

THE fashions for men seem to be equally as important as those for women. This year the shops have very pretty brocaded rayon dressing-gowns for men in brilliant colours of rich reds, blues and greens. One very charming gown I saw in a window the other day was of artificial silk in gold shot with blue. There are other gowns of plain face cloths in maroon, blue, grey, brown and fawn with pockets embroidered with fancy badges and monograms. These would make an ideal New Year's gift.

MISS ANITA LOOS, author of "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes," is to publish another book very shortly. It will be called "The Better Things of Life." At present it is running in "Cosmopolitan" and "Nash's" magazines.

SIR HERBERT AUSTIN stated at the annual banquet of the Austin Motor Company that the sales of Austin motors showed an increase of 30 per cent. over those of last year.

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Old year, whose hurrying feet
Speed on—away, away—
And soon, too soon, another year will greet
New day.

Will you not stay?
So short a space for kindly deed
We left to do some later day.
But, heeding not, you onward speed
Away.

Will you not stay?
Ah, nay! Yet pause to tender kindly glance—
Fear not! Fear not! You say,
For when the New Year sunbeams dance
God's heralds, singing, will advance
Their message clear—Another chance!
God's way!

—Oh Mack.

Bachelor Girls' Exhibition

Novel Competitions

ON November 12, 1930, a Bachelor Girls' Exhibition was opened at the New Horticultural Hall, Westminster, England, which lasted nine days. It was a wonderful exhibition, organised entirely by women for women, and it was the first of its kind. It dealt with every need and aspiration of the modern girl's life. No man, unless accompanied by a woman, was admitted, consequently it was a great honour for any man to attend. Even the police in attendance there were women. There was an interesting cooking competition held each day, in

Why is the announcer of 2YA like a lover? Because he takes a long time to say "Good night"

which the prize was given to the bachelor girl who could turn out the best impromptu "dinner for two" in an hour. Aviation, motoring, sport, squash tennis and fencing; television, travel, cooking and fashions were all represented, and we must not forget to mention that among the exhibits was also a bachelor girl's electric flat. Another novel competition was for a bachelor girl who had just been left a legacy, who was invited to help herself to the clothes she had always wanted. The one who made the best choice was the prize-winner. When the lucky men who were invited to this exhibition saw the wondrous talents and works of these girls they inwardly decided that next year the statistics would show a decrease in the number of bachelor girls.

value. We fly to it to remove a stain, for hot drinks to prevent a chill, to give flavour to an insipid dish, to take away the over-sweetness from another, to whiten our hands, to shampoo our hair and give it a glossy look, to ease a sore throat, and singers are known to suck a lemon before a recital. It also cleans brass, cures rheumatism, and is a health-giving fruit, and no home should be without it.

VISITING a house the other day, I saw two things there I was determined to improve my home by having. One was a kitchen table with a white porcelain enamel top, which was fitted with a most useful cupboard underneath. The other was an ironing cupboard recessed in the wall, with an ironing board which lets down for use. It is impossible almost to be without these ironing boards in summer if you launder your own summer frocks.

THE other day I asked an old couple aged 93 and 92 what was their formula for longevity. "Plain food," replied the old lady promptly, "and hard work. When I was a little girl I was sent out to work and for 1/6 a day I worked twelve hours." Her husband added cheerfully: "We both of us have never known anything but hard work, and it doesn't look as though it hurt us, does it?"

—ALISON.

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THE furnishings for an American millionaire's country home in South Africa have just been shipped from London. Everything has been sent—furniture, crystal, china, bathroom fittings, tiles, mirrors and lampshades. The packing and shipping of the above cost nearly £2000. The decorator who held the commission went to Holland for old wood carvings for the fireplaces, and also for lovely antique rugs. But all the easy chairs and couches he procured in England.

Einstein says "The radio among the nations is an instrument of peace." It will have to do better than it has yet in some neighbourhoods and flats that we know.

as he thinks that in no other country is comfort so well understood. The colours of the furnishings are soft, for Mr. Schrijver considers that a house should not call attention to itself, but should act as a background for the man or woman living in it. Therefore none of the curtains are of shiny materials such as taffeta or satin. These may be very charming for a woman, but not for a man, so damask or brocatelle was chosen. There are seven bedrooms, each with its bathroom attached, and each suite has its linen and blankets in the colour of the decorations. The cupboards have mirrors on the inside of their doors, and as these doors are opened a light is automatically switched on. The whole house is lit from the domed ceilings.

An interesting omission, and one which might with advantage be copied in many humbler homes, is no cabinet for "showing" china. Everything beautiful is to be used just as our grandmothers used their delicate china. In fact, the keynote of the whole place is simplicity—but a most expensive simplicity!

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