Women's Page

BY A WOMAN



MRS. JOHN HENDERSON

Mrs. John B. Henderson, who, for many years, was one of the ruing spirits in Washington, died last Thursday at her summer home in Bar Harbor Maine.

She was a Miss Foote, was born in Saratoga Springs over ninety years ago. Later her father was appointed Commissioner of Patents and moved to Washington with his accomplished daughter.

She had already been known as an author of no mean ability, and she become a leading belle in Washington.

This was during the reconstruction period and all Washington was stirred by the effort of Congress to impeach the President Johnson, who refused to keep the Tenure of Office Act.

And this involves a bit of local history for the Senator of Maryland had died at that time and the State Senate, anxious to elect one to take his place who would vote against the impeachment sent for Mr. George Vickers, a prominent lawyer of Chestertown, who had expressed himself as opposed to the impeachment. The Senate elected him, and rushed him over to Washington. Mr. Vickers made the nineteenth senator who was opposed to impeachment and when Senator Henderson from Mosouri called out "not guilty," the party against the president knew they were beaten as there were only 35 votes for impeachment and it required a two-third vote to carry it.

Senator Henderson had written the thirteenth Amendment and was noted as a man of great ability. He and Miss Foote met at a dinner and the doughty senator fell a victim to her charms.

After their marriage she became the leader of society.

Possessing large estates in Washington the broad Sixteenth street was cut through their property. They built a castle there patterned after one in Germany.

After her husband's death she gave large tracts of land to the city and became much interested in architecture. She built a beautiful home for her only son, but he died before it was completed.

This was a crushing blow. He left a little girl and Mrs. Henderson formally adopted her, and when she married she gave her as a wedding present, a small fortune. In the meantime she offered the home she had built for her son, to the Government as a residence for the vice president, but Coolidge who held the office at that time refused her offer and it was afterwards bought as the Spanish embassy.

Mrs. Henderson gave the ground for Meridan Park which is situated on Sixteenth Street, and she also donated the land for the Public Library near there.

When prohibition was passed she ordered that all the rare old wines which she had stored in her cellars should be destroyed, and for a time the gutters around her home were red with the rich vintage.

She was also a vegetarian but her chef knew how to make such delectable dishes from vegetables that her guests were charmed at her menus.

Last winter there was quite a sensation when Mrs. Wholeand, her adopted daughter tried to restrain Mrs. Henderson from giving another beautiful home to the Government.

It then became known that Mrs. Wholean was not the daughter of her son, but an adopted daughter.

And so ends an eventful life which closed at the advanced age of ninety years. She will be remembered for her charity and for her many benefactions to the city which she loved.

SOME AIDS TO COMFORT IN HOT WEATHER

Food, clothing, and ventilation are subjects to which close attention must be given if a maximum degree of comfort is to be obtained when high temperatures prevail.

The food question is not very baffling. Almost every person knows it is well to add generous portions of fruit and vegetables to the daily diet during hot weather. And, fortunately, the prices of these articles of food are lowest at just the period of the year when they should be consumed in greatest volume. Furthermore, their crispness and freshness make them very appetizing.

Dr. Louise Stanley, chief of the Bureau of Home Economics of the United States Department of Agriculture, lays great stress upon the importance of this consumption of fruits and vegetables. They are valuable to the hot weather diet because they contain large amounts of minerals, vitamins, water and "bulk."

The "bulk" gives a feeling of satisfaction of hunger without involving an undue consumption of calories.

The high water content of fruits and vegetables is of particular importance in the hot weather diet.

LA MODE HAIR NETS AGAIN?

Ever so many women are currently in the rebellious stage of vowing they will never, never wear them, the principal complaint being that they demand a special coiffure which must be in perfect order every second. (Gloomy note: the shops are selling hair nets again!) But ever so many women were never, never going to wear their skirts longer, either, and look what happened. The chances are that after a certain period of grumbling and adjustment they'll wear them and like them. At least half a dozen representative shops have told us their smartest clients are ordering quantities of the new hats; you have only to look about you to see them worn; and—final proof of something or other—budget shops are now advertising copies priced under $10.

GREEN AND BLACK

Although yellow has somewhat crowded green from place this season, green is too summer-like a shade to be abandoned. Consequently in London one frequently sees a green evening dress, possibly of satin crepe, worn with a black velvet evening coat. And sometimes the evening coat is long instead of being a mere jacket.

ALL DRESSED UP

A couple of seasons ago you practically undressed to go in swimming. This year, dured if you don't dress more than for the street. You put on your swimming suit and your waterproof cap, your beach shoes, your pajamas, your cape and your great, big, floppy hat. You gather up your waterproof handbag, your beach umbrella and your beach mat. But you can still go swimming without gloves if you like.

