

proach. Only a very fresh egg will stand the boiling water bath.

At the World's Fair last Summer women took active part in all the congresses except six. One of these was Forestry, and it is being suggested that no such embargo need be laid upon the sex at the next international exhibition. As it is not necessary that every forester should hew down a tree, the knowing how to direct the process alone being requisite, the rest of the study of tree life and development is wholly within the capability of any woman. In Philadelphia it is planned to establish at least one class of women for this study as an experiment, and it is hoped that out of it may come a desire for a similar step in other places, looking eventually to the establishment of the profession of practical landscape gardening for women. Few pursuits suit many of the sex's characteristics better than this, and the one or two positions of the sort held by women in England and other countries demonstrate their capability for them.

At one of the restaurants in the shopping district last Winter it was noticed how often the order for tomato omelet was given by the women frequenters of the place. It was finally decided that the combination of egg and tomato appealed especially to the feminine palate, and it is probably woman who will most appreciate a new union of these two foods. Tomatoes à la Talleyrand is exploited as a simple and delicious dish for luncheon, breakfast, or Sunday night tea, and is made by scooping out the seeds and some pulp from firm, ripe peeled tomatoes. Season with salt and pepper, put in a buttered baking dish, and bake slowly for twenty minutes. Then draw from the oven and break one egg into each tomato; returning it long enough to set the eggs. Serve on a platter on a folded napkin with a parsley garnish.

"Confidence cushions" are what the big square pillows that stand in a corner near the fireplace are suitably called. They are of mohair, denim, or corduroy, and are brought into service in the cozy lounging chats that only the hearthstone of an open fire can evolve.

"Do not," says the Deisarte exponent, "own one inch of black, even in shoes; have shoes to match your gowns. Black reduces the size, but also reduces power and influence. Appreciate the good points of being large. Mme. Blavatsky was one of the best dressed large women in the world. Instead of attracting attention to her outline and accentuating her size by showing how she could burst out of a tailor-made suit, she always wore large, loose gowns hanging from the shoulders, which, although she was massive, gave her a form of pleasing, graceful lines.

What to do with one's hands has been considered a sort of test of ease of manner, but foot etiquette is nowadays a distinctly-recognized topic of the physical culturist's curriculum. Crossed feet are not only inelegant, but weaken the ankles; tip-tilted feet are indiscreet, and toes or heels twisted upon chair rungs are not to be tolerated. Straight on the ground, well beneath the shadow of the skirt, and in an easy natural position is the pose for feet that are not in walking use.

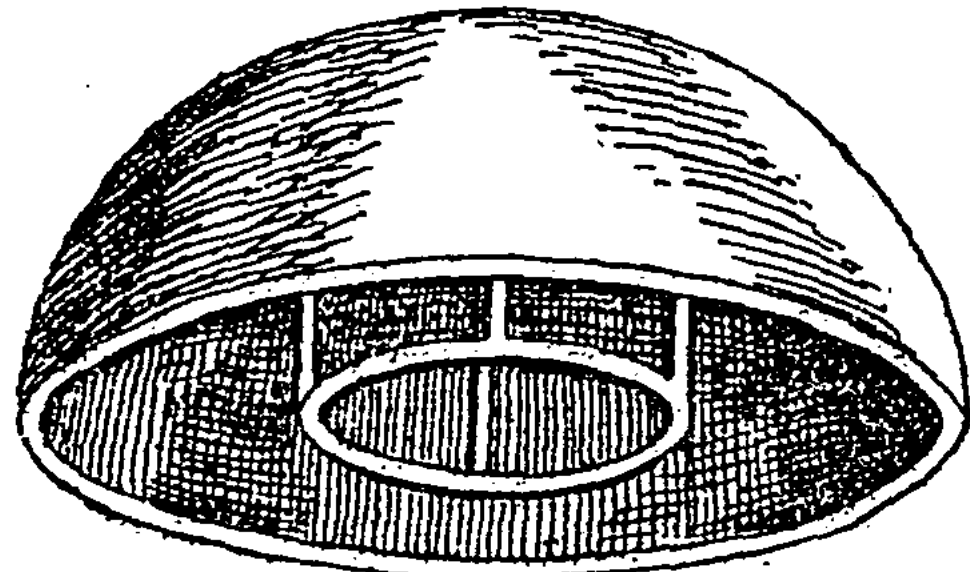
"I wish," says a woman whose former home was in Florida, "that I could find up North here the delicious 'lady finger' banana of the Indian River. I have never seen one since I left the South, and to me it is the richest-flavored variety of the fruit. They may come to the wholesale down-town markets, but frequent inquiries at the up-town fruit stands have never met with success."

