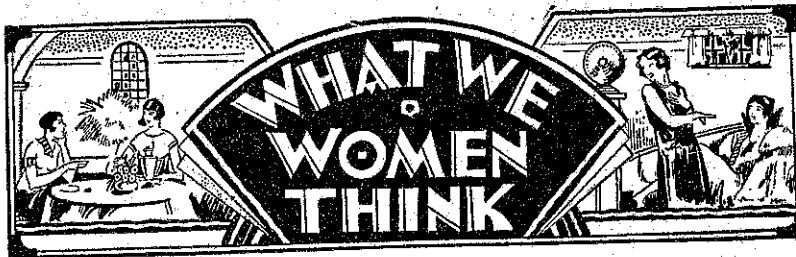


CHARADES are an old-time entertainment, and are now coming back into some of the best homes. Somehow the balls and dances of this year are tame affairs, entirely without originality. You know exactly what is the procedure. Literally, you roll up a carpet and put on a record, and, perhaps, if it is a lucky night, you can dance to radio. However, there are none of the old-time thrills about them. Dinner and bridge parties, which call for no stage arranging, seem to be the height of entertaining that the community is capable of at present—very little of the happy surprise parties of yesterday.



THIS is an age of slogans, and we might well add yet another to the ever-growing list: "Drink more milk." Milk is an extremely valuable food, not only for infants and invalids, but for those of more mature years. It contains the three staple constituents, protein, carbo-hydrate, and fat, includes vitamins A and B, and has also a high calcium content. It will thus be understood that it is of paramount importance in the diet of growing children. A pint of milk a day is not too much between the ages of 5 and 14, and working girls would find their health much improved by drinking milk at their midday meal.

WE made the linoleum at our seaside bath look like new last week-end by mixing turpentine with warm milk, and washing this over the covering.

EVEN the best cooks are apt to have difficulty with poached eggs sticking to the bottom of the saucepan. To prevent this, try greasing the saucepan well beforehand.

HOWEVER careful you are boiling eggs it often happens that the white oozes out. In order to avoid this, try wrapping the egg up in tissue paper, and you will find that as soon as the paper gets wet it seals the crack.

A GOOD carriage is as essential to the beauty of a woman as her ankles. Therefore at all times we should form the habit of sitting straight, standing straight and particularly of walking with head well thrown back. Clothes, however expensive, look "ordinary" if the carriage of the wearer is unimpressive.

THE boy who "crept like a snail unwillingly" to school is an anachronism nowadays. A new school has been opened in Surrey which is advertised as being "run on modern lines," and which has a landing-place in the grounds for the aeroplanes of its older pupils. One boy of 17 actually flies from Croydon each day in his Moth machine.

AN experiment which may prove a boon to the cotton industry is being tried in Burnley, Lancashire. Several streets are being re-surfaced and on certain portions of them Burnley-made cotton cloth is being used, to test its efficacy for road work. It is claimed that this will materially assist in making the surface waterproof, and the innovation is being watched with great interest by road engineers and the cotton industry.

GREASE stains on carpets can be removed by scrubbing them with hot water with a tablespoonful of ammonia per pint and then rubbing dry with a cloth. Spread a paste of Fuller's earth mixed with cold water over the stains, leave until dry, and then brush off. Stains of long standing may require two or three applications of Fuller's earth.

OUR New Zealand writers are beginning to make themselves felt in London. Just recently Mr. Charles Quentin Pope has compiled and edited for Messrs. Dent 200 poems written since the War by 60 representative New Zealanders. This anthology is called "Kowhai Gold," and I understand from the local booksellers it is selling remarkably quickly. Last year Messrs. Dent also published a volume of New Zealand short stories which had an appeal all of their own for overseas readers.

