On the face of it this gives them a broadside of 9,120 pounds as compared with 6,800 pounds for the Dreadnought. But the bearing of the turrets on echelon is very limited and their net broadside, effective against any ship not absolutely on the beam, is 7,000 pounds.

The eight American Dreadnoughts represent three different types. The first two (Michigan) carry eight 12-inch guns on the center line, their weight of broadside being the same as the Dreadnought's, but without guns in reserve. The Delaware class (four ships) have 10 12-inch guns on the center line, with a broadside of 8,500 pounds; but the guns are so crowded that great interference is certain and their ahead and astern fire is weak.



SIZES OF DREADNOUGHTS.
1. U. S. Wyoming. 6. Italian Dante Alighieri.
2. New Japanese. 7. French Danton.
3. U. S. Delaware. 8. H. M. S. St. Vincent.
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The third class, just sanctioned, are the monsters Oklahoma and Wyoming, of 26,500 tons apiece, mounting 12 12-inch, of which 10 will fire on either broadside and two be held in reserve as in the Dreadnought.

The Japanese in their new ships of 22,000 tons (of which there are three or more building) have adopted practically the same design, though some accounts give them 14 guns, the foremost and aftermost turrets, it is said, being designed to carry three, guns each—a most unlikely arrangement.

Finally, the French, in the Danton class, of which the first ship, the Voltaire, was launched on Jan. 16, have adopted a two-caliber plan similar to our Lord Nelson and Agamemnon and the Japanese Satsuma and Aki. That is to say, in addition to four 12-inch guns in turrets fore and aft on the center line they carry 12 9.4-inch, mounted in pairs in three turrets on each broadside. Many naval officers affect a preference for this armament, but the reason is not very clear. The guns are crowded together and must interfere with each other, and, moreover, on whatever bearing the vessels fight they must always have an inordinate proportion of their armament out of action.

Why Is This Thus?
Working on the most trustworthy statistics obtainable in regard to road accidents an esteemed contemporary has figured out that the automobile is just ten times as destructive as the horse. The automobile is supposed to be entirely under the control of the driver, while the horse has a will of his own, and the inference is that a horse is more or less difficult to control for this reason. Why does not this theory work out in practice?

Turkey's Products.
Turkey's principal products are tobacco, cereals of all kinds, cotton, figs, nuts, almonds, grapes, olives and all varieties of fruits. Coffee, madder, opium and gum are largely exported. In 1900, 7,500 chests of opium, or 105,800 pounds, were sent from that country. Carpets also form an important article of export and are made on hand looms.

How busy the bounds would be if all the wolves were hunted as they deserve!

Women rule the waves of the matrimonial sea.



Novelty for Kitchen Use.

A new piece of kitchen furniture has recently been invented and is being shown, which combines the functions of the fruit press and colander with which it will be found possible to greatly simplify many of the culinary tasks. It is designed for the removal of seeds and skins from grapes, tomatoes and apples, ricing potatoes, extracting juices from fruit, smoothing laundry and a hundred other uses.

Marble Cake.
Light—One cup of sugar, half a cup each of butter and milk, the whites of three eggs, two cups of flour, one and a half teaspoons of baking powder.

Dark—Half a cup each of brown sugar and molasses, one-fourth cup each of butter and milk, two cups of flour, the yolks of three eggs, one and one-half teaspoonfuls of baking powder, three teaspoonfuls of ground mixed spices. Put the batter into the tin in alternative layers.

Corn Batter Bread.

Sift the corn meal and to a teaspoonful of it put in twice the quantity of sweet milk. One pint is a good measurement. Beat in two eggs, although you can get along with one; add half a teaspoonful of salt, and to this add the milk and meal gradually until everything is well blended. A baking dish should be ready for the batter and placed in a hot oven. It should be ready to serve in half an hour.

Omelets.

Beat two eggs, add two cups of milk, two level teaspoonfuls of corn starch, a pinch of salt, and some minced parsley. Heat the frying pan and grease it well with butter. Pour in just enough of the mixture to cover the surface of the pan, supposing your pan to be small. When the omelet has become set, roll over and serve, garnished with parsley. Pour in another until all the mixture is cooked.

Electrical Correction.

A novel cure for naughtiness and general perverseness is advocated by Dr. Elbert Landone, a noted authority on child culture. He maintains that a few shocks of electricity, judiciously applied, are the most effective means of punishment. In one instance a child of 5 years was effectually cured of obstinacy after three days' treatment by this means.

Savory Potatoes and Onions.

Layers of thinly sliced raw potatoes alternately with layers of thinly sliced onion, onion on top to prevent the potato from turning brown. Season each layer. Fill one-fourth of the baking dish with water. Put a tablespoonful of nice pork dripping in little dabs all over the top. Cover and bake for thirty minutes.

Cocoanut Candy.

Grate the meat of a cocoanut and have ready two pounds of granulated sugar and the beaten whites of two eggs, also the milk of the cocoanut. Mix them all together and make into small cakes. In a short time the candy will be sufficiently dry to eat.

Making Soap.

A correspondent asks how to make soap from waste fat that accumulates in housekeeping. The commonest and easiest method is to buy a box of the brands of concentrated lye and follow the printed directions on the label.

Apple Pudding.

One pound of baked apples strained, six ounces of butter added while hot, one-half pound of sugar, the rind and juice of two lemons. When cold add six eggs well beaten and bake in a rich crust.

Color Blindness.

About five persons in every hundred are said to be affected with color blindness, if only to a slight degree. Of the sexes, fifty men are afflicted to every four women.

Short Suggestions.

Scaling fish is easier if first dipped in boiling water.

Do not put turnips on to cook in large pieces. It only wastes fuel.

A little kerosene added to the wash water is said to make the clothes extra white.

Apples cored for baking are delicious filled with orange marmalade and a little butter and sugar.