Women's Page

BY A WOMAN



LOUISA ALCOTT

Though we have written about her before yet it does not seem unappropriate to write again about one who loved flowers ond trees as she did. Just at the eve of our Arbor day, it seem fitting that we should recall her at this time. Although she was born in Germantown in 1832 and she moved with her parents to Boston when she was six years old yet it is always at Concord that we remember as her home. Here she spent the greater part of his life waiting on her father, who was an idealist, and though he did much to influence the minds of those about him yet he was hardly successfcl in making a living. Louisa wrote little stories for Magazines, and when the civil war was on she became a war nurse. On her return home, she wrote Hospital Sketches which provproved Hospital Sketches which proved that her real talent lay in telling simple stories of home life. In 1868 "Little Women" was published. Upon this story Miss Alcott's real reputation rests. It is the most popular juvenile book ever published in America, sixty thousand copies were sold the first year. Little Men, Eight Cousins A Rose in Bloom and others followed in quick succession, but Little Women remained the most popular. It is the story of the author and her three sisters and is really the story of actual happenings, which touch the human heart and more than forty thousand copies are sold yearly although the quartette of girls are dead long since. It is interesting to know that the orignals of Demi and Daisy are still alive and so is a daughter of Amy and that all three gather in large royalties from their aunt's books.

It was Miss Alcotts custom when she had any important writing on hand to go to Boston. There in a little garret room surrounded by her books and papers, she would put her whole mind on her work until it was finished. She died in 1888 just two days after the death of her father. It was a great privilege to go on a jaunt to Concord. There was seen the old Alcott home and the grave of Louisa in the old Sleepy Hollow graveyard. There we stood as the trees above were silently covering, her grave with autumn leaves, while near her slept Hawthorne, Thoreaun and Emerson all friends of hers.

KEEPING FIT

She was a busy teacher, and was preparing for an examination Monday morning. She awoke on the Saturday before with a dreadful cold. What should she do, and then she remembered that someone had said, "Take warm water and soda." So she disolved a full teaspoon of soda in a tea cup of water and drank it. Then remembering that she had oranges in the house she took orange juice all day. Mean while she went to bed raising the window in her room. On Sunday morning she awakened feeling sure that she would be sick all day but, the cold was gone, and she went about her work feeling well and bright. Try it when you have a cold.

SEWING PARTIES INSTEAD OF BRIDGE

Sweeping like a tidal wave across the country comes women's latest diversion—home sewing! Debutantes and grandmothers are once more making their own clothes. The wife of the Governor of Oklahoma recently gave a quilting party. Smart matrons are again knitting sweaters and embroidering guest towels. Erstwhile bridge players are discussing new patterns for spring frocks and sewing circles are springing up by the dozens in every community.

From all over the country department stores report an increase of from 15 to 30 per cent. in their sale of yard goods, and an increase of from 20 to 35 per cent. in their sale of paper patterns.

In a single week during the early part of February—a cold, rainy snowy week—one New York store sold yard goods to 50,700 women. At the present time they are selling to 15 per cent. more women than they ever did even in their peak years!

No One Knows Why.

And every one is asking every one else: "Why? All at once!"

"In this last year a rather interesting development has been the tremendous increase in the amount of home sewing," declares the executive vice-president of one of the best known stores in the world.

"Whether this reflects more staying at home, whether this reflects a desire to economize, or whether this reflects an indifference to buying ready-made clothing with the present fitted type of dress, I don't know," he continues. "But certainly it is an interesting about-face from the conditions prevalent in the last few years."

More Turquoises

Turquoise and silver is a combination for which London has fallen with a crash, both as to evening fabrics and jewelry. One of her recent thoughts is a heavy silver necklace made up of a dozen interlaced strands with dozens of turquoise beads caught up in them. The strands are held together at the two ends by a bit of carved turquoise.

A Ruby Fad

All of a sudden the London ladies are wearing ruby and pearl or ruby and diamond necklaces—not necessarily real stones. Occasionally the necklace combines rubies, pearls and diamonds, and as a rule it is a necklace of the two strand type. Ruby jewelry goes beautifully with many of the season's blues as well as with black.

