

Facts, Fads and Fancies Up to the Minute.

ACTIVITIES IN THE WORLD OF WOMEN

Things of Interest That Women Are Doing.

WEDDING INVITATIONS MEAN "PLEASE REMIT"

Perverse Postoffice Clerks Don't Realize That Straying of Little Stereotyped Notice May Mean Not Only Severing of Happy Relationships Between Two Families, but Also Loss to Bride and Groom of a Valuable Gift.

That large numbers of wedding invitations fail to reach their destination whenever a wedding of great social importance occurs is a tradition which has served to get many a bride, and many a bride's family, out of a tight place, and to modify many a hurt or irate individual of the socially inferior class in the snobbish sense of the term, who have received no engraved request to lend to the occasion the influence of his or her presence.

Such a stir has been caused by the failure of a barrel or so of invitations to the Middle-Duke wedding, of interest in New York and other delphin societies, to be delivered that an investigation is demanded of the Philadelphian postmaster to determine who should be blamed.

An avalanche of wedding invitations may appear to busy postoffice clerks as a silly manifestation of ostentatious ways of the socially superior and spectacular, that deserve no encouragement alongside of the honest efforts of the proprietor of an efficacious pill to put suffering humanity in the way of getting relief by sending one million circulars through the mail. But the professional is wrong in his estimate of the relative importance of the pill prospectus, with its promise of health and happiness, and the simple stereotyped notice that the recipient is deemed a fit person to be on hand when the marriage takes place, and is one whose gift will be no affront to the contracting parties.

There is also to be considered the economic importance of the wedding invitation. That is a matter concerning which the postoffice clerks may not be fully informed. They are not, as a class, realize that one wedding invitation lost or checked

into the waste basket may mean not only the sundring of happy relationships between the members of two families or clans, but also the loss to the bride and bridegroom of anything from a slender salad fork to a touring car with artillery wheels and a nose as long as that of Cyranus de Bergerac, in proportion to its body.

That the wedding invitation is in the social world, tantamount to the "please remit" of the business world is a matter which cannot be too loudly dimmed into the ears of the socially uninitiated who handle solicitously, carelessly, the missives committed to their care.

It is customary at fashionable weddings to employ a detective or a corps of detectives, to guard the swing displayed as a proof of the bride's popularity, plus the social prominence of the two families involved in the alliance. The wedding invitation is the means by which the glittering array of articles of value is secured. It is no small matter, from a purely business point of view, to mislay an invitation which might not only reassure the recipient as to his social position, but might also net the bride a chest of silver or a set of mahogany furniture.

When both the social and commercial importance of the wedding invitation come to be better understood by federal employees letters will be furnished to the recipient. Then if one doesn't receive an invitation one will know that one was not wanted, even at the price of a handsome present, to be sticking around at the time of the ceremony or appearing conspicuously at the reception as an undesirable guest in terms of intimacy with the bride and groom and their families.—Louisville Courier-Journal

MISS MARY L. JOBE OF THE ALPINE CLUB



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NEW YORK, May 8.—Miss Mary L. Jobe, a Brooklyn institute lecturer, has been elected fellow of the Royal Geographical Society of London and member of the American Alpine club. She is a veteran of several exploring expeditions into the Selkirk mountains and British Columbia and was one of two women who, with Professor Herbert Parker, highest mountain in that range.

She spent some time studying the "Carrier" tribe of the Athabaskan Indians along the Peace river, covering 100 miles on foot and accompanied only by two Indian guides.

Little Hints.

Instead of setting things in the oven to await the late comers, and having them dry up and be unfit to eat, cover them closely and set them in a pan of hot water on top of the stove, to steam.

If you are baking a cake which is needed in a hurry, sprinkle granulated sugar and powdered cinnamon or nutmeg over the top of the batter before baking it. A delicious crust will form, and it will not need frosting.

When adding milk to mashed potatoes, always have it heated. The potatoes will be light and creamy.

Spring Greens.

When cooking greens this spring try this method: After cleaning them thoroughly put them in a large pan and pour over them a kettle of boiling water in which half a teaspoonful of soda has been dissolved. Drain this off, put them in the kettle and cook them as usual. The seeping takes away the sometimes strong and unpleasant flavor.

THE TONIC YOUR CHILD NEEDS

Good Thoughts Help Bring Good Looks, Woman Speaker Said.

Last spring you were worried sick over your children's sudden languor, and when Mary grew peevish and restless, and Johnny's appetite failed, and little Ethel became pale, with shiftless eyes, you said: "Oh, they all need a tonic!" And straightaway you rushed to a drug store and bought a large bottle of patent medicine. You then proceeded to make them more miserable by upsetting their stomachs with what was probably a lot of highly concentrated toxins.

"What they needed was Nature's tonic—air, and lots of play in the open—drama," they were. "Too busy with their school work" to have had enough of it during the school year, you should have seized upon their vacation as your golden opportunity.

Let me urge you not bring your child during the vacation if you can possibly avoid it. If he must, at least

let his work be something that he can enjoy, and let him have a part of the summer or a large part of each day entirely free for outdoor play.

Many of the ailments of school children, especially frequent colds, are due to lack of exercise and fresh air, day and night. Delicate children will not exercise by themselves. It is important that you surround them with play spirit in your children, and when there is no suitable playmate the parent should take part. Games should be selected that will bring into action all the muscles of the body, and not one set at the expense of another. The bones of the chest in growing children are pliable and easily yield to exercise. Teach your children to take long breaths, so that every part of the lungs may be filled with fresh, pure air. Always correct your children for faulty position in standing and sitting.

Objectionable Odors Removable.

