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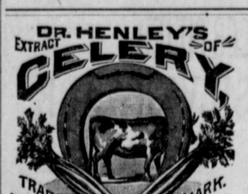
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## SOCIETY'S WAYS.

**Today's Etiquette of Introductions In Places Large and Small.**

The rules of etiquette require, like instrumental or vocal music, constant practice to make one au fait. People who drop out of society, having once been important members of it and as familiar with all its usages as with their A B C's, often grow rusty and seek information about the proper thing to do. While there is in truth very little change of vital importance, as the laws of etiquette have the test of ages to render them stable, still new conditions of life in certain countries oblige the introduction of new forms, and what is good form in a metropolitan city has no raison d'etre in a town or village, and in the same manner what is done in London in the best society may be reversed in Paris.

An interesting point to the majority of men and women bears upon introductions of all kinds. The majority depend upon them on all occasions. At social functions ease of manner, personal pleasure and individual advantages are derived from them by the chance of adding to one's list of acquaintances, of meeting pleasant or notable people and of reaping a satisfaction born of vanity in having it known they were honored or distinguished by a few moments' speech with a celebrity at a particular house.

Present day introductions are without any formality at all compared to the old regime observed through nearly two-thirds of this century. To "have the honor to present" is looked upon as archaic. It is far more simple to introduce Mrs. A to Mrs. B by saying, "You know Mrs. A, do you not?" or "I don't know whether you have met Mrs. A before?" When one visitor is being entertained and a second is announced whom the hostess knows has no interest in her man or woman caller, the proper thing to do is to make an indirect introduction, which consists in mentioning incidentally during the conversation just begun the name of the person present, in order that he and she, young girl and lad, may be put at their ease and to permit them to join in the conversation.

Another case is that of two residents of the same city, but total strangers to one another, calling at the same house in immediate succession. No attempt, according to good form, should be made on the part of the hostess to introduce them unless she previously knew the introduction would be agreeable. Smaller places would of course modify the form to suit their surroundings.

At very small house parties the house visitors are introduced to callers, but at large ones they are not. At large dinner parties men are introduced to those they are to take in to dinner. Small dinners are more informal. Four or six at table should all know each other.—Vogue.

**Crawling Rugs That Please the Babies.**

Blue linen makes an effective crawler when worked in bright green or scarlet. An attractive one is of brown holland with white rabbits worked



DECORATION FOR A CRAWLING RUG.

over it, the bunnies being of a frolicsome nature and having a "good time" among some extremely fresh and green cabbages. Yet another which elicited great shouts of pleasure from a small youth of 4 was of red twill with a most amusing puppy in the center appliqued on in white linen, his outline done over in black stitching.

**Interesting to Lovers of the Dog.**

If you want to make friends with a dog, you will find that there is nothing that this animal likes better than to have some one rub his ears. If you will take a dog's ears and curl them softly up in your hands and squeeze them very gently, you will make a canine friend very soon. If the dog wears a collar, you can add greatly to his comfort by scratching that part of his neck where the collar rests. These same methods are said to be used by dog stealers.

Dog tattooing is now done in cities and is quite a sensible notion, as it affords a means of identifying lost animals. A faucier says he has tattooed dogs for a number of people who own valuable ones. The marking is mostly done in the bend of one of the legs.

**Household Brevities.**

A silver polish can be made by mixing a few drops of ammonia with whiting and adding enough water to the whole to make it the consistency of cream. It can be bottled and if corked tightly will keep as long as desired. It cleans silver without hard rubbing.

When cut flowers become wilted, they may frequently be freshened by clipping off the ends and dipping the stems in hot water for a few moments.

Rubber heels for all shoes are highly spoken of by many women who first learned the advantage of them from wearing golf shoes. The heel is about half an inch in thickness, and its advocates say that its use lessens the jar of walking, especially upon city pavements.

If a little sweet oil be rubbed on knives which are to be laid away, they will not rust if rolled in tissue paper and kept in a dry place. Sometimes, too, if the rust be not too "fixed," it can be removed by careful rubbing with sweet oil, though coal oil is even better.

**Money Value of Cleanliness.**

An instance of the actual financial value of cleanliness, says The Irish Homestead, in the handling and make up of butter has come under our notice. There are two adjacent parishes in Munster, not 1,000 miles from the County Cork, in each of which there is a creamery. In one of these creameries the conditions which produce clean, presentable butter are lamentably absent, and the price which on a recent occasion was obtained for the product of the creamery in question was 60 shillings per hundredweight only. In the neighboring creamery, while washings and scourings, careful handling and cleanly habits were the rule, the butter fetched no less a price than 113 shillings at the same time and under the same conditions of market, etc., as determined the price in the previous case. In other words, through neglect of the simplest and most elementary conditions of butter making nearly 100 per cent on the actual selling price was lost to the creamery.

