

WOMAN'S SPHERE

Cushions Adapted to All Moods

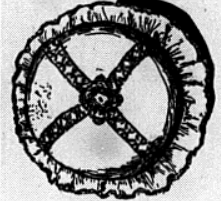
MANY STYLES IN THESE ESSENTIAL COMFORTS.

Probably the Most Desirable Are Those Made of Washable Materials—Forms of Embroidery That Make Pretty Decorations.

Cushions of one sort or another are essential comforts, luxuries. The sybarite knows full well that there are cushions to suit varying moods. Among them are relentless hair-stuffed ones which spur the idle to deeds of great endeavor, and there are cushions downy and luxurious to the touch adapted for restful, idle moments following strenuous days and gayeties of the night before, that soothe and calm.

Again, there are cushions for the floor, for chairs, headrests, divans, window seats, daintily scented ones for bedroom couches, hand-painted ones for drawing rooms, and severe, sedate affairs of leather for the library. There is a certain class of pillows that appeal to boys; another in which young girls delight; and, as for the inmates of the nursery, there is a

nursery wall paper. Mary with her little lamb, barn yard scenes, besides the picturesque Kate Greenway scenes that have never been equaled by others captivate childish fancies. There is nothing more rich or stiller than the velvet cushion, plain or relieved by some simple form of decoration. Cushions of striped velvet are new and obtainable in many very effective color schemes. These are



Rich Oriental Embroidery.

especially pretty in the new circular shape, and, of course, do not require any ornamentation.

Cushions requiring little work are those tinted then outlined with the kind and short stitch.

This style of cushion is in a class by itself, but really more desirable from a sanitary point of view are those of washable materials. These are of fine linen hand-embroidered, linette delicacies with their softly tinted slips, coarse linen variously treated with odd grades of silk and cotton thread, worked in all sorts of handwork. Brodieres, drawn work, inset with lace, Plie, Cluny Valenciennes, overlaid with heavy faces coherent motifs or worked in any of the fashionable embroidery patterns. Brodieres are especially liked for their simple effective beauty, are all included in the effective means of decorating.



Of Hand-Drawn Linen.

score of the dearest, quaint little ones which, in some cases match the

Novel Ideas in Entertainments

"Artist" Luncheon a Pleasing Form of Entertainment.

There were six art students who had been together for several years and this luncheon was given one of the party on the eve of her departure for Europe.

The centerpiece was a plaster cast of "Psyche" and the candle sticks were of china in the shape of tall white columns. The name cards were on little easels and each was decorated with a tiny water-color sketch. Candy shaped palettes were the bonuses with natural little dabs of colored candy paint.

A beautiful sketch book was given the guest of honor in which each friend had written a sentiment and made a tiny thumb nail drawing.

A "Fifth" Party.

The invitations were issued in the usual way for an evening party. When the guests had arrived they were informed that 50 articles had been lost within the confines of the rooms. A list of the missing objects was furnished each person. A reward was offered for four different things: a silver spoon, gold thimble, a brass tray and a lace handkerchief.

A half hour was allowed for the search, and such fun—finally everything was brought to light except the lace handkerchief which was at last traced to the folds of the white curtains. Some of the articles hidden were tiny wooden boxes filled with bon-bons, toys, an orange, apple, piano (toy one), a baby (doll), clothes pin, etc.

Progressive Candy Jack Straws.

Provide a quarter of a pound of twisted candy sticks known as "opera" sticks in most colors and there must be a different color for each table, four at a table. A pair of candy toys must be in readiness for each player and a box for containing the sticks designed in advance. The game is to see how many sticks may be withdrawn from the pile without breaking or throwing the pile into confusion. Progressions are made and the score kept.

Prizes are awarded consisting of candy cones, pipes, cigarettes, etc. for the men, and fancy candy favors for the girls. Children enjoy this entertainment and eating the sticks was permissible.

To Announce an Engagement.

The bride-elect had lived in the community all her life, so this manner of telling the world of the important event in her life was a very pretty way of making the announcement.

Her sister, who was married, invited ten of the girl's most intimate friends to a luncheon, and there was nothing unusual in the preparations to indicate the announcement forthcoming. When the coffee was served in the drawing room, the hostess said she had a short original story to read to which she thought the guests would be interested.