THE French do not appear to know much about about dairy or sheep farming. A correspondent writing to the "Daily Sketch" says that the great disadvantage of living in France is the difficulty of getting good butcher's meat. Even New Zealand frozen meat is unobtainable, though there would be an immense demand for it, he said, if the New Zealanders sent it to France. And why not? But there are doubtless many and varied answers to that question.

TO cool, without ice, drinks such as lemonade, soda water, and milk, do as they do in the East. Wrap the bottle or jug in a piece of wet flannel, place in a draught by an open window, leaving the door open as well. Or hang the bottle, similarly treated, from a branch of a tree. The draught and warmth of the air will

Thought for the Week

The life of every man is a diary in which he means to write one story, and writes another; and his humblest hour is when he compares the volume as it is with what he vowed to make it.

—J. M. BARRIE,
in "The Little Minister"

evaporate the moisture in the flannel, and in doing so will cool the contents of jug or bottle by several degrees, in even half an hour.

EVERYWHERE women are discussing the impracticability of trails and frills which, when they are not scooping up the dust are gathering mud. Moreover, young girls are beginning to realise that there is a great saving of money and a minimum of discomfort in the shorter skirt. The sudden transition to gowns requiring from seven to eight yards' more material than those of the previous season, with a consequent rise in prices of from 25 to 40 per cent., is causing many to reflect seriously that long dresses do not march with short purses.

FOR workers in domestic service there are more openings than candidates (says a writer in "The Queen"). A pamphlet issued recently by the Association of Head Mistresses of Public Secondary Schools and the Minister of Labour states that posts available for educated women in England range from plain cookery work to administrative positions. It is always possible for a girl well trained in domestic subjects to obtain employment immediately on completing her studies. Many of the training centres guarantee posts at the outset.

FAT splashes made when frying are quickly absorbed if the top of the stove is strewn with coarse salt. The salt absorbs all the grease and much of the smell, and is easily brushed off when the frying is finished.

IN order to freshen up velvet it is a good plan to hang up your frock or wrap up in the bathroom, close both door and window and turn on the boiling-water tap. Leave the garments in this Turkish bath atmosphere for an hour, and they will be quite restored to perfect condition again.

GARDENERS cannot know of too many ways of making their hands soft and clean after a long day's weeding in the garden. A most effective way is to use cold boiled potatoes, the same way as one does soap, and rub it well in when washing.

EVERYONE uses pyrex ware for cooking nowadays, but there is one little point which it is necessary to remember when using casserole dishes of this substance. Do not have your heat too great at first, for if you do it will make the upper portion of the dish very hot, and the lower portion, containing the slower-heating gravy, will remain comparatively cool. This often causes the casserole to crack right round in a straight line.

AN English dress-designer who has just returned from Paris says that jewel-coloured evening dresses of turquoise, jade, jethyst and ruby will be the rage this season. The only patterned material that will be permissible is chiffon lume. These jewel colours are magnificent in soft chiffon velvets, and are kind to most complexions. So we may expect next winter to see our cabarets and ballrooms glowing with the colours of the jewel-casket.

WHEN putting hats away in their box, do not place them to allow their weight to rest on the brims. Pad out the crown with tissue paper, and then place the hat wrong side up. Then shoes need careful attention. Never put them away dirty. If they become soiled remove any marks as soon as possible with a slightly moistened soft rag with a little soap on it. Finish off by polishing with a perfectly clean pad or duster, and they will look as fresh as new.

NOW that the salad season is here, a recipe for mayonnaise without eggs should prove useful to housewives.

Ingredients: One gill of milk, a teaspoonful of salt, 1½ teaspoonfuls of sugar, a dash of cayenne, 2 tablespoonfuls of salad oil, two small teaspoonfuls of mixed mustard, one tablespoonful of lemon juice, 3 tablespoonfuls of vinegar.

Method: Mix well the salt, pepper, sugar and mustard, add the oil, stirring rapidly all the time. Beat in the milk, and lastly the lemon juice and vinegar. Keep in an air-tight bottle and shake well before using.