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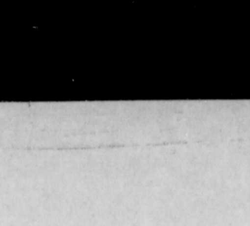
## FARM AND GARDEN

### RURAL POSTAL SERVICE.

**Neighborhood Boxes For the Delivery and Collection of Mail.**

In the annual report of the postoffice department is given an interesting account, with a number of illustrations, of the rise and present status of the free delivery of mail to rural communities. Assistant Postmaster General Heath says:

"There has been nothing in the history of the postal service of the United States so remarkable as the growth of the rural free delivery system. Within the past two years, largely by the aid




WAGON ON RURAL POSTAL ROUTE.

of the people themselves, who, in appreciation of the helping hand which the government extended to them, have met these advances half way, it has implanted itself so firmly upon postal administration that it can no longer be considered in the light of an experiment, but has to be dealt with as an established agency of progress, awaiting only the action of congress to determine how rapidly it shall be developed."

Mr. Heath thinks that the facts which he sets forth demonstrate that "the free delivery of mails in rural communities can be widely extended with great benefit to the people and with little cost to the revenue.

"That whenever the system has been judiciously inaugurated with a sincere purpose to make it a success it has been followed by these beneficial results:

"First.—Increased postal receipts. More letters are written and received. More newspapers and magazines are subscribed for. So marked is this advancement that quite a number of rural routes already pay for themselves by the additional business they bring.

"Second.—Enhancement of the value of farm lands reached by rural free delivery. This increase of value has been estimated at as high as $5 an acre in some states. A moderate estimate is from $2 to $3 an acre.

"Third.—A general improvement of the condition of the roads traversed by the rural carrier. In the western states especially the construction of good roads has been a prerequisite to the establishment of rural free delivery service. In one county in Indiana a special agent reports that the farmers incurred an expense of over $2,000 to grade and gravel a road in order to obtain rural free delivery.

"Fourth.—Better prices obtained for farm products, the producers being brought into daily touch with the state of the markets and thus being enabled to take advantage of information heretofore unattainable.

"Fifth.—To these material advantages may be added the educational benefits conferred by relieving the monotony of farm life through ready access to wholesome literature and the keeping of all rural residents, the young people as well as their elders, fully informed as to the stirring events of the day.

"Even in the most favored rural districts there is no service that approaches in completeness the house to house delivery of the cities. The recipients of the rural mail have to provide boxes and place them at convenient places along the line of road traversed by the rural carrier, so that he can deposit and collect the mails if need be without alighting from his buggy. Frequently a number of neighborhood boxes are grouped together like a lot of beehives at a crossroad corner, and the people living in houses perhaps half a mile or more back from the road watch



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for the daily passing of the carrier and come to the crossroads to collect or deposit their mails."

Rural free delivery is now in operation from 300 distributing points scattered among 40 states and one territory, giving service to 179,131 people at an annual cost of 84 cents per capita.

One Missouri farmer calculates that in the last 15 years he has driven 12,000 miles to and from his postoffice to get his mails, all of which travel is now saved him by rural free delivery.

In bulletin No. 175 of the Cornell station comes a "Fourth Report on Japanese Plums." It is an interesting study, with many fine illustrations of varieties found valuable by the station. "The Japanese plums have come to stay, but they have come without accurate descriptions and with confused nomenclature," says Dr. Roberts. The bulletin is an effort to elucidate these perplexities and spread accurate knowledge of this new class of fruits.

**Successful Dairying.**

Henry Van Dreser of Cobleskill, N. Y., told his hearers at the meeting of the Maine board of agriculture that his cows average 300 pounds of butter per cow per year. Butter is made in one pound prints and sold in the New York market at 25 and 30 cents per pound. His cows are tested each month, and the Babcock test is the measure of quality in this herd.

Milk is perfect food. For the best development of the milk producing capacity the cow should have the best of care. The dairy cow is a machine. The dairyman should study his machine. While the enormous figures of over 1,100 pounds of butter in a year had been attained by a Holstein cow, breeding is yet in its infancy. Discount the cow with a fleshy udder. Such cows are more susceptible to garget.

Farmers pay too little attention to breeding. There are too many scrubs in the country. Scrub cows mean financial ruin. All cannot buy thoroughbred cows to start from, but all can weed out the poorest cows and breed from the best ones.