Then followed a cleverly written resume of the girl's life from babyhood under an assumed name.

As the events were related light began to dawn, but no one said a word until the story was finished, then congratulations were in order and a silver loving cup was passed, in which was some rare old wine, only used to drink the health of some member of the family on the occasion of a great event in their lives. Some of this sparkling liquor had been used when the mother of the bride-elect was married and at the christening of the baby daughter. The bride's health would be drunk at the wedding and then the rare old product would be put away to await the next important family event.

MADAME MERRILL.

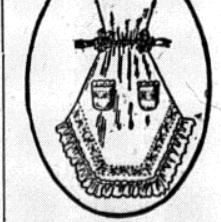
PRETTY AND DAINY APRON.

Made from Straight Length of Linen and Shirred.

Dainty aprons are once more worn by "mildly" as well as by her maid, owing to the demands of chaffing dish and fancy work. A unique work apron that draws up into a bag and which is a pretty departure from the one of



Plan of Non-Slipping Ladder.



and may be made by fastening a piece of board to the bottom. The board should be about three feet long and eight inches wide, and should be unglued on the lower side. An old, weather-beaten hemlock board makes the best footing. It should be fastened at an angle so as to lie flat upon the floor. It may be nailed firmly in place, but generally it is better to fasten it with a pair of strong strap hinges. It will not slip upon the smoothest and hardest barn floor.

Early Rhubarb.

A pleasing profit may be derived from the sale of rhubarb in the early spring if a little extra attention is given the plants. After the ground is thoroughly frozen, mulch the plants with a good layer of coarse stable manure, which may remain until absorbed by the ground. When the buds appear, cover the plants with kegs, barrels or boxes, having first removed the tops and bottoms. Take these off occasionally to allow the stalks to harden, and in a short time you will be ready to supply the always strong demand for early vegetables.

ROAD AND FARM IMPROVEMENT

GOOD ROADS.

Progress Which the Movement is Making Throughout the Country.

Throughout the country, especially in rural districts, the demand for information as to the best methods of road construction is steadily growing, where people are willing to expend money on mending their highways. Owing to the increasing lack of organization, money is frequently wasted. In some counties well able to support a system of good roads, little work is done owing to lack of knowledge. It is in such cases that the work of the office of public roads is proving of signal value. The department does not undertake the construction of roads, which can and should be the work of counties within the states, but the educational value of employing experts in the construction of sections of improved roads in different parts of the country has been fully demonstrated, says the Journal of Agriculture. Expert advice on road construction has been given and experimental field work carried on, and, wherever possible, observations are being constructed for the purpose of illustrating the best methods of road building. The local authorities furnish material, common labor, teams and fuel, the office of public roads supplying supervising engineers and, in some cases, part or all of the machinery. During the past year 17 roads were built in 11 states, representing a wide diversity in character and construction and kinds of material used. Much has been done by the office in developing the use of sand clay and burnt clay for roads in areas of the country where no stone is available. Methods of rendering roads dustless have been investigated. Tests were also made with Texas oil and its effect on earth and macadam roads. After more than seven months of road work was found in excellent condition. Co-operation with the postoffice department has been begun, in order to facilitate rural delivery by improvement of country roads. The plan, approved by the secretary of agriculture and the postmaster general, provides that when a road upon which a rural route has been or is about to be established is reported by the carrier or inspector to be impassable or in bad repair, the office of public roads shall be at once advised of the fact through the postoffice, and an engineer-inspector will be detailed to examine the road and give necessary advice to the local officials.

During the year 384 samples were received at the road laboratory for routine tests, of which number 274 were samples of rock intended for macadam road building. Studies of the decomposition of various kinds of rock under the action of water, undertaken to determine reasons for the quality of binding power in macadam-road materials, has brought to light some interesting facts.

LADDER THAT WON'T SLIP.

Easily Fixed by Attaching Piece of Rough Hemlock Board to Bottom.



Plan of Non-Slipping Ladder.

When it is desired to use a ladder where there is any possibility of its slipping, as, for instance, upon a smooth barn floor, it should be so constructed that it will not slip. In the American Agriculturist. A pair of sharp spikes properly driven into the lower end will prevent its slipping, and is, perhaps, the simplest method. But this will not do, as such a ladder will injure a floor. A ladder which is free from this objection is shown in the illustration.