RINGS WORN OVER GLOVES

The fad of wearing rings over gloves is growing in popularity, according to reports from London. Diamonds are being worn with black, and colored gems with gloves of lighter color. A new type of ring, so worn, generally cut out of a solid piece of semi-precious stone, has a narrow slit in the rounded boss. Through this one of the smart twelve-inch square handkerchiefs, in delicate chigon to match the gown, can be threaded.

RECIPES

Eggs, Rice in Tomato Sauce

1 1-2 cups uncooked rice.
3 cups canned tomatoes.
1 teaspoon salt.
1 bay leaf.
1-2 chopped onion.
6 cloves.
3 tablespoons fat.
3 tablespoons flour.
7 eggs.
1-2 cup grated cheese.
1 cup buttered crumbs.

Cook the rice in a large quantity of boiling salted water about 20 minutes. Drain, wash in hot water and place over steam. Prepare a sauce by cooking the tomatoes and seasoning for 10 minutes, strain and thicken with the blended fat and flour. Make a layer of rice in a shallow greased baking dish, drop the raw eggs carefully on the rice, pour the hot sauce over the eggs, sprinkle over the top the grated cheese mixed with the bread crumbs and bake in a moderate oven until the eggs are set. Serve at once.

Eggs and Codfish

1-2 pound salt codfish.
4 tablespoons fat.
3 tablespoons flour.
3 cups milk.
3 eggs.
Chopped parsley.
Toast.

Cover the fish with cold water and soak overnight. Drain, flake and remove all bones. Melt the fat in a skillet, add the fish and cook about ten minutes, stirring frequently. Sprinkle the flour over the fish, add the cold milk and cook until thickened. Pour some of this mixture into the beaten eggs, return to the skillet, cook and stir for a few minutes longer. Sprinkle the parsley over the top and serve immediately on crisp toast.

Baked Creamy Omelet.

1 cup fine dry bread crumbs.
1 1-2 cups milk.
6 eggs.
1 teaspoon salt.
Pepper.
1 tablespoon fat.

Soak the bread crumbs in the milk. Add the well-beaten eggs, the salt and pepper. Melt the fat in a smooth skillet, add the egg mixture and cook over flame a few minutes. Bake in a moderate oven about ten minutes or until set. Roll as a jelly roll and serve on a hot platter.

Pineapple Cream Pie

1 1-2 cups pastry flour.
3 teaspoons baking powder.
1-8 teaspoon salt.
1-2 cup sugar.
2 eggs.
1 teaspoon vanilla.
1-2 teaspoon lemon extract.
1-2 cup milk.
3 tablespoons fat, melted.

Mix all ingredients and beat three minutes. Pour into two small layer cake pans fitted with waxed paper. Bake 20 minutes in moderate oven. Add filling.

Filling

1-2 cup sugar.
4 tablespoons bridge flour.
1-8 teaspoon salt.
1-2 cup crushed pineapple.
3 tablespoons lemon juice.
2 tablespoons butter.
1 egg yolk.
1-2 cup water.

Blend sugar, flour and salt. Add rest of ingredients. Cook slowly and stir constantly until mixture becomes thick and creamy. Cool. Use as filling. Spread with meringue.

Meringue

1 egg white, beaten.
2 tablespoons sugar.

Mix egg white and sugar. When creamy spread over top and sides of cake. Place on flat pan and bake five minutes in hot oven. Cool and serve.

AGRICULTURAL

BY COUNTY AGENT J. D. McVEAN

"GRAND DAD'S" METHODS GOOD IN OX-CART DAYS

Farming, in the ox-cart days, was a self sufficing industry. Now farming is a strictly business enterprise. We depend upon other industries for supplies for house and farm. To know how your farming industry stands keep accounts. "Grand Dad's" methods were good in the ox-cart days but we no longer live in those slow moving—self-sufficient days. Keep accounts, so you may measure your progress—forward or backward. Never were accounts more important than in this time of depression when every move should be backed by close reasoning not by "guesstimates."

Extension will supply books and help those who want to keep accounts.

Fertilizer Is Cheaper Than Labor—Use More Fertilizer To Save Labor

Most people realize the need of reducing the cost of production of farm products in 1931. Cost of production must be lower than selling price if profit is to result.

More liberal use of fertilizer is advised as a means of increasing quality and yield, which means better selling price and lowered cost of production. Another reason for advising the use of more fertilizer is that labor in general is 65 per cent. above per-war prices while fetilizer is at or above pre-war price.