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## CLOTH GOWNS.

**Just Two Ruling Styles In Street Dress—Jaunty Boleros Lead.**

The ruling idea for street costumes this season is to have the appearance of not being dressed for really winter weather, with all the necessary warmth supplied and so cleverly disguised that it is not suspected. There are interlinings of chamois skin and flannel in the jaunty little bolero coats and pretty little quilted satin jackets to wear underneath. Fur coats, unless they are made of baby lamb and very short, are not so enviable a possession at the moment, as it is the outline of a pretty figure which gives the style to a winter costume.

It is decidedly one thing or the other. A woman is either clad in a cloth suit which apparently might be worn in the balmy weather of spring, except for the fur trimming, or she is enveloped in a long garment which completely covers her gown. So says the New York Sun, from which are also gleaned the following items of fashion:

There seem to be three grades of cloth gowns this season, one very plain and severely tailor made for strictly morning wear, another, with a dressy waist and very much stitched skirt and one of some of the pastel tints elaborately trimmed with embroidery or cloth guipure.

It is the dressy cloth gown which is interesting, however, and there is no limit to the variety of styles and modes



CLOTH GOWN IN PASTEL BLUE.

of decoration. The cloth gown made into a complete suit, so that it is warm enough for street wear, is decidedly the swell thing to have. The fact may bring some comfort, too, to the woman who cannot afford an entire fur jacket. Fur is used in most extravagant quantities, of course, but very pretty costumes are made with only a fur collar and revers. One gown in castor colored cloth has a deep band of mink round the skirt, a wide collar and revers of fur, which also trims the edge of the polonaise opening at one side. The quantity of fur used is limited by the length of the purse in most cases, yet this sort of gown is more suitable for carriage than for street wear. A pretty mauve cloth is trimmed with bands of chinchilla up and down the skirt, and the Eton jacket has wide, flaring collar and draped revers of chinchilla.

A trellis work formed of bands of velvet is the distinctive feature of a gown in pastel blue trimmed with cream chantilly lace and crochet buttons which may either match the cloth or the lace. The yoke underneath the lace and velvet is of cream silk muslin.

Crochet buttons are evidently one of the assured revivals in fashion, and we see them on silk waists in a very small half ball shape, sewed on a little distance apart for decoration. They are effectively used through the center of the narrow bands of silk or satin which, joined with a herringbone stitch, form the finish on so many silk waists.

**Artistic Bell Pulls.**

There was a good deal of art in the old fashioned door knocker, and it is not unusual to find them now on studio doors or the doors of apartment houses. The faun's head or tiger's head with knocker swinging between his teeth is a picturesque form, and so were the shining brass rings suspended from ornamental plates of metal. But as a bell is heard farther than a rap why should not bell pulls be made artistic, for the majority will use the convenient bell in preference to the artistic knocker. Artistic bell pulls have been made. There is one that represents a long, curved tongue lolling out of a griffin's mouth, and another, more odd, takes the shape of a twisted serpent, whose tail you tweak when you wish to ring the bell.

**Improving Dairy Herds.**

The simplest method of improving dairy herds, as indeed any other class of live stock, is by the system known as "up grading," accompanied by rigorous selection, says Professor Thomas Shaw. The beginner may use such material as he has on the dam's side in laying the foundation of his dairy herd. In adding to it by purchase he may choose the commonest of cows, as long as they are of fair size and possessed of average dairy form. This will be again referred to. It matters not if they have in them the blood of a dozen herds. This want of dominance in any particular line of blood will only render them more susceptible to being quickly improved. But in choosing a sire the utmost care should be exercised. He should be chosen from the breed that is best adapted to the conditions of the dairyman, especially those conditions that relate to food production. He should be purely bred, as a guarantee of the transmission of the character sought, and he should be of good form and vigor as a guarantee of prepotency. The first will secure the transmission of the dominant characters in the breed, the second will secure transmission of the dominant characters of the individual. And it is greatly important that the sires thus chosen shall be descended from animals that have been good performers in the dairy. The sire descended from a line of dams noted for generous milk production is likely to be far more valuable than the one not so descended. And it should not be forgotten that high performances at the pail in the near ancestry is far more important than the same in remote ancestry.


Dig down to the *cause* of your sickness if you want to get well and stay well. Most likely it's indigestion. The irritating poisons of fermenting, putrid food, left in the stomach by indigestion, cause headache, neuralgia, nervousness, dizziness, stomachache, nausea, irritability, and all the other well-known symptoms of indigestion.

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