TO FARM SUCCESSFULLY.

Observation and Forethought Are Absolutely Necessary.

A man to be a successful farmer must be a close observer, must have a practical education and understand how to keep up the fertility of his soil. He must study the nature of it and know what crops to plant on different fields. The farmer should first plan his work ahead. It is then necessary for him to personally oversee it. I know, writes a correspondent of Farmers' Review, from three to five years ahead what crop I am going to put in certain fields. I believe in planting crops. For instance, I first put in corn, then some small grain, then clover, or pasture, and so on. I never awaken in the morning not knowing what I am going to do that day, weather permitting. I have my work planned days and sometimes weeks ahead.

When I am doing my spring plowing I invariably have a lot of measure sent to the field with each team. Hence, as I say, we must feed the soil, else it won't feed us. On keeping up the fertility depends the success or failure of agriculture. The clever farmer must be a thinker. The time is past for haphazard farming. Some farmers laugh at science in farming, but how many thousands upon thousands of dollars are being thrown away year after year, simply because they do not know whether they are or are not buying and feeding their soil with the properties it needs. My observation is that the average farmer plows too much and sells too much—simply sells his farm by piecemeals.

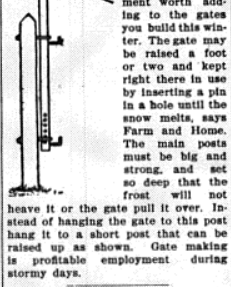
Some will say that they have not the land to rotate or keep stock. Better have one acre that will make 30 bushels of corn than four that make 20. Why? Because it can be done with one-quarter the work. It is also advisable to keep the better grade of stock rather than serve the market. The largest portion of your grain and hay on your farm and return it in the way of manure to your land. Avoid throwing it out in the drip of the barn. Let it lie till plowing time. Cover one acre two years in succession and you will undoubtedly make more on that acre than you would on four without the manure.

Make it a point to attend every meeting of your Grange. Put in part of your time in cleaning up your fence rows and make it a point to have a nice, shady lawn, endeavoring to make your home the most attractive in your neighborhood. Your friends, your families and yourselves will have solved the problem of how to keep the boys on the farm.

HANDY SNOW GATE.

It Can Be Raised Up Above the Level of the Packed Snow.

Gates are "monstrous hands" on the farm, but they are troublesome in deep snow.



Mark Twain's Next Answer.

Eugene Ware, of Topeka, recently wrote to Mark Twain: "I picked up your last volume. I read it clear through from cover to cover; it was like a bob-tailed fush. I could not lay it down." From No. 21 Fifth avenue, New York city, Mr. Clemens answered back as follows: "Dear Mr. Ware: I am an old brain-bound, copper-retired, free-assayed Presbyterian, with 71 years' experience in unworidliness, and I don't understand your metaphor, but I know it was intended as a compliment and I make it cordially welcome."

FARM FACTS.

It costs food to get an animal in good condition.

Bedding makes the manure much more valuable and makes the horses look better.

Every pound of feed above the actual maintenance is profit. Simple maintenance is nothing.

Some folks say the hogs do not know anything. Just let their regular meal-time go by and see if they do not.

The sheep never dies in debt to his owner, says the Southern Plumber, and that is more than can be said of many cows.

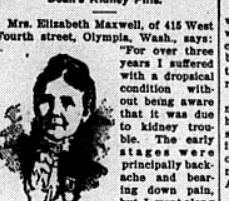
Give the colts a chance. Thrifty yearlings should grow one hand taller this winter; but they won't do better.

A kicking horse will be cured by hanging up an old sheep pelt behind it in the stall and letting the animal kick till it get sick and tired of it.

Automobile and Dust. Much complaint has been heard in France during the past summer on account of the excessive dustiness of the otherwise admirable roads. This is ascribed mainly to the increasing use of automobiles. It is asserted, says Youth's Companion, that houses and churches in the suburbs and garden grounds have been rendered virtually uninhabitable by the clouds of dust raised by passing automobiles, and even garden plants have been seriously damaged by the constant carpet of dust spread over them. It seems to be agreed that the remedy is not to be sought through any change in the structure, or the speed, of automobiles, but through some treatment of the roadways tending to keep down the dust. Tarring the roads is strongly recommended, the use of petroleum being practiced in Europe on account of its great cost in America.

