

year a series of Shakespearean lectures has been arranged for the purpose.

Massachusetts clubs are generally philanthropic. The Education-Industrial union, Boston, has 21 and through the benevolent committee, a large contribution of books, maps, a large collection of books, magazines, clothing, medicine, and food, is made to Mrs. L. E. Abbott Holt, who is a teacher among the mountaineers of that region. The Boston society of the daughters of Vermont have just sent its second library to the isolated community in the south. The Woman's club of Framingham is about to open a recreation room where young women may meet for music, games and reading. A number of clubs throughout the state are assisting in the relief of the ramping nuisance.

The New Era club of Pittsburgh celebrated Christmas by making handsome contributions of clothing, toys, dolls, books, and stationery to the various hospitals and institutions of the city. The Christmas box distribution was under the care of the lend-a-hand committee of the club. Appropriately, to "Philanthropy" hall and the People's Palace of London were described. The American Indian school at Tuskegee, and "Hampton and Tuskegee" were subjects of interesting papers. The committee appointed at a previous meeting to confer with other women's clubs of Pittsburgh on the women's clubs of the erection or the purchase of a clubhouse has not yet reported. There is hardly any doubt that the clubhouse will be attained.

Miss Elizabeth Marbury, Miss Jeanette Gilder, Mrs. Clarence Burns, Mrs. Rye, Mrs. H. K. Chambers, and Mrs. Rye, who are charter members of some association which will try to build a memorial of the late Harriet Hubbard Ayer. The memorial will be known as the Seven Poor Travelers, a temporary shelter for homeless women, something after the manner described in Dickens' story of that name. The association is incorporated and subscription is being received by the treasurer, Miss Gilder, at 27 West Twenty-third street. A theatrical performance for the benefit of the fund will be held in the near future. It is intended to buy and pay for a house in a central location, costing about \$12,000, and to provide a fund for maintenance for about two years. The furnishing of the house will be done through contributions from members of the association. The management have a plan through which they hope for the ultimate endowment of the home.

The Danish minister of the Interior has introduced into the Folketing, which is the lower house of parliament, a bill giving the right of suffrage to every man and woman who has citizenship under the law, and is of the age of 21. The voter must not be in arrears for taxes and must have lived for one year in the district in which he or she votes. Farmhands, domestic employees, who have no homes of their own, recipients of aid from the community and bankrupts of either sex are not to be allowed to vote. An important clause stipulates that every one who has a right to vote is eligible to office, but another clause prohibits a husband and wife sitting in council at the same time. The proposition is the result of years of agitation on the part of progressive men and women, and the sentiment throughout the country is said to be in favor of the recommendation of the government. If Danish women are given the suffrage before American women Mrs. Woolsey's book on "Kings and Queens versus Republics" will gain sympathizers.

The incoming president of a club who has a feud is to be pitted. Mrs. Charles W. Fairbanks, on becoming president-general of the D. A. R. inherited the famous Huey-Roberts feud, which has divided the Pennsylvania society into two hostile camps. Mrs. Fairbanks did a daring thing when she appointed a committee to examine into the merits of the feud and to make a special report at the next continental congress in 1904.

The feud began in 1898, when Miss Baird Huey of Philadelphia with other members of the society formed Independence Hall Chapter, against the advice and wishes of the state region. Mrs. Thomas Roberts. Three years later the feeling between the two culminated in a lively scene at a meeting of the executive board in Washington. Mrs. Roberts accused Miss Huey of having obtained the signatures to the chapter application by fraud. The charges, it is said, were made out of all order and in direct violation of the rules of the society. Not only was Mrs. Roberts allowed to say her say, but Miss Huey was not permitted to speak on her own account at all. Nothing was heard before the society. Miss Huey said Mrs. Roberts for libel. Now at last the matter is to come before the society for an impartial hearing. The strenuousness of the D. A. R. has often been the subject of smiles, but it is not often that actual quarrels of this nature have to be recorded.

