Women's Page

BY A WOMAN



QUEEN ANNE

England has always flourished under the rule of her queens. This is largely due to the choice of wise ministers, and also to the great display of literary talent that has made their reigns famous. Anne was the daughter of James II and Anne, the daughter of the Earl of Clarendon. Though her father was a Roman Catholic he allowed the Princess Anne to be brought up in the protestant faith. In 1683 she was married to Prince George of Denmark, and there were many children born to them, but all died in infancy except one son, the duke of Gloucester who lived until he was eleven years old. Anne's character was very weak and she was completely governed by her favorite, Sarah, duchess of Marlborough, a beautiful keen witted woman, and when in 1685 her father, King James, was obliged to abdicate his throne and flee to France, and she was anxious to remain with him, she was persuaded to join the party of the Prince of Orange who had married her sister, Mary, and who was invited by the English to come and take the throne.

When William, III, died Anne succeeded him and reigned over England from 1702 until 1714. The Duke of Marlborough was a brilliant soldier and in the war with Spain, he captured Gibralter, a great acquisition for England as it gave her the key to the Mediterraneam and thence to her Indian possessions.

Another great event in Anne's reign was the union of England and Scotland under the name of Great Britian. During this reign, America was becoming a valued possession and there are many grants in Maryland and other states that were given by Anne to her friends.

During this reign the Queen Anne's war was fought between the French and English of this country. This reign was not only noted for its brilliant military victories, but for the number of writers who flourished at this time, among whom were Pope, Swift, Addison, Gay and Steele. It has been called the Augustan age of literature.

In the latter part of her reign Anne quarreled with the Duke and Duchess, of Marlborough, and from the moment of their retirement from Court, Queen Anne ceased to be great either abroad or at home, a prey to silly women, who petted and cajoled her in order to win her favor.

HEALTH

Health is something to be so much desired and yet so many throw it away because they hurry through everything. And yet it takes a very little time to make one fit. A few long breathing exercises a daily dip, careful elimination, and a gargle if one has a cough; such a little time to bring such big results; and we might add plenty of fresh air. Try walking to your place of business, it will keep you in the open longer. Some foretell that the future generation will lose their feet if they do not walk more. Autos are mighty fine things to carry one a distance, but we are better off if they stay in the Garage when there is only a short distance to go.

SKIRTS AND STOCKINGS

Ten years ago, when skirts were longer, comparatively few mills were making a moderate number of pairs. Since that time women have added $43,000,000 a year to their budget for hose.

From this point the problem becomes as perplexing as the old favorite concerning Ann's age. Skirts are long again. Stockings are modestly invisible except for a very few inches, and women put a tidy sum in the bank instead of in the hosiery mills' till. If all of the foregoing statement, which both dress and stocking manufacturers appear to agree on, could be believed, the only question would be how much of the $43,000,000 must be spent for the longer skirts.

To the ordinary eye, skirts look about the same. Many women seem to be protesting against the order to lengthen them. Yet even if in the end the rebels are brought into line, it is hard to believe that a penny of the millions of decrease in hosiery bills will be tucked away in a savings account. Shot skirts naturally mean large stocking expenses, but long skirts probably mean no change in stocking expenses and increased charges for skirts.

Short Skirts Meet Favor In England

LONDON—Classifying long skirts as the bringer of the "curse of class distinction," Mrs. Corbett Ashby, president of the National Women's Liberal Federation, recently said in an address that it was not the desire of women who have tasted the joys of short skirts to go back to the long ones.

"At the present time," Mrs. Ashby said, 'you cannot tell if the smart creation walking down the street in front of you has cost $100 or $15. But that is not true when long skirts are the fashion."

Another objection to long skirts comes from the young men-about-London, who realize that when they take their ladies to dances the longer the skirts the longer the taxicab bills.

They cannot very well ask girls whose skirts touch the ground to walk to the dance, particularly in wet weather.

New Jacket Designs

Jackets show much variety, from the slighty nipped-in, tailored models favored by O'Rossen, to the straight box coat and bolera style. The importance of the bolero line, as stressed by Patou, Lelong and others of the leading couturiers, indicates that we may see many suits with high-waisted belted skirts and jaunty Eton or bolero jackets for Spring.

RECIPES

Standard Biscuit Recipe

(Mrs. Mary Morton's Daily Tested Recipe.)

