Women's Page

JANE AUSTEN

Jane Austin was born in 1775 at the Rectory at Seventon, England. Her father was a very wise man in training his children, and though he sent his boys to Oxford, and kept his two girls at home, thinking a fine education not necessary for them, yet he spent much time with his daughters reading with them and having them read good books. In his visit to the villagers he took his younger daughter, Jane, with him. While she felt the narrowness of her life in that small place yet she was a keen observer, and she began to write little stories about the people there. When she was twenty years old she handed her father the manuscript of her most famous book, "Pride and Prejudice." He found it good and sent it to the publisher but he returned it with thanks, so it laid away for eleven years in the garret covered with dust and forgotten.

But when the rector died and want was looking in at the door the Ms. was found and sent again to a publisher. He consented relutantly to publish it, but for a long time it was not popular, though she received from time to time small sums of money for her writings. In the meantime she wrote Sense and Sensibility, Mansfield Park, Emma and Persuasion, but never during her life did her name appear on the pages of her books. She died at the early age of forty-two, without knowing what real merits her novels possessed. Her works give a remarkably clear picture of the manners and standards of the day. They are absolutely free from sensationalism in style or plot, yet giving pictures of the lives of the middle classes, which are always interesting, and her works are now ranked among the classics.

HEALTH

All doctors agree that elimination of the waste of the body is one of the most important helps to health. It stand to reason that if the food is allowed to stay in the body all sorts of ills follow, indegestion, colds, headaches and intestinal troubles. Therefore we should strive to eat and drink things which will cause elimination. All fruits especially apples should be eaten freely. The old sayng, an apple a day will keep the Doctor away, is a very true one. Water, too, either warm or cold bring good results if not taken too often. Try simple remedies before you resort to stronger ones. Leaf vegetables should be eaten freely.

The ancient Finns, when troubled by the hiccoughs, sought relief by addressing the hiccoughs, as follows: "Go, hiccough, to a clump of limes; ills follow, indigestion, colds, headcough, to a clump of birch; I'll come to strip the bark." This was repeated over and over again—or was supposed to be repeated—until the hiccoughs became discouraged and took their departure. Gout, when making an attack, was greeted in this wise: "Good gout, thou lovely gout, depart; turn back elsewhere."

RECIPES

JUMBLES

One cup butter, 1 1-2 cups of sugar, 3 cups of flour, 2 eggs, scant teaspoon of vanilla, mix butter and sugar together add beaten eggs and then sifted flour. When well mixed make long rolls of the dough, and put them in the refrigerator until next day when you can slice the rolls with a knife making thin jumbles. Bake in quick oven. By using this method using much flour for rolling the jumbles out may be avoided.

SUGGESTIONS

Hints on Soft Custard.

The serving of soft custard a sauce on various desserts not only makes them seem quite new and different, but adds materially to the supply of iron and vitamins furnished by the meal. For this reason, in families where there are growing children, it is recommended to have custards frequently, and by varying the basis of the dessert monotony will be avoided For instance, custard sauce is good peaches, plums, apricots or pears; with some of the fresh fruits, such as well-ripened peaches, and with stewed dried fruits. Canned and stewed fruits should be drained before pouring custard over them, so that the syrup does not dilute the custard. This syrup can be saved to sweeten and flavor fruit drinks or fruit gelatins. Custard sauce is also good with plain cake, pudding, such as brown betty, steamed fig pudding, or chocolate bread pudding, or with Bavarian creams or other gelatin desserts. It is a good plan to put it on the table in a pitcher to be passed to each person.

Soft custard should be cooked in a pan surrounded by hot water below boiling temperature.

BIG INDUSTRIES DEPEND ON FADS WOMEN PRACTICE

Feminine fads and fancies are one of the most important of trade factors. Sometimes the results are surprising.

A recent survey by a Federal agricultural bureau showed that there has been a decrease of nearly one bushel of wheat per capita in the Unitd States. This was attributed to the fad for slimness among women, which had led to a decrease in the demand for cereals.