IN THE HOUSEKEEPER'S LITTLE HANDY BOOK

Grease new tins and heat them to make them nonrusting.

A cut raw potato will remove mud stains.

Pie-crust rolled out on a sheet of waxed paper will not stick or break in rolling.

Before measuring molasses, dip the cup in flour or into cornstarch to make the molasses run more readily.

Smear your sirup pitcher on the outside of the lip with butter, and the sirup will not drip.

A substitute for a needle in stringing beads is to dip the end of the thread into melted wax or glue; twist the end between the fingers and let it harden.

When making eyeslets, punch the holes over a cake of hard soap. This will make a firm edge for the eyelets.

A mixture of vinegar and salt will clean brass. Then rub with olive oil for a durable shine.

Sprinkle sugar on cookies before baking them, to make them crisp.

One part vinegar and two parts linseed oil applied with a soft cloth will clean and soften leather. Rub and polish with a dry cloth.

RECIPES

Stuffed Green Peppers

6 large green peppers
1 cup boiled rice
1-2 cup soft bread crumbs
1-2 cup choose, cut fine
2 tablespoons chopped celery
2 tablespoons finely chopped onions
1-2 teaspoon salt
1 egg, beaten
3 tablespoons butter melted
1-4 teaspoon paprika

Wash peppers, cut off tops and cut out inside pulp. Rinse well. Mix rest of ingredients. Stuff peppers. Arrange side by side in shallow pan. Add 1-3 inch of water. Bake 35 minutes in moderate oven.

Fruit Salad

1 cup diced pineapple
1 cup diced peaches
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1 cup sliced bananas ....
2 tablespoons lemon juice
1-8 teaspoon salt

Chill ingredients. Combine and serve on lettuce. Add French dressing.

Tommy's Apple

When Tommy placed a rosy apple by the garden gate, and then secreted himself behind a hedge, he thought he had done so unobserved. But he was mistaken. An old gentleman approached him, and began to lecture.

"My boy," he said, "do you know that you are very wrong in placing that apple by the gate? Some poor boy might be tempted to purloin it."

"Well," said Thomas, "that's just what I want him to do."

"Why?" inquired old Curious.

"Why?" repeated Thomas, "Because I've hollowed out the inside and filled it with mustard."

Ambition

There is a vast difference between an ambition and a wish. A wish is usually the dream of an idler, while ambition is based upon intense desire, backed by untiring effort and tempered by patience to the disappointments encountered.—Grit.

Gorgeous Funeral Even for Lowliest Chinaman

The Chinese pay their doctors not to cure their ills but to keep them well, because, though it is cheap for them to live, it is exceedingly expensive to die. Even the poorest and most miserable coolie, who existed on a few cents a day, attains dignity and importance in death among his ancestor-worshing fellows. His family will mortgage its income for years to give him a funeral consistent with its idea of prestige.

For the rich mandarin the final honors are proportionately greater. And to provide a fitting send-off to distinguished citizens the Nanking government has adopted a state burial law allowing $10,000 funeral expenses in meritorious cases. Often when a death occurs in China a necromancer is called in to arrange details and name an auspicious day for interment, which may take place from one to five weeks after death. During this period relatives and friends, in white mourning, lament loudly in the death chamber. Buddhist and Taoist priests intone prayers for the departed spirit. Candles burn. Blue, perfumed incense ascends in clouds.

On the day of burial a procession forms, made up partly of paid mourners. It is led by musicians with drums, cymbals, fifes and flutes. Its size and splendor depend on the amount of money the bereaved family can spend.

Writer Advises Letting Young Authors Struggle

Rising young authors ought to struggle. It is the only way to prove they are good for anything. It is not wisdom to give a prize of $13,000 for a first novel. The book is written for the prize, not as a talented emanation that could not be withheld.

Prizes are now dangled everywhere by publishers for all sorts of literary output. Yet we know that the best of all literature is that which bubbles out with no greedy eye on what is to be paid for it.

Not but that the really precious should be rewarded as it deserves. While one may still feel a qualm that poor Milton got but £10 (wasn't it?) for "Paradise Lost," he may rejoice that our modern authors live comfortably—many of them affluently—on the product of their pens. No one begrudges them wealth; but that wealth or the hope of it, should not corrupt their literary integrity.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Age Gauge

A coed had one of her instructors as a house guest over the week-end. After she left members of the family were making guesses as to her age. Grandmother chimed in, saying: "She must be nigh on to fifty, for I heard her humming 'In the Shade of the Old Apple Tree.'"

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