Two cups bread flour, one-half teaspoon salt, four teaspoons baking powder, one-third cup cold fat, two-thirds cup milk. Sift the flour, measure and sift with the dry ingredients now mix in the fat by rubbing them together between the fingers and thumb. To do this, pick up a portion of the fat and flour. rub it lightly, then drop it and pick up another portion, rub and rop back as before. Continue this process until the mixture is fairly smooth and has the general consistency of cornmeal, taking care all the while that only the finger tips be used. Of course, the mixing can be done with two knives, but this takes so much longer that the fingers seem more practical, or a pastry mixer is a convenient device for this process.

Next, turn all of the milk into the fat-flour mixture at once and stir vigorously until it thickens, about 20 seconds. Turn the dough on to a lightly floured board and without delay knead it vigorously again for 20 seconds. Roll, cut and bake in a hot oven (425 degrees Fahrenheit) for about 12 minutes. This recipe makes about 20 biscuits, depending on the size. If you like rather a crisp crust on your biscuit, it is a good plan to turn them over in melted butter when arranging them in the pan for baking.

Boston Baked Beans

Soak one cupful of beans overnight in water. In the morning add fresh cold water and cook slowly until the skins begin to burst, then pour off the water and put the beans in a greased bean pot or baking dish. Bury in the beans a piece of fat salt pork. To one-half a cupful of boiling water add one teaspoonful of salt, one teaspoonful of molasses, one and one-half tablespoonfuls of sugar and pour over the beans. Add enough more boiling water to cover the beans, and add more if needed during the cooking. Cover the bean pot and bake the beans slowly for several hours, according to the amount in the pot. Mustard or catsup may be added if the flavor is liked.

Pineapple Pudding

Cube one No. 2 can of sliced pineapple and add two packed cupfuls of soft bread crumbs. Reserve one slice of pineapple. Beat three egg yolks, add half a cupful of sugar and two cupfuls of milk. Blend with the pineapple and bread crumbs. Add two tablespoonfuls of lemon juice. the grated rind of one lemon, and half a cupful of cocoanut. Place in a greased baking dish in a pan of hot water. Bake for 45 minutes in a medium oven. Beat the egg whites, and add three tablespoonsfuls sugar. Place the slice of pineapple on top of the meringue. Bake until brown.

My Neighbor Says:

When cleaning celery use a vegetable brush. It cleans the celery better than the latter can be cleaned otherwise.

A small box of lime kept in the pantry will help to make the air quite dry and pure. It should be removed occasionally.

When making muffins in iron pans, grease the pans and heat them in the oven before putting the batter in. Your muffins will then be much lighter.

When painting a room the following hints may be found useful: Don't be in a hurry to finish: Put down old newspapers before beginning work and remove all curtains and hangings; keep handy a rag soaked in turpentine to wipe off "mistakes;" start painting in the darkest corner of the room and work toward the light; don't drown your brush—immerse it about half an inch, use a piece of stout card board with a straight edge to protect the woodwork or walls from splashing.

Prepare yourself for the visit of the census man; treat him courteously and in a businesslike way when he comes, frankly and truthfully answering his questions, and there will be nothing to worry about afterward.

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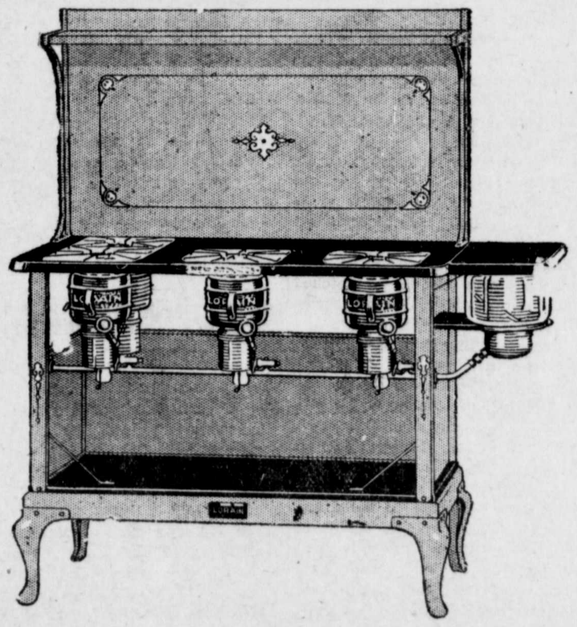
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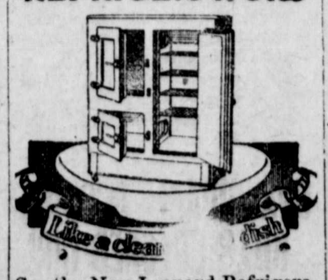
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