"Handwriting On The Agricutural Wall

Economics at Cornell University list some of their studied deductions based on years of work delving into the facts of the past and present.

(1) "The Country is in a period of generally declining prices which decline will continue." Therefore be cautions about entering into long-time investments or log-time debts at high prices.

(2) "Labor will be relatively high, compared to other things—since wages rise slowly and fall slowly." Therefore produce with less labor per unit of profit. This means increasing production per cow, per hen and per acre. Close culling of flocks, discarding unproductive land but increasing use of fertilizer on land that will respond.

(3) "Retail prices will be relatively high as compared with farm prices"—since wages, freight, handling charges, credit accounts, and profits are added to farm prices. (Farmers sell at wholesale and buy at retail. This accounts for city prosperity and farm depression during past ten years.

(4) "Take advantage of position"—which means in Maryland the production of bulky and perishable products (like milk in close proximity to market) is indicated. High freight rates and handling charges help the nearby producer who can market dirrct. High quality products only can compete successmully for the market. High quality turkeys, real quality early lambs, etc., can compete with the world if we will adjust our methods to meet the demand.

Lower Production Costs Are Equivalent To Increased Prices

Since normal price prospects appear doubtful and since prodits are so essential, the surest way to get them is through reduced production costs. Not every one will be able to use all the various means of reducing costs—among which may be named:

Use of less employed labor—more work by the farmer and his family—till fewer acres more intensively to increase yields per acre (not totals) and quality. Use modern and adequate machinery—use commercial fertilizers in adequate amounts, since fertilizer appears cheaper than labor and since moisture conditions are increasingly favorable. Use adapted—tested seed of right vareity—fit and till seed beds with unusual care. Keep weeds, insects and diseases under control.

Study and thought will reveal ways to solve problems.

ON A ROCKY ROAD

Drive With Care!

Agriculture is on a rocky road. This to the normal minded suggests careful if not cautious driving. There is a big digerence between hard driving and reckless driving. Farmers will drive thru to the end. They cannot stand still—they must not go backward. Better days are ahead—the road is passable to those who drive hard on a considered course. Don't step on the gas until you know where you are headed.

KENNEDYVILLE

Mrs. Harry Hill and Mrs. James Weer entertained the Sewing Club Thursday at the home of Mrs. Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Redmile entertained Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Herzog, Mr. and Mrs. Myers and Mr. and Mrs. Walton Redmile, Mr. and Mrs. Vogt and son of Trenton, N. J., over the week end.

Mr. Harry Walls and sister Miss Edith and Miss Shroder returned from Deland, Florida, where they spent the winter.

Mrs. Eva Primrose and Virginia spent the week end at Elkton.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Boggs and Sara, of Stockton, Md., Mr. and Mrs. John Dunlapp and Mr. James Dunlapp spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Boggs.

Mr. Wilmer Ford entertained his sister and daughter, of Baltimore, a part of this week.

Mr. Vernon Hill spent the week end with his grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Hurlock.

Mr. and Mrs. John Atwell entertained at a turkey dinner on Thersday Mr. and Mrs. John B. Glenn, of Rock Hall, and Mr. and Mrs. John Bolden and Mr. Wallace Atwell.

Mr. and Mrs. Hoover, of Baltimore, visited friends here on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Glenn visited Mr. and Mrs. George Glenn on Tuesday.

Service in the M. P. Church as usual on Sunday. Mr. Robert Young will lead Christian Endeavor.

Service in Grace Presbyterian church next Sunday evening at 7.30 p. m. Rev. B. B. Staats, of West Orange, N. J., will preach. - All welcome.

Miss Catherine Nickerson was taken to a Philadelphia hospital on Sunday suffering with an infected leg.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Jester and little girl, Miss Ford and others of Wilmington, spent the week end with relatives.

Mrs. Ralph Miller and children and Mrs. James Weer and Marie spent Wednesday with Mrs. John Rollison.

