

N. Y. FASHION HINT



The skirt of this afternoon gown is of blue taffeta with red flowers, very full, shirred; dark blue satin waist and band around skirt. Hat is Napoleonic shape from Worth, color of the roses in the skirt, with cerise velvet trimming.

MRS. VINCENT ASTOR AIDS IN COLLECTING BUNDLES FOR POOR



Mrs. Vincent Astor (photographed last week).

Mrs. Vincent Astor is taking an active part in the work of relief for the unemployed in New York city. This picture of her was taken a few days ago at the headquarters of the unemployed relief committee, where she aided in the collection and distribution of bundles for the poor.

U. S. MAILS BY AIR LINES
The Postoffice Department is planning to keep a force of 2,000 aviators at work carrying the mails. So says Second Assistant Postmaster-General Stewart.

U. S. PLANS TO BE TOURIST AGENT ON A LARGE SCALE

War Expected to Send Throng to the National Parks and Forests.
Washington.—This is expected to be the great year for "seeing America" first.
Deprived by the great war of that vacation tour of Europe, several hundred thousand Americans will proceed to get acquainted with their United States; to view peaks and gorges greater than those of the Alps; to study the Indian ruins that are older than Rome's, and to fathom the joys of Maryland fried chicken, Virginia hockeys, Portland crawfish, New Orleans shrimps, and bouillabaisse, Tennessee spon bread, Colorado mountain trout and a hundred other dishes dear to the native epicure.
The railroads are getting ready for an unprecedented tourist business much of which will be called forth by the Panama exposition at San Francisco and San Diego.
Uncle Sam is getting ready for a rush of tourists to the national parks and national forests next summer. The interior department, having

control of the fourteen national parks and the department of agriculture, having the national forests in charge, are expecting from two to three times the usual number of visitors, and are making plans accordingly.
Spend Nearly \$1,000,000,000
It is estimated by customs officials and steamship agents that during each of the last 10 years from 300,000 to 500,000 Americans have gone to Europe for the "grand tour." It is estimated that these tourists and those of alien birth who return for holidays in the fatherland, amounting in all to about 1,000,000 persons, spend outside of the United States nearly \$1,000,000,000 a year.
Government officials foresee a great impetus to the prosperity of the nation if this money can be put into circulation through an equal amount of travel in this country, and the governmental departments are trying to stimulate the tourists' business. The war department which has jurisdiction over the Panama canal zone is taking a hand in the game.
Last year there were approximately 225,000 visitors at the thirteen national parks. This year the Rocky Mountain National park in Colorado has been added by an act signed by the president last week, making a total of fourteen parks. All of these parks are located west of the Mississippi river.

Glimpses of Married Life
BY MRS. EVA LEONARD

"Nell, I have spent a whole half hour looking for a paper I left on my desk," said Dick one Sunday morning. "I wish you could bring yourself to let the stuff on my desk alone."
"I did not destroy anything," and Nell hurried to the bedroom to aid in the search. "Every paper is in the right-hand drawer. Why don't you file them away? Then you could find them."
"I bought this desk and cluttered up the bedroom with it because I could see that papers could not be piled on the library table, and—"
"Oh! even a man can see that," laughed Nell.
"Well, a man surely fails to see why he must spend half the valuable time he has for a piece of work looking for material his wife has tucked away somewhere. I wanted it right where I left it, so I could go on with my work without loss of time."
Dick was going over the papers again with his wife's help and their united efforts failed to bring it to light.
"Look in the paper basket," suggested Nell. "Papers were blowing all over the room yesterday. Your beautiful system fails to provide for airing the room, and I like my bedroom to look as neat and orderly as the living room."
"This everlasting order gets on my nerves," Dick was pawing in the basket trying to discover something that resembled the missing paper. "It is not there," he announced blithely. "I guess I made a mistake in not getting a closed desk, so I could lock it up to prevent its being dusted, and then perhaps I could keep my important papers."
"I surely wish you had; it would have been easier for me. I am held responsible for papers I haven't touched. You have a clutter of all sizes and colors of papers, many of them loose, on top of your desk. They get brushed off, blown off, and destroyed, and as I am the only one