Scrym having taken a fashionable y to its name, takes on, too, a somewhat more elaborate appearance than in its former condition. It is now very sheer and lacelike and altogether open, and is again, and deservedly, a favorite at the cottage window. Sheer dotted muslins in every size of dot are effectively lined with cheesecloth in pale artistic tints and used as curtain drapery and as dressing table hangings and bed valances. A Summer room furnished in this way over Nile green cheesecloth is wonderfully cool looking and restful in appearance.

At fashionable English charitable fairs and fêtes, the "patronized by royalty" usually consists of collections of plants and cut flowers, duly and aggressively placarded "Flowers sent for sale, from Sandringham. By command of H. R. H. the Prince of Wales," or, "From Claremont, by command of the Duchess of Albany," as the case may be. Sometimes "Windsor greenhouses are represented by 'command of the Queen.'" To democratic American eyes this ubiquitous "command" is very distasteful. It is an unwritten law, by the way, that these "commanded" flowers shall be promptly and entirely sold.

A wealthy New-York woman who spends her Summers in Sharon, Conn., has established there this Summer a philanthropy that is as lovely as it is beneficent. She bought a small house with several acres of land, just out of the town, and built a large addition of one story, fitted up in the best manner for a child's hospital. Twelve of the worst cases from the Hospital for the Crippled and Ruptured, on Forty-second Street, were taken up there the 1st of June, and will remain until well into September. They have their own resident physician and nurses, with matron and servants. The ward is large and airy and the children have improved very fast; some of them look really brown and healthy. Few of them could sit up except on invalid chairs specially contrived to suit each case, but now every child gets out of doors under the trees, and many of them can move about. The retreat is solely for children, the eldest there now being eleven years old, and its founder has fancifully and prettily called the place "Bobolink." No phase of hospital suffering is more tedious and unbearable than that of deformed and crippled children, and the benevolence which has for its aim the mitigation of their pain-racked lives, is goodness that comes straight from heaven.

A home-made fishing hat, which is an excellent substitute for the expensive duplicates of the Indian puggarees sold at the hat stores for the purpose, can be made from one of the ten-cent mat baskets from a Japanese store. It can be carried flat in the trunk to the fishing camp in the Catskills or Adirondacks, and then easily put into shape for wear. The frame for the head is made with four three-inch lengths



Fishing Hat.

of pasteboard, with a thin sheet of leather glued over as covering. These are sewn with one or two stitches of stout white thread to the bowl of the basket at regular intervals, and a circle of pasteboard fitted to the head is covered with oiled silk and fastened to these. These hats make ideal water headgear, being light and cool, and thus simply and cheaply made can be thrown away at the end of the outing and duplicated each season.

The fact that children are very rarely seasick ought to prove of value to the medical profession in devising ways and means to resist this malady. A Captain of one of the first-class ocean liners, who has seen twelve years of service, and in that time carried hundreds of children as passengers, says that it is the exception when these little folks succumb for more than an hour or two.

Apocryphal of seagoing, a woman who sailed the first of the month on her first trip over writes back of her interest in learning from the Captain of the methods employed to avoid icebergs. The first warning usually comes, she was told, not from the bridge, but from the engine room, where the increased action of the propeller indicates colder water. On just what scientific principle this is to be explained is not said, but the fact is promptly taken advantage of and word sent to the bridge, and the usual precautions are at once taken.

Almost the only drawback to the comfort of shirt waists, now so much worn by women, is the difficulty to keep the skirt band from sagging at the waist and slipping untidily from below the belt. The pretty girdle belt of last season, which was a part of the skirt, counteracted this defect admirably, but, with the perversity of Madam Fashion in small things as well as great, she rarely lets well enough alone. This year narrow, straight belts must be in evidence if the heavens fall. Some women

use a flat clasp pin of silver or gold, and let it show its service; others fit a nursery pin beneath the ribbon belt to betray its presence in an ill-looking ridge. Some inventive genius ought to earn the grateful thanks of the sex and devise a means of relief in the matter. A woman has recently patented a plaquet attachment for dresses, which makes it impossible for a skirt to gap, and why should we not have a belt grip that will help us out in other matter? Then if an automatic reminder to draw her bodice belt around her could be provided for every woman who forgets to do so nine times out of ten, the burdens of life would be considerably lessened.