The fishy smell on knives and forks after salmon and other fish have been served may be easily removed by rubbing them with a slice of lemon. To remove the odor of onions from the breath, eat parsley; to take it off the hands, rub them with celery. To make a pleasant household deodorizer pour spirits of lavender over bicarbonate of ammonia. Then put it into a wide-mouthed bottle and cover tightly when not in use. When you wish to use it, merely open the bottle and let it remain open a few minutes. It is also good to inhale when one has a headache. If you like to have the odor of violets about your clothing, put a goodsize piece oforris root in the holder when holding the clothes and a delicate perfume will result. Milk, butter and flour should be kept at a distance from all undesirable odors, as few things absorb more readily than these foods.

Tomatoes With Spaghetti and Macaroni.

As spring vegetables come on the market new ways of preparing them for the table are in demand. When tomatoes become common enough to be preferred cooked, try stuffing them as follows:

Wipe and cut a thin slice from the stem end of each tomato. Remove the pulp, leaving a thin shell. Cook two tablespoons of butter with one tablespoon of finely chopped onion until delicately browned. Add the tomato pulp, and bits of finely chopped cold meat or venison with a half cup of bread crumbs and salt and pepper to taste. Cook five minutes, add a beaten egg and fill the mixture into the tomato shells. Cover with buttered crumbs and bake in a hot oven fifteen minutes. Leftover spaghetti or macaroni may be used for filling if desired. In this case omit the egg and use the tomato pulp for soup or sauce.

To Keep Hair From Falling Out.

Writing to a daily paper, an eastern woman says: "To stop the hair from falling out and cure dandruff, put a tablespoonful of flour or sulphur in a quart bottle of rainwater; let stand until the sulphur settles to the bottom of the bottle, then use the water to wash the scalp two or three times each week. You can wet the tips of your fingers and rub the scalp and not wet your hair if you so prefer. There will be no odor of sulphur, as it seems to be deodorized when it settles."

"A CHILD SHALL LEAD THEM"

How a Street Car Fend Reached a Happy Climax.

The car was crowded with tired workers making home. There were women who had to stand while men occupied seats. The weary faces told why fatigue had conquered bravely.

Then a very young and very portly mother carrying a very small baby got on the car. She pushed her way through the stragglers with baby gleamed. Almost instantly the young mother was offered a seat. Baby was offered the seat shook his watch chain in front of the baby's eyes. Baby yawned gleefully and reached out a tiny hand to grasp the "pretty." A young woman stepped from her strap, started to chuck baby's chin and then stopped as if she were afraid. The mother might object. But the mother only smiled. The glory of her child was reflected on her.

But her triumph was soon over. Another very young mother, especially proud of her very small baby, boarded the car and actually accepted a seat right beside the other mother and baby. This baby was charming, too, and her gables entranced the passengers as much as the other one had done. The fickle man with the watch chain twisted it for her benefit, too. The young woman who started to chuck the first baby under the chin flashed a diamond ring for the edification of the passengers.

All this was not lost on the first mother and the smiles left her face. The other mother sensed her hostility and turned her back. It looked like another demonstration of that frequent and humiliating experience of "having your nose put out of joint."

But the babies had never heard that noses had joints. They looked at each

other as at a new wonder of the world, one of them put out a wobbly fist and touched the other. The other baby smiled and grasped the hand of her contemporary. Then they conversed in their own language.

The passengers smiled, some of them audibly. The two slightly portly mothers turned and saw their children obediently making by slowly a simple tremble on the lips of the first mother, she leaned over and fingered the material on the other baby's dress. The mother responded and soon they were discussing clothes and other matters important to mothers of almost brand new babies.—Kansas City Star

Asparagus Soup

Asparagus soup is both delicate and delightful. Put two dozen asparagus stalks in boiling salted water, just enough to cover, with a small onion, a few sprigs of parsley and a dash of celery. Cover closely and cook 20 minutes or half an hour until tender. Take out the asparagus with a skimmer and strain the water from the other vegetables. Press the asparagus through a sieve strainer and return the water in which it was cooked. Make a white sauce by cooking together one heaping tablespoonful of butter and a level tablespoonful of flour, stir smooth, add the asparagus and water. Allow it to boil a few minutes, then add a half pint of cream or milk and season delicately with salt, white pepper and a grating of nutmeg or tablespoonful of lemon juice, as preferred. Do not

Hints for the Household

White silk lace should be washed very carefully in a lukewarm soda, with a little borax or ammonia in it. Then soak it in half a pint of milk with a little gum arabic dissolved in it, squeeze out, pull into shape and roll up in a towel until dry.

A delicious fish and gratin is made by buttering a pie dish and placing in it as many fillets of white fish as will fill it without plating one on the other. Sprinkle the fish with salt, pepper and nutmeg; then squeeze lemon juice over it, cover with butter and bake in a quick oven. Sprinkle parsley over the fish when served.

A delicious dish for children is English frypan, made of one quart of cracked wheat, cooked until clear and soft. Add a quart of milk and cook again until it is as thick as cream. Take it off the fire, add sugar, nutmeg and washed currants (which have been previously cooked) and the beaten yolks of two eggs.

After washing a bowl of starch do not throw away what remains of the mixture. Place it on one side, and when the starch has settled pour off the clear water. Place the basin in an oven for a few minutes, and when it is taken out the starch will be found in a hard cake, which can be put away ready for use another time.

When it is necessary to iron a rough dry garment at once, try this method: Dampen it, roll tight, wrap in a cloth and then in paper, and put it into the oven while the irons are heating. Evaporation will cause it to be thoroughly dampened in a very few minutes, but care must be taken that the oven is not hot enough to scorch the things.

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