BLOATED WITH DROOPY.

The Heart Was Badly Affected When the Patient began Using Doan's Kidney Pills.



Mrs. Elizabeth Maxwell, of 415 West Fourth street, Olympia, Wash., says: "For over three years I suffered with a dropsical condition without being aware that it was due to kidney trouble. The early stages were principally backache and bearing down pain, but I went along without worrying much until dropsy set in. My feet and ankles swelled up, my hands puffed and became so tense I could hardly close them. I had great difficulty in breathing, and my heart would flutter with the least exertion. I could not walk far without stopping again and again to rest. Since using four boxes of Doan's Kidney Pills the bloating has gone down and the feelings of distress have disappeared." Sold by all dealers. 50 cents a box. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

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We frequently fall into error and folly, not because the true principles of action are not known, but because for the time they are not remembered.

STATE OF OHIO, CITY OF TOLEDO, ss. I, JAMES J. GILBERT, being one of the senior partners of the firm of F. J. CHESTNUT & CO., do hereby certify that the within and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original of the same as the same is on file in my office.

Witness my hand and seal this 10th day of December, A. D. 1905.

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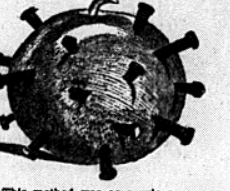
Knows Whom He Can Trust. Police Commissioner Bingham has learned one important fact that will be of aid to him in his official career.

When he desires to get the exact facts about some large question that is to be tried in New York city he calls in the newspaper reporters located at police headquarters and has a hearty talk. As one of them says: "He gets it straight, and so straight that not all the men of the force can fool him on that one point."

Still Working for Humanity. Tonalin, as it is called before she married an English lord and went to England to live in the '70s, is back again in New York. Her agitation now is to promote happier marriages by lecturing and informal entertainments in churches.

Nails and Apples.

When our grandmothers were sick, when they were tired out, unable to work or sleep, when their cheeks became hollow, their rosy complexion began to fade and their eyes to lose their luster, they were told that they required "more iron in their blood." Instead of swallowing a bottle of medicine, containing strong acids (to hold the iron in solution), they would simply stick half a dozen or more iron nails into an apple, leave them in over night, remove the nails and next morning, before breakfast, EAT THE APPLE.



This method was as a rule so successful, that physicians in Germany instead of swallowing a bottle of medicine, containing strong acids (to hold the iron in solution), they would simply stick half a dozen or more iron nails into an apple, leave them in over night, remove the nails and next morning, before breakfast, EAT THE APPLE.

This only shows that the nearer we approach nature the more apt are we to find remedies for the sick.

Mr. Zaegel, established as a chemist at Sheboygan, Wisconsin, for about 23 years, has given this matter of using nature's remedies much attention and if any of our readers will write him, he will be pleased to send the names of nine roots and herbs which, when mixed as directed, have proved an excellent remedy for Rheumatism, Constipation, Backache and Catarrh.

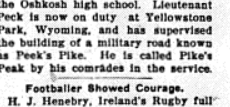
If you will mention the nature of your complaint he will also mail you a free sample of an extract he makes from these roots and herbs together with letters from people who have been greatly benefited by its use.

Address your letter to Max R. Zaegel, Chemist, 103 Main Street, Sheboygan, Wisconsin.

In order to get some of this extract free you had better write at once as the quantity is limited.

Tallest American Soldier. The distinction of being the tallest man in the United States army belongs to Ernest D. Peck, a first lieutenant in the engineer corps. He is six feet four and a half inches high. Lieutenant Peck is a native of Wisconsin and was graduated from the Oshkosh high school. Lieutenant Peck is now on duty at Yellowstone Park, Wyoming, and has supervised the building of a military road known as Peck's Pike. He is called Pike's Peak by his comrades in the service.

Footballer Showed Courage. H. J. Henbery, Ireland's Rugby full back, played the other day for 76 minutes against the South Africans while suffering from a split ear, damaged skull, broken middle finger, on left hand, strained chest muscles and torn finger cartilages. He received the injury in a tackle ten minutes after the game began.



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