It has hurt the American farmer. The sugar and candy makers are said to be planning an extensive advertising campaign to counteract this same tendency to slimness.

When bobbed hair first became a fad little was thought of the effect on business. But the hairpin industry at home and the hairnet trade in faraway China were both hard hit.

Now makers of hosiery are becoming alarmed over the growth of this stockingless fad. It is said to be gaining acceptance at California and Florida resorts and it is feared it will spread.

Two methods have been employed by manufacturers in meeting this situation. Some have reduced prices of hosiery. Others have met the menace with a "bare leg" hosiery that is flesh color and without seam.

Meanwhile women will, as in the past, go on their way choosing the fashions they like.

THE DIAMOND NECKLACE

Monsieur Bovery was a lover of precious gems, spending vast sums of money in collecting them. When he died he bequeathed his favorite neice Constance a diamond necklace valued at many thousands. He also left a note telling her of a neckalace which he had ordered made of paste, which was an exact copy of the famous necklace which she could wear when she pleased. She felt that the possession of the jewels were a great care, and she had made for them, a safe, of which only she and her much trusted maid knew the combination. This maid had been with her since her birth and she loved and trusted her in every way.

One eventful evening, a young man who had already won her heart called for the young lady, to attend a large party. Constance was excited and happy. "Oh, I shall wear my diamonds," she said to her maid, and the maid went to the safe and got it out, but when she put it around her neck she found it heavy and cold and called for her pearls. Then she went away radiant and beautiful, leaving her maid to put her things away. When she returned late at night a scene of disorder met her eyes. The safe wide open, jewels gone and her things scattered around. She called for her maid but could get no answer. Her friends and neighbors came. They telegraphed for police. They came and began a search. It was plain that they all believed the same thing, that the thieves were in league with the maid, though Constance kept repeating that she knew that she was innocent. The police started on a search for the jewels and a new maid was secured for Constance, who still said she believed Marie was innocent. There was a large dark closet in the house and one day the new maid came in pale and frightened and said she heard some one groaning there. Constance rushed to the closet at once and there found poor Marie, gagged and with her hands would find you," she cried. Marie tied behind her. Oh Marie, I knew we almost fainting and famished told her tale. Constance had hardly left when she heard some one coming up stairs. Hastily seizing a clothes bag she threw the diamonds in the lifting her skirts tied it around her waist. Then in came two masked men with pistols in their hands and demanded the combination for the safe, she gave it to them knowing that both pearls and diamonds were out of it. They took the case of false diamonds and the other jewels that were there. Then they took her and tied her hands and feet, gagged her and threw her in the closet where Constance found her three days after. The diamonds were found intact. Is there any wonder that Constance should love Marie and trust her? Some time afterwards the police found the other case of diamonds at a pawn brokers who had paid a large sum to the robbers for them thinking they were real.

Woman Rules Home

I believe, as men generally do, that mothers are most responsible for management of children. It is in the nature of things: in their formative years, children are much more with mothers than with fathers. While the father is away hunting a dollar or a deer, he cannot possibly also control the children, and is somewhat incapable when he returns, and his wife says: "I can do nothing with them; you try it."—E. W. Howe's Monthly.

We Women

Four-year-old Patricia was washing her hands in her mother's bathroom. She had no towel of her own in there, so when she had finished washing she looked toward her mother's towel rack, then hesitatingly toward her father's; then coming confidently to her mother, said: "I'll use your towel, mommie; we women must stick together."—Parents' Magazine.

Too Much Static

Fundamentally, a Cleveland doctor states, man is a sort of electric storage-battery. Bear this in mind, and when, at home, you are being told something you don't care to hear, remark: "My B battery has run down, I guess. You aren't coming in very strong."—Detroit News.

Dutch Woman's Costume "Colorful and Ample"

The costumes of rural Holland are indeed unique. Women wear six or more skirts, lest the form be immodestly displayed, and a bright-colored waist with elbow sleeves, for strong, red arms are admired by men. The climax is a lace cap, the shape of which distinguishes the province in which the wearer lives.