in the house, I did it. That desk surely is a trial. Move it out and look behind it," she suggested, as Dick plumped the basket down on the floor after the unsuccessful search.
"It is so heavy I can't move it to clean behind it."
"That's fortunate. I'll rig up a secret pocket back there where you can't molest things."
"Now, see here, Dick Morton," Nell turned on him with flashing eyes.
"There, there, keep your shoes on, dear," he interrupted patronizingly. "It's my turn to be up in the air, for I am the one inconvenienced. We mustn't both fly the track at once, you know. It delays traffic too much."
"Oh, here's the blooming thing. I had tumbled down behind the desk."
"The country's saved," said Nell, fervently.
"And the honor of the lady of the house is vindicated," added Dick.
"Now, Dick, I think even you will see that some different arrangement must be made about your papers." She was straightening the disordered room. This place looks as if it had been visited by a tornado.
"You always say 'even you can see' as if I had the worst eyesight in the world," laughed Dick.
"You have, when it comes to taking in disorder. Some men," she added with impressive emphasis, "are orderly about their desks, but you make so much work for me."
"Is thy servant a dog, that he should do this thing?" said Dick, rolling up his eyes.
Nell laughed a little in spite of herself, but added, returning to her judicial air: "There's always a right way to do things."
"How platitudinous!" exclaimed Dick in a tone that always closed the conversation as far as Nell was concerned.
"Now I am open to suggestions, but I don't agree to follow them," announced Dick, after a pause during which order had been restored.
"Why don't you clear out the wide front drawer for papers you are working on? They will be out of the dust and all ready to go to work on without any delay. Any special little paper might be slipped under the big blotting pad to be kept separate."
"Great head," he said, patting the pretty breakfast cap and kissing her. "Now, I have hindered you long enough; run on to your dishes," and he seated himself at his desk.



Oh! even a man can see that.

PLAYS HARP TO AID FRENCH IN TRENCHES



Miss Merry Wall, the talented young harpiste of New York, is making use of her talents to aid French soldiers in the trenches. In Vanderbilt hotel the other day she played her harp while millionaire society women knitted socks for the soldiers. The knitters declared the music made the work go faster.

break into it three or four eggs, according to quantity of veal. When eggs are cooked, stir into it a spoonful of butter and serve quickly. If to your taste, shake in a little parsley. This is fine as a change from beef hash.
Deviled Liver—Boil one pound liver until firm enough to cut easily; then grate it very fine, add one cup bacon cut fine, yolks of two eggs, one teaspoon each of salt, pepper, lemon juice and chopped parsley; add one cup stale bread crumbs and cream to moisten. Steam about an hour. Fine, and a very cheap, nourishing dish.
Liver Smothered in Onions—Fry liver and onions in separate frying pans. When done add a very little bit of vinegar to onions—just enough to give a tart taste. Then arrange pieces of liver on platter and cover with fried onions. Delicious and not expensive.
German Stewed Liver—Cut one pound liver in dice, add one small onion cut up, three or four bay leaves, one raw potato in cubes, salt and pepper to taste. Cover with water, set on stove to simmer slowly. When almost tender add vinegar to taste. While this is cooking put flour enough to thicken it into a frying pan and color it an even brown. Add this to the broth and stir quickly to make it smooth.
Vegetable Salad—One can wax beans, one can small red beets; slice beets and arrange in center of long shallow dish with beans around edge. Pour salad dressing over all and garnish with hard-boiled eggs sliced.
SODA HOMINY
One gallon shelled corn, one box soda, water. Place corn in kettle and soda over it; water to cover. Let boil until hulls and eyes loosen. Wash it a number of times to get hulls and eyes out. Use soft water as much as possible.

Household Hints

SEWING SUGGESTIONS
The position of the needlewoman is very important.
Place the small of the back to the back of the chair, the feet on the floor or foot rest and the arms free at the side. Hold the work up, getting the light over the left shoulder, if concentrated.
It is often puzzling to find out the lengthwise and crosswise of the material.
The warp threads run lengthwise and are the strongest. The woof threads run crosswise and form the selvage. They were originally the filling threads.
You can distinguish between them by pulling the material.
A lengthwise thread tears with difficulty and stands out more clearly and appears straighter than the crosswise or woof threads.
Plain sewing advances from right to left and embroidery from left to right.
UP-TO-DATE RECIPES
Meatless Vegetable Soup—Three medium-sized potatoes, three medium-sized carrots, one large onion, one bunch celery or half teaspoon celery salt, half cup well-washed rice. Cover vegetables with boiling water; when they are boiling hard add rice and cook until vegetables are tender. Season. When ready to serve add good-sized lump of butter.
Nut Parsnip Stew—Wash, scrape and slice thin two good-sized parsnips; cook until perfectly tender in two quarts water. When nearly done add one teaspoon salt and when thoroughly done add one tablespoon flour mixed smooth with a little cold water. Stir well and boil until flour is well cooked, then stir in one-half cup nut meat. Heat to boiling point and serve at once.
Egged Veal Hash—Chop fine remnants of cold roast veal. Moisten with gravy or water; when hot,

The Camera Today.
Thirty years ago a camera was a rarity, says the World's Work. The enthusiast who possessed one carried a mountain of traps afield and smothered in a tent during his tedious manipulation of the wet plates. Last year the United States alone made 300,000 cameras, working with the mere pressure of a bulb or button, and the photographic business reached the respectable commercial total of \$20,000,000.
Balloasted with Gold.
A section of the Canadian Northern Railway running northwest from Sudbury and crossing at Vermilion river, is unique in that it is ballasted with gold. Every yard of the gravel used for ballast has been found to contain from 50 cents' worth to a dollar's worth of the precious metal, in the shape of fine dust.
A New Jersey inventor has patented a method of treating wood to produce a substitute for cork, in which he seeks to remove all acid from the wood and then impregnates the wood with a solution of glycerin and water, after which it is dried for use.
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