HER POINT OF VIEW.

Not long ago Miss Emma Thursby, in the course of a conversation with a Times representative on other subjects, spoke of the matter of children taking up the study of music. She referred to seeing children at the musical congress in Chicago. They studied by numbers instead of notes, and, though they were very young, ranging in years from six up, and had been studying only a very short time, their proficiency was remarkable. Every note placed upon the board in front of them they would sing at sight.

Miss Thursby thinks that music should be taught by simple, pleasant systems, as we learn the languages now, not by long delving into grammars, but by easy conversational methods. As her own personal opinion, she said: "I think children should be taught music as soon as they can do anything. My father was passionately fond of music, and I commenced to study when I was six years old. You cannot tell what child may have a special talent. They ought to sing as they read their books, learn singing as they do speaking and their letters. There is nothing so beautiful as music; yes, I think it has a moral effect. When I meet my friends I say: 'Why don't you have your children study music at once instead of waiting? By the time they are able to think about it themselves they will be all over the difficulties.' Of course, a person cannot sing if he hasn't a voice; you can't make a voice, but I don't think I should have sung if I hadn't commenced early. The practice of teaching young children to sing is going to make more musicians. I think we are going to have a fine school of music in America. We have many young composers."

Aside from this artistic view, the teaching of children to sing has a recognized hygienic value. Nuns are said to be freer from pulmonary troubles than many classes of society, and their habit of constant chanting and intoning is ascribed as one of the causes. It has been affirmed of the German race that its non-tendency to consumption arises from its strong musical characteristics. The exercise of singing is a splendid one to promote healthy lung action, and whether children show a talent for singing or not it is an excellent thing to have them taught how, and to see that they practice their knowledge.

In Paris it is gravely told that boxes provided with slits are attached to tombstones. Into them are dropped the cards of remembering friends who make the pilgrimage to the graves of the dead.

A dress album has a value beyond the mere caprice of its owner. It is a large blank book, into which is pasted two-inch squares of every new gown which the compiler buys. The date of its first wearing is recorded, and as its cost is usually added in a cipher, it offers a tabulated presentment of comparative economy which should be heeded.

A pack of cards and a box of gay glass beads should go into every mother's outing trunk. The elaborate and cumbersome home toys, the heavy books from the nursery shelf are burdens to take about, but the pasteboards and bits of glass take up practically no room, and will be found invaluable resources on rainy days, or through hours when even outdoor country play palls.

If the children know some games of cards so much the better, but even small children delight in the bright pictures of the court cards, and by no means disdain the humbler spot ones. Besides games, cards make delightful houses. It will be very young children, however, who will not know from one to half a dozen games with the cards these days.

Last week in the back parlor of an up-town house four little girls were found, on the entrance of the mother of one of them, seated around a table deep in a game of cards. Their ages were eleven, ten, and two were nine each. To the new-comer's surprise it was discovered that the mid-gets were playing, in midsummer, too, whist. Their game was a fairly good one, and the main principles of Pole and Cavendish were carefully observed.

To return to the beads, they can be found at any of the large toy stores or toy departments, packed in boxes of various prices, according to size and quantity. Buy some bead needles to go with them, and consider that it is money invested for sure returns.

Soup tablets are the latest form of compressed merchandise. They come packed in pretty boxes, each tablet about the size of a lozenge. Naturally, they are chiefly valuable in traveling, but the slippery cake of the home dish may conveniently give way to these small doses.

Flower scissors in steel or silver are now included in a set of scissors.

The shady side of an up-town block was deserted one day last week as a pedestrian turned upon it, except for a small boy riding a velocipede. He was a very small boy, not more than five years old, and the observer noticed how straight he rode his machine, as well as the high rate of speed at which he was going. Suddenly, while these observations were being made, the velocipede stopped, fell over on its side, and the boy sprawled behind it. Fearing he was seriously hurt, the spectator hurried toward him, but just as the spot of the apparent catastrophe was reached it was seen that the youngster, lying prone and using his velocipede as a shield, was taking aim with a toy gun at an imaginary enemy. "Bang!" he cried triumphantly, and, with a spring, he righted his machine, mounted, and rode on in hot pursuit of his foe. Three times through the block this performance was repeated before it dawned upon the interested observer that these were applied Wild West Show tactics.

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