The Jefferson County Rest Room society is a Nebraska organization which has opened a rest room for farmers' wives and others in Fairbury. The requirement of membership is a fee of 25 cents a year, the money being devoted to maintaining the room. There is a small lunch room in connection with the rest room.

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**IN WOMAN'S WORLD.**

Whoever learns to make icing with confectioners' sugar will not be likely to try any of the old ways again. A cupful of confectioners' sugar, two teaspoonfuls of cold water, and the white of one egg beaten stiff, is the recipe. Mix these, flavor with whatever extract is desired, and beat thoroughly. Spread on the cake with a broad bladed spatula, dipping this in cold water occasionally to make the icing spread smoothly.

A little practice with candied fruit reveals endless combinations in cake decoration. Have plenty of angelina on hand, for its soft green color is admirable for stems and leaves. One can make almost any simple flower or fruit. Candied cherries, rose leaves, violets, etc., suggest the possibilities.

A young woman artist saves old bristled brushes and after cleaning them carefully uses them to brush dust from ribbon and velvet bows on her hat. Fancy straw is also brushed to advantage.

Bananas are very good with beef-steak. While the steak is on the broiler slice two bananas in rounds about half an inch thick. Fry them in a little oil on a hot platter, garnish with a little butter, and arrange over the beef.

Burnt sugar is recommended as a deodorizer. Sprinkle the sugar on a few live coals on a shovel and leave in the room for five minutes. Afterwards air the room.

The popularity of bridge has become so great that the afternoon card party is again a regular thing. Games suitable for bridge parties are described as "something more elaborate than an ordinary indoor dress, and yet more businesslike than the luxurious tea-gown." In other words, one wears one's best afternoon clothes.

As the matter of small but important

accessories of dress, the new washable gloves are cordially endorsed. They come in all colors as well as white and cost \$1.25. They are real kid and are well shaped. The washing is a simple matter, tepid water, white soap, and a soft cloth only being required. The gloves are washed on the hands and dried in a warm place. Heat is to be avoided.

One of the surest signs of general prosperity in a large city like New York is the increased demand for jewelry for holiday presents. On no other line of trade is the approach of "hard" times so immediate in its effects. For the past three seasons the jewelry trade has "boomed" and as a result, this market has been flooded with a rare assortment of costly and beautiful gems and settings from all parts of the world. Some of these articles are so expensive that the retail dealers to whose care they have been entrusted have little expectation of disposing of them as they stand, but use them to attract attention in their windows and show cases, rearing them after the holidays to the wholesale houses from which they came. One Fifth avenue jeweler, however, has a setting which he has owned for some time which, although it is almost prohibitive in price even for the very rich, he still keeps it in its present form partly from reluctance to break up such a magnificent jewel, and partly in the hope that some person with sufficient wealth to buy it will eventually turn up.

This ornament can either be worn as either a pin or pendant. The central stones are a wonderful "blue" diamond weighing twelve karats, and a very fine brown diamond of equal size, the former being encircled closely by a ring of small brilliants which enhance its

brilliance. Around this are set at even intervals 12 pear-shaped diamonds, each weighing a karat. In a scroll work formed of small diamonds and four more of the pear-shaped stones the brown diamond is set, this smaller part being attached to the pin as a sort of pendant. The two large stones were obtained with much difficulty in Paris. The blue diamond is said to be the finest of its size and weight that has been on the market for many years.

Another costly bauble which this same jeweler displays with much pride embodies an idea of his own that he has just carried out, and the like of which, he claims, has not been made before in real gems. This is a pair of platinum opera glasses entirely encrusted with selected diamonds, the total weight of the stones used in fashioning them being one hundred karats.