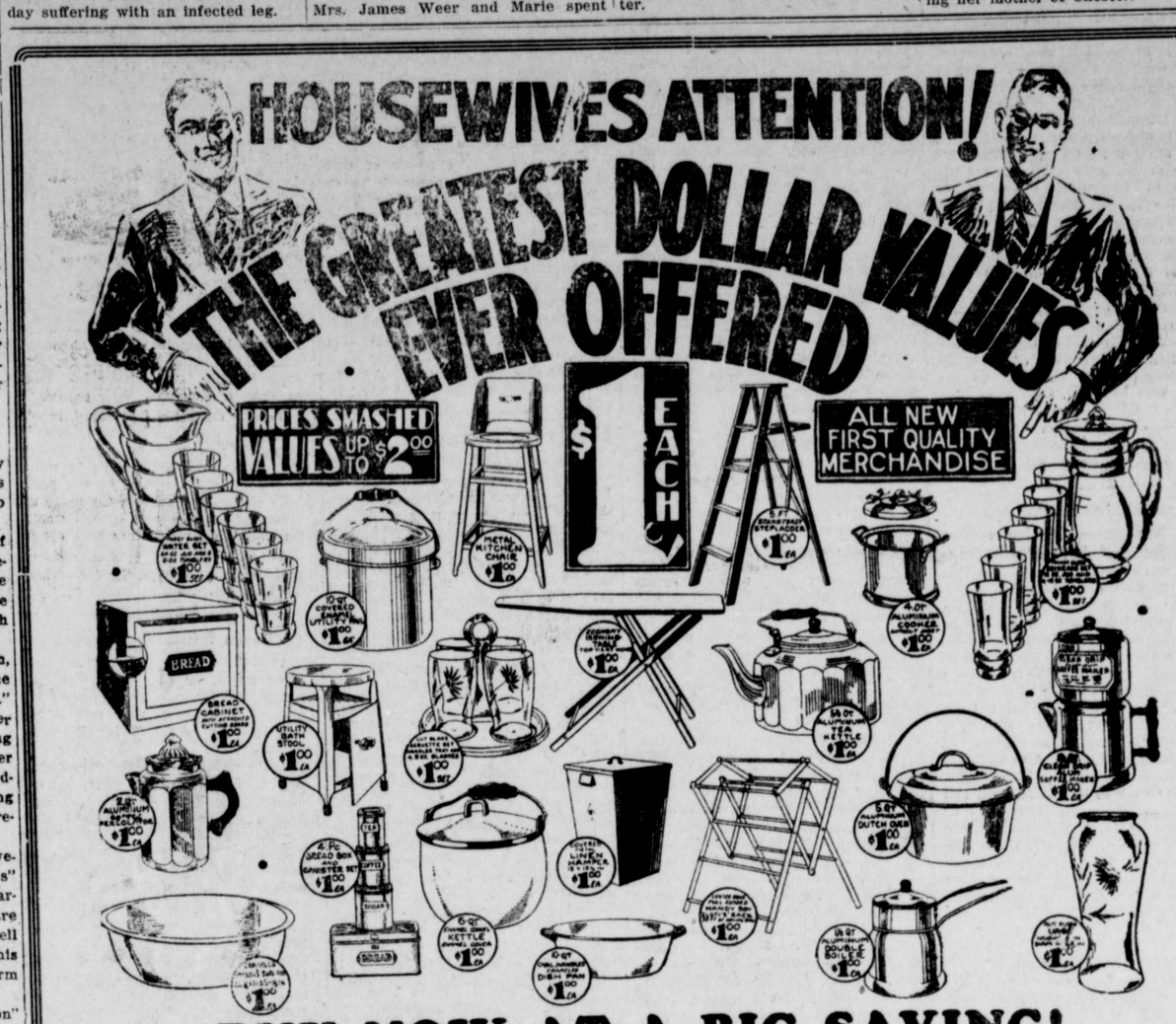
Dr. William Urie, of Wilmington, spent Tuesday with his parents.

Mr. William Irving returned from Wilmington, where he spent the winter.

Mrs. William Porter and Miss Annie Kerwin, of Crumpton, spent Sunday with relatives.

Don't forget the Play Friday evening.

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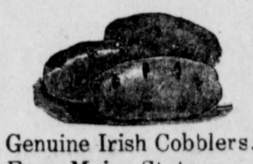


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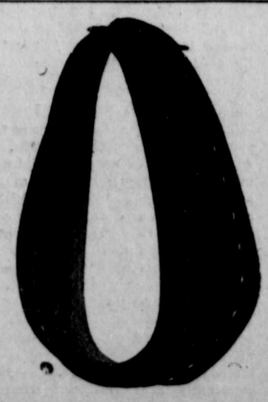
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