

WOMAN

IN HOME AND STATE

Problems, measures and events of interest to her as mother, home maker and citizen.

Let Men Set the Example

One of the recent reports that cause us to pause a moment to reflect is that of the American Engineering Council on the elimination of waste from the men's clothing industry.

The committee holds that fully forty per cent of the amount spent by the men of the country for clothing could be saved if there were fewer styles. The wide variety of designs gives rise to so-called seasonal employment, and idleness at other seasons. Moreover, it accounts for the great amount of made-to-order clothing worn by men.

The suggestion is of course strong that in women's wear a similar saving might be effected if styles and designs are thus greatly reduced in number. The suggestion is not a happy one, even though it might mean the saving of some hundreds of millions of dollars per year. Nor are we satisfied, even in our own minds, that our reasons are "good and sufficient."

Prospective Guests Alarmed

A fine point in international etiquette is being raised in connection with the coming conference for the limitation of armaments. The question is whether the American hotel, which is to be the headquarters of the French delegation, is to be regarded as extra-territorial, as are the foreign embassies in our national capital.

If the hotel in question is regarded as extra-territorial, it will mean that the laws of France, not those of the United States, will be in effect within its walls. In particular, it means that the members of the French delegation will be permitted to use wines and other liquors, which would otherwise be unlawful in America. It seems to be regarded as a really important point by our French visitors owing to their belief that ice water is harmful to their digestions.

Mouse Parts Man and Wife

The divorce evil is growing constantly more serious according to reports from the large cities. The pretexts that are used—upress imagination and are apparently becoming more frivolous.

A new one was presented recently by a woman in Chicago. She testified that her husband had placed a live mouse in her bed for the purpose of frightening her. She did not claim that he had expected the little animal to injure her in any manner. Rather his motive was admitted to be sportive, as he appeared to regard the matter in the light of a joke. The wife was unable to take this view of the affair. Instead she went into court with the direful story; and a sympathetic judge decided that it was a case which justified the disruption of the home.

Mobilizing For Peace

As this is written, it is known that the plan of the National League of Women Voters for the observance of the opening of the great conference at Washington for the limitation of armaments is being considered seriously by President Harding.

The plan provides that the president shall issue a proclamation calling upon the churches of the country of all denominations to open their doors for a half hour on November 11 at the exact moment of the convening of the conference at Washington; and that the president shall prepare a brief message to be read in every church at that time calling attention to the momentous character of the great event and urging upon all Christian people their obligation to render such help as they are able in

bringing the conference to a successful conclusion.

England Raises Womanhood

In England a new law is in process of enactment that will alter greatly the legal standing of woman.

It provides that a wife shall inherit the property of a husband dying without a will just as a husband now inherits the property of a wife in the same circumstances; that a mother may inherit the property of her dead son or daughter who has left no will, just as the father may at present; and that in case both parents are alive, the legacy from a child shall be divided equally between them instead of its all going to the father as is the case now.

The new statute will add another to the list of nations wherein women are given better treatment than in our own as to these particular matters.

Strange Chinese Reasoning

Two women in China are reported to have had a quarrel a short time ago. One was the former empress dowager, and the other the mother of the former boy emperor. When it was over, the latter calmly preceded to commit suicide.

It seems that the young man was the cause of the trouble. He has not been sufficiently respectful of late to the dowager empress. He has neglected certain court ceremonies and has positively refused to permit the dowager to select his wife for him. He has, in fact, been showing an alarming tendency to adopt the ways of the young men of the despised western nations. The case was so bad that there was simply nothing for his mother to do after the facts were established but to commit suicide.

Ability the Great Standard

The United Kingdom has set up another mark for the United States to shoot at.

When that nation elected Lady Astor to its Parliament, ours responded by the election of Miss Alice Robertson to the United States Congress. Now England leads off again by the election of a second woman to her Parliament. Mrs. Margaret Wintringham has been elected to the House of Commons as the successor of her late husband. Women of her district of course took a hand in the campaign. Yet it is known that she was not elected because of her sex but because she was believed by men and women alike to be the person best fitted for the place.

A Port of Wandering Boys

The medical colleges are complaining that it is becoming increasingly difficult to secure a supply of human bodies for dissection purposes in their classes. In fact the difficulty is so great that several of these institutions have nearly given up in despair and are trying to think of some way to eliminate this disagreeable feature from their courses of study.

The strange turn that the situation has taken is that certain officials of medical colleges are attributing the shortage of bodies to the prohibition amendment; and this is actually being urged in some quarters as an argument for its repeal.

The Problems of HOME AND FAMILY

A Talk with our Wives, Mothers, and Sisters

A Lesson from Teachers

In all our work with our children, we do nothing else so important as the fixing in their minds of the ideals which are to lead them through all the years of their later life.

We need to see more clearly the utter futility of trying to fix ideals in juvenile minds by lecturing, preaching or scolding. The truth is that children do not take their ideals from grown-ups in any such manner. In general, all the laborious efforts of this sort of all the

ages of the past may be put down as so much wasted breath.

There are certain good teachers who know a secret that parents have missed; namely, that ideals may be planted in children's minds by means of stories, provided these stories are not spoiled in the telling. These teachers have two rules. One is to create the most intense interest possible at the particular point in the story where the ideal is shown at work; and the other is to pause as the child's mind meets it. In this moment of silence, when interest is at a high pitch, the mysterious work is often accomplished; and henceforth the ideal will be found actually guiding the child's thoughts and controlling his actions.

It may be true that ideals can not be imparted "by rule of thumb." Yet the foregoing procedure seems very often to achieve the desired end. Moreover, parents, and especially mothers, can use it with telling effect in the training of their little ones. In any case, they should give more attention than they do to storytelling; and if they would learn to add the master touch of the skillful teacher described above, they would doubtless find their efforts to fix high ideals in the minds of their children surprisingly increased in effectiveness.

Housewife's Corner

A random record of helpful suggestions for busy homemakers

Fruit Puffs

Sift together one pint flour, two teaspoonsful baking powder, one-half teaspoonful salt, then stir in sweet milk to form a thick batter. Put a tablespoonful batter into teacups until half the batter is used, place on it a spoonful of any canned or preserved fruit, without the juice, add one tablespoonful batter on top of fruit in each cup; set in steamer and steam until done. Serve with sauce.

Butter Candy

Boil together two cups of water, one cup syrup, two tablespoonsful hot water, one tablespoonful vinegar. When the mixture threads or becomes brittle in cold water, remove from the stove and add two generous tablespoonsful butter. Pour into buttered tins to cool.

To Remove Paint Spots

Try equal parts of ammonia and spirits of turpentine on the paint spots and see how quickly the spots will disappear. This may be applied to old or new spots.

Repairing Hot Water Bottle

Adhesive tape will repair a leaking rubber hot water bottle. Place a piece of tape over the broken spot, allowing it to dry or harden on, then place another piece of tape over the first piece, continuing until three or four thicknesses have been applied, when the hot water bottle will be as good as new.

In making lemonade try to put the lemon, rind and all, through the food chopper. It gives the lemonade a flavor you will like.

Put the pineapple through the food chopper. It is far better and easier than grating it or shredding it with a fork. Put a pan under the chopper to catch the juice and there is no waste.

The juice of half a lemon in a cup of hot water on first arising in the morning is an excellent liver corrective and successful substitute for calomel and other drugs.

Lemon juice and olive oil, equal parts, are superior to vinegar for salad dressing.

Take slices of ham and put in a dish. Cover with milk. Let stand an hour. Then cook. Most of the salt will fall to the bottom, leaving only enough to flavor the ham nicely.

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