A magnificent pigeon-blood ruby is contained in another collection. The history of this ruby, too, would seem to warrant the owner's faith in it as a "lucky" stone, for good fortune has followed him ever since he first heard of it, though in the first instance he was only negotiating for its barter, and had small notion that it would ever come into his possession. While still a young man he was in London as agent for a New York jewelry firm, when he received orders to return home by way of India, so that he could purchase a certain lot of jewels which his employers knew to be for sale. They also mentioned this great ruby, which they had lost track of, but which they so much desired that they offered him a large commission should he succeed in securing it. This order in itself seemed to him the greatest good fortune, as he had always had a desire to visit India, and small prospect of gratifying it, and

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At a recent home wedding the bride's loaf was on a small table by itself. Little ribbon streamers fell all around the table from under the cake and the white lining was elaborately decorated. After the collation was served the bride, taking a silver-handled knife tied with narrow white ribbons, made a pretty little ceremony of the cutting of the cake. She outlined first a circle in the

center and took out the cylindrical piece. This was put aside on a separate plate on which was a lace paper mat to receive it. The rest of the cake was sliced by the bride and piled on six plates which were passed to the guests by the bridesmaids. The "heart of the loaf," first taken out, was cut into six round slices—the being first cut off and divided in six portions that one might go with each piece—which were served by the bride herself to her maids. In the center piece, each wrapped in tissue paper to prevent any danger of swallowing, were a gold thimble, wedding ring, and coin carrying their respective fortunes of spinsterhood, a quick marriage, and wealth to the three of the six to whom they should fall. Care was taken in making the loaf to distribute the three articles as the batter was poured in the pan, as otherwise the complication of one bridesmaid getting two or even three of them might arise. It is not necessary that these golden favors shall go into the cake. The idea of the loaf on the table by itself decorated with white ribbons and white mat is now and the arrangement less expensive than having the cake put up in the conventional way in little boxes for the guests to carry away. The bride, too, as she goes through the cake-cutting ceremony, makes a pretty and attractive picture.

Borax soap will remove all kinds of spots from floors, carpets, painted woodwork, etc. It is easily made by saving all the bits of soap which accumulate in the household, and boiling these down with a few teaspoonfuls of borax until it becomes a jelly-like substance.

Soft ribbons, such as liberty, satin, tulle and plain de sole, may be washed in lukewarm water. Prepare a basin of warm water and castile soap, and soak the ribbons, without mixing colors, of course, for 15 minutes. Spread

them one at a time on a smooth surface and scrub gently with a soft nail brush. Rinse in clear water, and press the water out between folds of cloth. Iron between two towels with a moderately hot iron. A few drops of vinegar in the rinsing water will keep the ribbons stiff.

A cabbage salad is made more attractive if the cabbage is chopped fine instead of shredded, and mixed with a rather thin mayonnaise dressing. Place the salad on ice until ready to serve. Place each portion on a lettuce leaf and sprinkle with chopped nuts, serve with cheese wafers.

Cut a ripe winter squash in half lengthwise, take out the seeds, but do not pare. Place the halves in a baking pan with a little water, cover, and bake in a moderate oven for an hour and a half. A quarter of an hour before the squash is done remove the cover and with a spoon take out the water in the pan. Sprinkle with plenty of salt and put a generous lump of butter in each half. Return to the oven to brown slightly. Serve with a spoon from the half shells. Pumpkin cooked in this way is even better than the grapes and the cider together.

Strain through cheesecloth folded three times, and in every three quart of juice allow five pounds of sugar. Stir until the sugar dissolves, when boil, skim, and bottle while very hot.

Many recipes for southern corn bread have been given, some of them good, but none apparently giving exactly the results obtained in the south. This recipe for soft corn bread is vouched for by the Boston Cooking School Magazine, and sounds, to one who has eaten

the bread in its own land, authentic. Sift together one cup of white corn meal, half a teaspoonful of salt, and two tablespoonfuls of baking powder. Beat an egg very light, and stir into the dry ingredients with one quart of sweet milk. Turn the mixture into a well-battered baking dish holding three pints. Add two tablespoonfuls of butter into tiny tiny squares. Bake in a hot oven about twenty-five minutes. Stir often until the bread begins to thicken. Serve with a spoon and from the dish in which it is baked.

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