Wives of rich farmers wear gold casques, like helmets, with ornamental gold curls. An ancient dame told us that hers cost a hundred guilders (about $40).

Workingmen wear exceedingly broad trousers, oftentimes colored vests and short coats. Children and the poor wear klompen—wooden shoes. If you hear what sounds like a troop of cavalry passing down the street, it will more than likely turn out to be a group of school children returning home. Concealed weapons are not needed in Holland. In case of a row, a lad flicks off his klomp and wallops his adversary over the head. It has great weight in settling an argument.—National Geographic Magazine.

Church Bells Gaming Stake

In the reign of Henry VIII, writes Satis N. Coleman in his book, "Bells," there stood in St. Paul's church yard a lofty bell tower containing four bells called "Jesus Bells," the largest in London. In a gambling game with one of his courtiers, Sir Miles Partridge, King Henry staked the bell tower and its bells.

Sir Miles won, and had the tower pulled down and the bells broken up. A few years afterward this gentleman was hanged; and some of the old writers have said that it was a judgment sent upon him for gambling for bells.

Republic of Mind

In the republic of mind, one is a majority. There, all are monarchs, and all are equals. The tyranny of a majority even is unknown. Each one is crowned, sceptered and throned. Upon every brow is the tiara, and around every brow is the imperial purple. Only those are good citizens who express their honest thoughts, and those who persecute for opinion's sake are the only traitors. There, nothing is considered infamous except an appeal to brute force, and nothing sacred but love, liberty and joy.—Robert Ingersoll.

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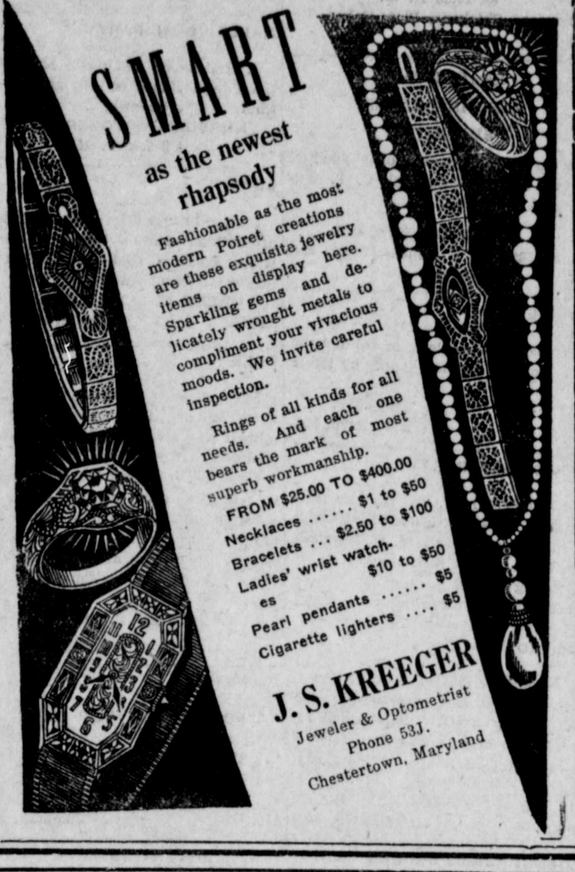
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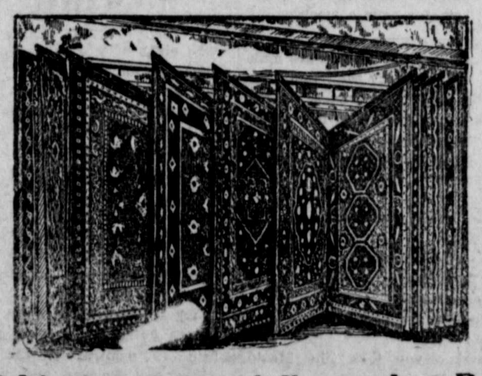
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